

Press Release



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All three applicants for appointment to School Board invited for interviews

The Battle Ground School Board of Directors Wednesday took the next step toward getting back to full strength by voting to interview all three applicants for temporary appointment to replace Director Sam Kim, who resigned April 30.

The three will be interviewed by the Board for 30 minutes each in a public session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the school district office, 11104 N.E. 149th St., Brush Prairie. The Board will then go into closed session to discuss the applicants' qualifications.

The directors meet again in public session at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Battle Ground High School library where the first order of business will be a roll-call vote to select Kim's replacement. The appointee will be sworn in immediately.

The new director will serve out Kim's term, which ends in December. The appointee may run in the fall election for a full four-year term, along with any other candidates. The position must be filled by a registered voter in Director District No. 4, which is primarily south of Northeast 199th Street and east of Northeast 72nd Avenue.

The three applicants are:

Mavis Nickels – She taught math and science in the Battle Ground School District from 1976 – 1999, the last 20 years at Prairie High. After retiring in 1999 she worked another 10 years as a consultant, coordinator of student assessment and teacher mentor for Battle Ground schools and taught at Concordia University in Portland. She raises blueberries and is an official with Village EcoSystem, a nonprofit corporation. She will be interviewed in public at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Eric Silvey -- He is a social studies teacher and data facilitator at Vancouver's Skyview High School. He has also taught at the middle school level. Silvey served on the Battle Ground City Council from 1997 to 2001. He resigned that office when he moved out of the city limits. Silvey's interview with the Board is at 6:30

p.m. Friday.

Dominic Webber -- Webber is senior civil engineer with Kramer Gehlen and Associates in Vancouver. Prior to starting with that firm in 2001, Webber was with KPFF as a consulting engineer. He has a bachelor's and a master's degree in civil engineering from Portland State University. Webber is a coach with Battle Ground Youth Soccer and Battle Ground Little League. His Board interview is at 7 p.m. Friday.

Kim's vacancy is the second this spring for the Battle Ground Board. On March 26, long-time Director Karen Lehman resigned. She, like Kim a month later, cited conflicts with her job, which often takes her out of town.

Ken Root was selected April 30 from among four applicants to finish Lehman's term, which also expires in December. Root has said he will run for election to a full four-year term.

With another appointment expected Saturday, Root's status as newest Board member will be short-lived. The other three members, Steve Pagel, Monty Anderson and John Idsinga, were all elected in November 2009.

The applications submitted by the three may be viewed at battlegroundps.org.

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