

# News release July 3, 2018

# School board process for new board member appointment

Board member Ted Wenta's replacement will serve through 2019

The Everett Public Schools Board of Directors tonight approved the process and timeline for qualified applicants to submit application materials the board will consider in appointing a successor to former member Ted Wenta. Wenta created the vacancy when he resigned his position June 29. The board accepted his resignation during the July 3 regular board meeting. The board charged the superintendent with initiating the process to accept applications for board consideration in accordance with <u>board policy</u> and <u>procedure</u>.

"Individuals in our district may directly apply for the position if they are interested; people do not need to be nominated to apply for this position," explained the school board president, Caroline Mason, who also noted that the superintendent will make available upon request a summary of school board member responsibilities and meeting dates.

Potential applicants are invited to review school board information on the district's <u>school board webpages</u>. "People considering this position might find particularly helpful the background material online in <u>BoardDocs</u>," Mason suggested.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

To be qualified, an applicant must be a United States citizen, a resident within Everett Public Schools district boundaries and a registered voter.

## APPLICATIONS accepted July 5 through Friday, Aug. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

- Interested citizens must submit application materials, which include:
  - 1. a biographical sketch,
  - 2. a statement about applicant's interest in being a board member,
  - 3. and his or her name, residential address, contact phone number, and email address.
- Application packets must be received by Aug. 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m., at Everett Public Schools, c/o Superintendent's Office, 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201, by U.S. Postal Service or in-person delivery.
- Application information may also be submitted by email to superintendent@everettsd.org and received by Aug. 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Candidate nomination and application materials are subject to public disclosure under Washington's Public Records Act.

## **Board selection process and timeline**

 On Sept. 6, 2018, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors will convene at 1 p.m. to review the applications received by the submission deadline. Candidates'

- qualifications will be discussed in executive session. The board will select up to five finalists in open session.
- Candidate interviews will be conducted in open session. Candidates selected for interviews will be given an interview time on Sept. 12, 2018, with the first interview beginning at 3 p.m.
- Following open session interviews, the board may recess into executive session to discuss candidates' qualifications and then will return to open session to decide whom to appoint to succeed Wenta.

"Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public board meetings and interviews during this very important process," Mason emphasized.

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