Any elected Trustee position shall be vacant whenever the incumbent:

- dies; resigns; moves his/her residence from the applicable district or from the nominating district in the case of an additional Trustee in a high school district;
- is no longer a registered elector of the district under the provisions of 20-20-301;
- is absent from the district for sixty (60) consecutive days;
- fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Trustees without a good excuse;
- has been removed under the provisions of 20-3-310; or
- ceases to have the capacity to hold office under any other provision of the law.

A Trustee position also shall be vacant when an elected candidate fails to qualify.

In the case of a Trustee vacancy, the remaining Trustees shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The Board will receive applications from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position after suitable public notice. The Board will appoint one (1) candidate to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Should the Board fail to fill a vacancy within sixty (60) days from the creation of such vacancy, the county superintendent shall appoint, in writing, a competent person to fill such vacancy. An appointee shall meet the requirements provided by law and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled school election and his/her successor has qualified.

Cross Reference:

1240 Duties of individual Trustees
1455 Absences of Board Members

Legal Reference:

20-3-308, MCA Vacancy of Trustee position
20-3-309, MCA Filling vacated Trustee position

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