

## UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT

*[Note: This revision clarifies how to fill an unexpired term. In particular, how someone knows about/applies for an interim opening and that the full committee is advised of all the applicants before voting. PSubc's 2nd 2016 review clarified how long an interim school committee members serves—to the end of the vacated member's term (no) or until the next election (yes—according to city charter). The PSubc's 2<sup>nd</sup> review included more wording from the current policy in the first and last paragraphs—1) that the responsibility of the vacant member's position is shared by the full committee (could mean finding potential candidates or assuming the vacant member's assigned responsibilities) and 2) that city charter requires vacancy filled by voters at the next election. Discussion included what to do with short vacancies. The PSubc's opinion: short vacancies were not sensible to fill.]*

When a vacancy on the School Committee occurs for any reason, the remaining members of the committee share the responsibility. ~~for filling it. For election to fill a vacancy, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes of the members entitled to vote.~~ **The vacancy on the School Committee will be announced publicly. Residents will submit letters of interest to the chairperson.**

**After being advised of all applicants, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members. Following new member election by the school committee, the chairperson will determine any committee assignments.**

Persons elected to fill a vacancy by the School Committee shall serve only until the next regular elections at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the voters. ~~and the person chosen to fill such a vacancy shall forthwith be sworn and shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacated seat.~~

Legal Reference: ~~M.G.L. 41:11~~  
M.G.L. 43:88  
City of Greenfield Charter, Article 4:6  
(In case of impasse, the Council President votes)

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