**SULLIVAN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

**BBB: School Board Elections**

The Sullivan School Board shall consist of five (5) members elected by the qualified voters of the district at the Annual District elections. The term of office of each member of the school board shall be for a period of three (3) years.

The school board has the authority to fill vacancies that occur before the expiration of a member's term by appointment with a majority vote of the remaining members. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only until the next annual election, when the voters of the district shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. If there is a vacancy of the entire membership of the school board, or if the remaining members are unable, by majority vote, to agree upon an appointment, the selectmen shall appoint members by majority vote at a duly noticed meeting.

The school board typically publicizes the vacancy and solicits interest from qualified voters of the district. The school board may choose to conduct interviews and consider qualifications to fill a school board vacancy. Interviews shall be conducted in public session. Limited discussion over candidates if needed, shall be conducted in nonpublic session (RSA 91-A:3,II(c)).

**Legal References:** RSA 671: 4, School District Elections: Board
RSA 671:22, School District Election at Town Meeting
RSA 671:33, Vacancies
RSA 91-A:3, Right to Know

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