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Jac-Cen-Del Board of School Trustees Vacancy: School Board Seeking Applicants

Jac-Cen-Del Board of School Trustees member Mr. William Travis Neal, representing the district 'At Large' has notified the JCD Board of School Trustees President Mr. Jason Wagner, and Superintendent Ryan Middleton of his resignation effective following the Board meeting on Monday, December 20th, 2021. The information will also be communicated to the Ripley County Clerk's Office - Election Division. Mr. Neal has served on the board in excess of two full terms and was recently re-elected last year. His tenure includes serving multiple years as Board President and we thank Mr. Neal for his many years of service to JCD in this capacity.

Per [Indiana Code 20-23-4-30](#), school board members terms last four years. Mr. Neal's term was set to expire at the end of 2024. Per [Indiana Code 20-23-4-30](#), the remaining school board members must appoint an individual to fill the board vacancy within 30 days by a majority vote. The appointee must live within the boundaries of the school corporation and shall serve the balance of the term of the seat being vacated. The individual appointed must possess the qualifications provided for a regularly elected or appointed governing body member filling the office. Those qualifications are:

- The appointee must be a resident of the Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation district;
- must be at least 21 years of age per [Indiana Code 20-26-4-9](#);
- and must also be a registered voter. Applicants can check their voter registration status online at <https://indianavoters.in.gov/> and print the page that shows their registration status

[Indiana Code 20-23-4-30](#) does not dictate the process by which the School Board fills vacancies, just that the vacated seats be filled within 30 days. It is at the Board's discretion to choose the process by which they fill the vacant seats. The timeline and the process for filling this vacancy is as follows:

- **December 21, 2021** - this information was posted to JCD's website outlining the process to be considered a Board appointee to the vacated seat:
 - Interested appointee applicants must provide the following:
 - A letter of interest addressed to the JCD Board of School Trustees
 - Full home address, personal phone number, and email address must be provided as part of the letter.
 - Recent resume
 - Other supporting documents, such as reference letters, are optional**Please note a preliminary background check will be conducted on all applicants followed by a more comprehensive one once the finalists are chosen.*
 - **January 5th** – Deadline to have all materials listed above submitted to boardofeducation@jaccendel.k12.in.us
 - **January 10th** – The Board of School Trustees meet in an Executive Session, following the regularly scheduled Board meeting, to review and discuss the applicant pool and make the final selection of at least three appointee candidates.
 - **January 11th** – All candidates will receive communications from the Board regarding the status of their application
 - **January 12th – 6:00 PM** – The Board of School Trustees holds a Special Board Meeting in the public to conduct a panel interview of the final candidates.
 - **January 13th** – All interviewed candidates will receive communications from the Board regarding the status of their application
 - **January 19th – 6:00 PM** – The Board of School Trustees holds a Special Board Meeting in the public to vote to fill the positions. The administration of the Oath of Office of the newest School Trustee will take place following the vote.

NOTE: All public meetings will take place at the Jac-Cen-Del Elementary School Library, 4544 N US 421, Osgood, IN 47037. While the meetings are being conducted in the public and the public is welcome to attend and observe, public comment will not be part of the Special Board Meeting format.

Per [Indiana Code 20-23-4-30](#), school board members terms last four years. Mr. Neal's term was set to expire at the end of 2024. The newly appointed trustee will complete this term through December of 2024. The appointee may choose to run for election for the ensuing four-year term with elections taking place in November 2024.

The JCD Board of School Trustees is a governing body of Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation. School Trustees are elected by members of Jackson, Center, and Delaware Townships unless otherwise appointed as outlined by Indiana Code. School Boards conduct the business operations of the school district in view of the public.

We know there will be public interest in this process. We ask that all members of the public familiarize themselves with [Indiana Code 20-23-4-30](#). In the case of Board vacancies when a board member leaves prior to the expiration of their term, there is not a public election process. The Board chooses and names the appointees to fill these vacancies. Indiana Code charges the Board to be thorough in their process, act swiftly, and to conduct the interview process in a format that the public can view.

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