

Press Release



Battle Ground Public Schools

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BG Board-application process outlined

Steve Pagel, president of the Battle Ground Public Schools Board of Directors, and Superintendent Shonny Bria have announced the process by which a vacancy on the five-person School Board will be filled, in accordance with state law.

The vacancy was created Saturday, March 26, when long-time Board member Karen Lehman announced she was resigning at the end of that day. Lehman's third term would have ended in December. She stepped down now because of personal job considerations.

The remaining four School Board members – Pagel, Vice President John Idsinga, Monty Anderson and Sam Kim – plan to select a replacement on April 30 to serve through the end of Lehman's term. That appointee may run for election this fall to a full four-year term, as may other qualified candidates.

Here are details of the application process:

1. Qualifications: Applicants must be registered voters and residents of Battle Ground School District's Director District No. 2. Maps of the director districts may be picked up at the school district office, 11104 N.E. 149th St. in Brush Prairie or at the Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 S.E. 8th Way in Battle Ground Village. They also are accessible online at battlegroundps.org and click "School Board" at left, or at www.battlegroundps.org/files/BGSD_Director-districts_color_map.pdf.

2. Orientation: There will be an orientation about Board responsibilities at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the school district office. It is open to the public but geared for those applying for the position or considering it.

3. Application deadline: Applications for the appointment to finish Lehman's term are due in the school district office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. Mailed applications need to be mailed in time to ensure delivery on or before April 20. The mailing address is: Steve Pagel, BG School Board President, PO Box 200, Battle Ground WA 98604.

4. Application content: Applications should include: (1) A letter expressing interest in serving on the Board, and (2) a resume'. Applicants may include other relevant material

5. Public records waiver: Applicants must include -- preferably at the bottom of the resume' -- the following paragraph, with the applicant's name printed in the blank and signature at the end:

I _____ voluntarily agree that my letter of interest in the position on the Battle Ground School Board plus my resume' and any related materials will be subject to public and media inspection and I waive the exemption from disclosure under RCW 42.56.250.
_____ (signature)

If potential applicants have further questions prior to the orientation, they may call the district office at 360-885-5300.

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