



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 Hugo Jimenez.

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](#), collecting a physical application at the District Office located at 981 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131, or by calling 408-923-1815. Complete application materials must be received in the District Office or by email, no later than 12:00 pm on September 30. Applicants must be available for interviews with the Board at an open session meeting on October 15.

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 October 15. The appointment will become effective immediately. 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 December 2026, 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 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

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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 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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