

Resolution to Establish the Procedure for the County Council of Dorchester County to Fill Vacancies on the Dorchester County Board of Education

WHEREAS, §3-5A-01, Membership, of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland states: “(f) Vacancies. – (1) The County Council shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy on the County Board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies; (2) A resident of the district in which a vacancy exists may apply for appointment by the County Council to fill the vacancy; (3) The County Council shall adopt rules governing the procedure through which an individual may apply to fill a vacancy on the County Board”; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurs when a member of the Board of Education dies, resigns, fails to fill his or her duties, or moves from the Councilmanic district in which that member resides;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the procedure for the Dorchester County Council to fill vacancies on the Dorchester County Board of Education shall be as follows:

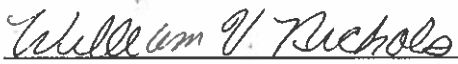
1. The County Council shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the County once a week for two successive weeks an advertisement soliciting applications from interested parties from the district in which the vacancy exists.
2. The advertisement shall specify that interested parties must submit a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications by a specific deadline.
3. Once the application deadline has passed, the County Council shall contact applicants to schedule interviews.
4. Taking into consideration the applications and the results of the interviews, the County Council at its next Regular Session meeting, shall, by a majority vote, make an appointment to fill the vacancy.
5. Candidates for appointment shall be considered solely because of character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective on the 5th day of June, 2007.

ATTEST:



Jane Baynard, County Manager

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