



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Thank you for your interest in seeking appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Berryessa Union School District. As you know, a vacancy has occurred which may be filled by the remaining Board members within 60 days. As you consider whether you would like to apply for an appointment to the Board, the following information may be of assistance.

1.) Why is there a vacancy at this time?

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Board Member David Cohen following his election to the San Jose City Council.

2.) What are the qualifications for serving on the Board?

A person must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Berryessa Union School District, at least 18 years old, and a registered voter.

3.) What do I need to apply for the position?

The Board of Trustees has determined that it will accept application materials which include a complete Qualification Form and Application. These materials are available by [clicking here](#), picking up at the District Office located at 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA 95132 or by calling (408)923-1815. Complete application materials must be received in the District Office or by email, **no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, February 1, 2021**. Applicants must be available for interviews with the Board at an open meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

4.) If I am selected by the Board, when do I take office and when do I run for election?

The Board anticipates making a selection on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The appointment will become effective February 10, 2021, and the new member will attend his or her first full Board meeting after being sworn in on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. During the initial 10 days after the appointment, the Board must notify the community of the provisional appointment, including the name of the new Board member. The appointment will become final in 30 days unless a petition is filed with the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools requesting an election, in which case a special election will be called to fill the vacancy.

After appointment becomes final, the Board member will serve until November, 2022, at which time he or she may run for election for a new four-year term.

5.) What other information should I consider?

Serving on the school board can be a valuable and satisfying way to make a significant contribution to the community. The Board, staff, parent and student

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community have enjoyed a collegial relationship. As public officials, Board members do have to comply with certain restrictions not encountered in their private lives. For example, Board members serve without any compensation for their services. Election campaigns are completely separate from district activities and the candidate must fund the campaign with private contributions in accordance with the rules of the Fair Political Practices commission.

Upon assuming office, a Board member must file a Statement of Economic Interest which is a public document that discloses the Board member's financial holdings and other economic interests within the boundaries of the District (excluding a personal residence). Board members must restrain from Board activities which constitute a conflict of interest or which are incompatible with their role as Board member.

- 6.) *May I get additional information on the role and responsibility of a Board Member?*
Yes, the California School Boards Association offers several publications on *School Board Leadership, New Member Orientation and Governance Briefs*.

Please feel free to contact the Board President or any Board member to discuss your interest in applying for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Berryessa Union School District.

The District and the entire community greatly appreciate your interest in serving the community.

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