

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board shall meet in an organizational session at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of selecting officers following the survey of elections returns.

The incumbent president of the Board shall preside until a successor is elected , whereupon the successor will assume the chair.

Following the swearing in of the newly-elected Board member or members, the following officers, in order, shall be elected or appointed: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Nominations for president and vice-president shall be made from the floor and voting shall be by roll call. Should no nominee receive a majority vote of Board members, the elections shall be declared null and void, further nominations may be made, and the roll call or secret ballot vote be retaken.

The president and vice-president shall serve two-year terms and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

The Board shall then appoint a secretary and treasurer who may or may not be members of the Board. The secretary and treasurer shall hold their offices for terms at the pleasure of the Board.

Following election and appointment of the officers, the Board shall appoint the staff members who will fill the offices of secretary to the Board and assistant treasurer.

Then such other items of business shall be considered by the Board as are scheduled on the agenda.

Officer Resignation:

Should one or more officers of the Board resign, the Board shall select another member or members to fill the vacant office or offices as provided by law, using the procedures described above. A newly selected officer shall assume his/her duties immediately upon selection. Inasmuch as the selection of a new officer on a four-officer, five-member Board frequently requires a shifting of officers, it shall be permissible for a member to be nominated for another office without resigning his/her current office. Upon his/her acceptance of the nomination and election to the new office, his/her former office shall be declared vacant and another member elected to fill that position.

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NOTE 1: — The new election law requires the Board 15 days prior to the election to appoint one of its own members and one eligible elector as a Board of canvassers to assist the county clerk in surveying election returns. The canvassers are to meet no later than seven days after the election and issue a statement of results. The Uniform Election Code provides that the terms of nonpartisan officers commence at the next meeting of the governing Board, but no later than 30 days following the survey of returns and upon the signing of the Oath of Office. School law still requires the Board to hold its organizational meeting within 10 days after the election. We recommend that Boards observe the 10-day organizational deadline to be in strict complacence with the law.

—— **NOTE 2:** — The law permits the election of the president and vice-president by secret ballot.