

At its regular meeting January 9, the Fulton Board of Education decided to open its search for someone to fill the seat vacated by Paula Hayden last month. The Board has entertained three options to date: keeping the seat vacant until the next election, appointing a qualified replacement, or holding a special election in advance of May 15. After much discussion, the Board is inviting letters of interest from any eligible member of the school community to apply for appointment to serve in the vacant seat through May 15.

Per the District's website, **BOE Policy # 2121.0** lists the required qualifications for one to serve as a board member. The policy states...“A candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education shall meet the following qualifications:”

1. be at least eighteen years of age;
2. be able to read and write English;
3. be a citizen of the United States;
4. be a qualified voter of the District;
5. be a resident of the school District for at least one year prior to election;
6. not have been removed from any school District office within the preceding year;
7. not reside with another member of the same School Board of Education as a member of the same family;
8. not be a current employee of the School Board of Education ; and
9. not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

No employee of the school District may be a member of the Board of education, except as permitted by law.

Ref: Education Law §§2102; 2103

Per the Board's public discussion of January 9, the Board will consider criteria in addition to those listed by its policy, not requiring all of these criteria for an applicant's consideration. These additional criteria are:

- Membership or service on a Site-based Team for one or more of our school buildings
- Membership and service in of one of our school building's Parent Group organizations
- Membership to any parent group in support of our athletic, music or extracurricular programs
- Prior participation on the Budget Subcommittee of the Board of Education
- Prior service as a member of the Fulton Board of Education
- Completion of the mandatory board member training on board governance and fiscal oversight

All applicants must be available for Board meetings of February 13 & 27; March 13 & 27; April 10 & 24; and May 8. The potential appointment of a successful applicant will be contingent upon the applicant's completion of “New Board Member Orientation” (per BOE Policy #2510), which will be scheduled for a date and time between January 24 and February 8, 2018.

Interested applicants may send their letter of interest to Mr. David Cordone, President of the Fulton Board of Education. Letters may be sent to his email address: DCordone3@aol.com and copied to Ms. Jean Perry, Secretary to the Superintendent at JPerry@fulton.cnyric.org.
All letters of interest must be received by 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by,
David Cordone, President of the Fulton City School Board