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School Board Vacancy

Ripon, WI – The Ripon Area School Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the RHS Community Room to set out the timeline and review the process for filling a Board vacancy. The vacancy was created when Dan Zimmerman resigned his position on Thursday, February 2, 2017 following his appointment by Governor Walker as the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the State of Wisconsin. Per Board Bylaw 0142.5 - Filling a Board Vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board using the following procedure:

- the Board shall seek qualified and interested candidates from the community through the news media, word of mouth, and contacts with appropriate organizations;
- all applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the Board president; and
- the Board shall interview all interested candidates to ascertain their qualifications.

Appointment by the Board to fill a vacancy shall be by a majority vote of the existing Board.

The newly appointed board member will serve until April 2018, the date Zimmerman's three-year term on the board was set to expire. Should a candidate that is currently running for the School Board be appointed to fill this position, the candidate could still remain in the race for one of the three-year term positions. Then if the candidate were to be elected to the School Board in April, the person would need to resign from the one-year position. The one-year position would then become open again.

All board applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the board president, David Scott at scottda@ripon.k12.wi.us or P.O. Box 991 Ripon WI 54971.

For more information, please contact Superintendent, Dr. Mary Whitrock, at whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us or 748-4600 with any questions.

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