

FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

1. Per Newtown's Charter, if a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the local Board of Education, then the successor shall be determined by:
 - (1) A majority vote of the remaining members of the same political party of the former member provided said vote occurs within 45 days of vacancy;
 - (2) A majority vote of the remaining members regardless of party affiliation after 45 days.
 - (3) Should the vacancy still not be filled after 90 days, then the current Chair of the Board of Education shall appoint the successor.
 - (4) Should all seats on the Board of Education become simultaneously vacant, then a special election shall be called to fill all seats
 - (5) Any successor(s) so appointed shall serve until the next regular town election for Board of Education positions, at which election a successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term, the official ballot specifying the vacancy to be filled.
2. The vacancy will be publicly posted.
3. In filling the vacancy, the Board shall consider, but not exclusively, recommendations from town committees of the appropriate registered political parties, as well as other appropriate sources. The Board may interview persons so identified.
4. If a vacancy occurs on the Newtown Board of Education (the "Board"), the remaining members of the Board shall fill such vacancy at a meeting or a special meeting convened for that purpose.
5. A member resigning from the Board should present a written letter of resignation to the Board Chair and Newtown Town Clerk.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes
10-219 Procedures for filling vacancy on local board of education

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