

**RESOLUTION NO. 444**

**Resolution to Fill A Vacancy 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Rosenthal resigned from the Board of Education effective May 29, 2007 leaving a vacancy in that post until December 1, 2008.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to the procedure for the Dorchester County Council to fill vacancies on the Dorchester County Board of Education:

1. The County Council published once a week for two successive weeks in the Daily Banner an advertisement soliciting applications from interested parties from the district in which the vacancy existed.
2. The advertisement specified that interested parties must submit a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications by Friday, July 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.
3. Once the application deadline had passed, the County Council scheduled interviews on July 31, 2007.
4. Taking into consideration the applications and the results of the interviews, the County Council hereby appoints James Bishop to fill this vacancy.
5. Candidates for appointment were considered solely because of character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation.

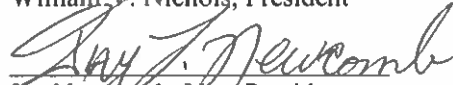
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall become effective on August 7, 2007.

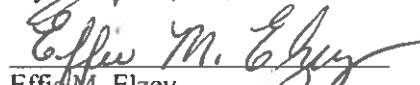
ATTEST:

  
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