

Braintree Public Schools

File: BBBE - UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT

The term of office for the six (6) School Committee members elected by the voters shall be for four (4) years each, beginning on the first business day of January in the year following their election, and serving until their successors have been qualified.

A vacancy in the office of School Committee shall be filled pursuant to Section [4-6](#) of the Town of Braintree Charter, as follows:

1. If a vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled in descending order of votes received by the candidate for the office of school committee member at the preceding regular town election who received the largest number of votes without being elected, if that person remains eligible and willing to serve and if that person received votes equal to at least 60 per cent of the vote total received by the person receiving the largest number of votes for the office of school committee member at that election. The town clerk shall certify this candidate to the office of school committee member to serve for the balance of the then unexpired term, but, if the vacancy occurs during the first 18 months of the term for which school committee members are elected, the person so chosen shall serve only until the next regular town election at which election the remainder of the term shall be filled by the voters. Persons serving as school committee members, not elected by the voters, shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for reelection" printed against their names on the ensuing election ballot.
2. If a vacancy occurs during the last 6 months of the term, the vacancy shall be filled by the person at the regular town election who receives the highest number of votes for the office of school committee member and who is not then serving as a member of the school committee. That person shall immediately be certified and shall serve for the last 2 months of the concluding term in addition to the term for which that person was elected.
3. If a vacancy occurs and there is no available candidate to fill the vacancy in the manner provided as outlined above, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the school committee. Persons appointed to fill a vacancy by the school committee shall serve only until the next regular town election at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the voters and the person elected to fill the vacancy shall immediately be sworn and shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. Persons serving as school committee members, not elected by the voters, shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for reelection" printed against their names on the ensuing election ballot.

SOURCES: MASC; Town of Braintree Charter

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [41:11](#)

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