

Press Release



Battle Ground Public Schools

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BG Board applications due May 18

The application deadline for temporary appointment to the Battle Ground Public Schools' Board of Directors is 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

The vacancy was created Saturday, April 30, when Sam Kim announced his resignation from the Board after nearly 16 years' service to the children and residents of the school district. Kim has been working in Las Vegas, Nev., since late 2009 and flying home for Board meetings.

The remaining four School Board members – Steve Pagel, John Idsinga, Monty Anderson and Ken Root – plan to select a replacement on May 21. The appointee will serve out Kim's term, which ends in December. The appointee and any other qualified resident of Director District No. 4 may run for a full four-year term in the fall election. Here are details of the application process:

1. Qualifications: Applicants must be registered voters and residents of Battle Ground Public Schools' Director District No. 4. Maps of the director districts may be picked up at the school district office, 11104 N.E. 149th St. in Brush Prairie, or the Battle Ground Community Library, 1207 S.E. 8th Way in Battle Ground Village. They also are accessible online at battlegroundps.org by clicking "School Board" at left and scrolling to "Map of the five director districts" or by going directly to www.battlegroundps.org/files/BGSD_Director-districts_color_map.pdf.

2. Orientation: There will be an orientation about Board responsibilities, time commitment, etc. at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in the school district office. It is open to the public but geared for those applying for the position or considering it. If necessary, another orientation session will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the district office immediately after the application deadline.

3. Application deadline: Applications for the appointment are due in the school district office by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Mailed applications need to be mailed in time to ensure delivery by 5 p.m., May 18. Applications should be addressed to Steve Pagel, Board President. The mailing address is: President Steve Pagel, Battle Ground School Board, PO Box 200, Battle Ground WA 98604.

4. Application content: Applications should include: **(1)** A letter expressing interest in

serving on the Board, (2) a resume' and (3) a public records waiver saying the following, 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)

(4 - Optional) Applicants may also submit additional relevant documents.

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

May 18: The Board will meet at the district office in closed session at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 18, or following a second orientation session beginning at 5 p.m. if one is requested. The directors will discuss qualifications of the applicants based on written submissions. At the conclusion of that executive session the Board will reconvene in open session to announce who among the applicants will be interviewed on May 20.

May 20: At 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, the Board will convene at the district office in Brush Prairie to interview the selected candidates in a meeting open to the public, and then adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss candidates' qualifications. (This will be a continuation of the Board meeting that begins at 3:30 p.m. that day at Capt. Strong Primary School in connection with the annual all-district art show there. Following a 5 p.m. awards ceremony for the young artists, Board members will travel to the district office for the interviews in open session.)

May 21: The Board will convene in a regular public meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, in the library at Battle Ground High School. The first order of business will be a roll call vote to pick the temporary replacement for Sam Kim. The new Board member will be sworn in and participate in the remainder of the meeting.

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