

Greenwich Township School District

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Dear GTSD Families and Community,

On August 16, 2023, the Greenwich Township School District Board of Education held an interview session for six candidates to fill the two Board vacancies. During the meeting the GTSD BOE was able to conclude the interviews in public session, but were unable to appoint the new candidates due to losing a quorum after completing executive session. A quorum is necessary to carry forward a vote.

On August 29, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Greenwich Elementary School, we will be holding a **Special Meeting** to reconvene the GTSD BOE to appoint the new candidates in public. The agenda for the meeting will be shared Monday, August 25, 2023. The Bylaws for appointments were questioned by the public at the August 16, 2023 meeting.

[See the attached FULL Bylaw 0143](#)

or

Bylaw 0143, in relevant part, as follows:

The election and appointment of Board of Education members will be conducted in strict compliance with law.

A vacancy on the Board of Education will be filled by:

5. A majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Education after the vacancy occurs in all other cases.

In considering candidates who have expressed an interest in a vacancy, the Board of Education may interview interested candidates in public or executive session. The Board will vote to appoint a candidate to a vacancy in public session and there shall be no decisions made in executive session. In the event interviews are conducted in executive session, Board members, in the public session nomination and voting process, shall express their opinion in support of their vote so the public can witness any deliberations, policy formulation, and the decision making process of the Board.

A roll call vote will be conducted on candidates in the order the candidates were nominated with a second. If there are two or more vacancies, each vacancy will be filled by a separate election process. The first candidate who receives the votes of a majority of the remaining Board members will be elected to the vacancy. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the remaining Board members, a second election process shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Our GTSD Board Attorney has reviewed the Bylaw, and will be present at the Special Meeting to clarify any concerns.

Tina Neely