

AUSD Board of Education Provisional Appointment Application

Due to a mid-term resignation, a position on the AUSD Board of Education is available. **Being a member of the Board of Education is the most important position an Albany resident can hold to engage with and support public education.** The Board of Education consists of five members who collectively oversee the Superintendent of Schools, approve budgets and contracts, and set the direction and mission of the District.

All applicants are welcome! Please note that this appointed position is in **addition** to the two positions that will be selected by voters in the November 5, 2024 General Election. Mid-term resignations will be filled by appointment and not by election.

Candidates need to be present at the **Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024** at 7:00pm to interview with the Board of Education. The successful candidate will be appointed and will take their seat immediately. The new Board member will also need to participate in the **Special Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, August 14** at 6:00–8:30pm.

- **Applications due:** by Thursday, August 8, 2024 at midnight (PT)
- **Interviews and Appointment:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 7:00pm (at Board Meeting)
- Provisional Appointment will be through December 2026

Email *

APPLICANT QUALIFICATION FORM

FULL NAME *

Brian L. Doss

COMPLETE HOME ADDRESS (physical address) *

 Albany, CA. 94706

MAILING ADDRESS (If same as above, write N/A) *

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE DISTRICT *

17 years

HAVE YOU EVER HAD CHILDREN ATTENDING DISTRICT SCHOOLS? *



YES



NO

IF YES, SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED OR ATTENDING AND DATES *

ACC, Oceanview, Marin, Albany Middle, Albany High School

HOME PHONE NUMBER *



CELL PHONE NUMBER *

[REDACTED]

OCCUPATION *

Account Executive/Community Activist

EMPLOYER *

Adecco

LENGTH OF TIME AT CURRENT EMPLOYER *

1 year previous employer 7 years

WORK ADDRESS *

[REDACTED]

WORK PHONE NUMBER *

[REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS *

[REDACTED]

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND CHECK BELOW INDICATING AGREEMENT: *

☒ I hereby certify that I am a qualified voter of the Albany Unified School District in the County of Alameda, in the State of California, and wish to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District.

☒ I hereby certify that I meet all legal requirement to be a member of the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District.

☒ I hereby certify that the information I have presented in the submitted application packet is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge, and hereby authorize the Governing Board to verify this information as may be required. I understand that all application materials I have submitted are subject to the laws governing public information.

☒ I understand that the District will review my status in the "Megan's Law" database. I further agree that if I am appointed to fill the Board vacancy, I will obtain fingerprint clearance through the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation within one (1) month of appointment and prior to visiting any District school sites when students are presented.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT

Please answer the following questions.

1. Have you served on any community commission, committee, or other type of board? If so, please list them below and dates served. *

Albany Board of Education 2018-2022, Racial Justice Committee, Budget Committee, LCAP committee.

2. Have you participated in any school activities or committees recently? Please list and explain. *

I have been on more than 15 fieldtrips, PTA, Marin Site Council President, Black Parent Advisroy Group leader, volunteered in the classroom along with helping out with events.

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3. Describe any present or past civic affiliations or activities, including volunteer activities.

Volunteer work with athletics, school events, parent education groups, helped with Otterpop day at Oceanview, Solano Stroll district table, helped serve breakfast, lunch to students.

4. Briefly explain your reason or interest in becoming a school board member. *

I am deeply passionate about nurturing and empowering students to reach their full potential. I firmly believe in the importance of equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and support necessary to unlock their inherent abilities. In collaboration with teachers and staff, it's our collective responsibility to guide and mentor students, helping them to cultivate their aspirations and foster a path towards achieving meaningful and successful outcomes in their lives.

5. What do you see as the basic purpose of public schools? *

To provide a free and meaningful education to all students regardless of their background.

6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose? *

Our aim is to ensure that every student, irrespective of their socio-economic background, receives a high-quality education without any financial barriers. We are dedicated to providing access to resources, support, and opportunities that will empower all students to reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

7. What issue related to the District and/or public education do you feel most strongly about? *

I feel very strongly about educational access for all students.

8. What should be the relationship between the Board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns? *

I think the concerns should go through the proper channels. Administration should handle it and if there is a reason for the board to get involved, then the board can be a part of the solution.

9. What is the single most critical issue facing the District in the immediate future and how would your background and experiences help the District to meet this challenge? *

Two issues come to mind. The first is the budget, which is always a tough issue because there is never enough money to do everything. My experience on the board and in the district allows me to know firsthand what's working and what can be improved. It's easier to make decisions when you see firsthand how those decisions affect the district. My background in education along with my experience in finance will help as we navigate this.

10. What do you see as the strengths of the Albany Unified School District? *

The teachers, administration, and staff are the backbone of the district and a strength for sure. They keep the district running and make it a home for our students and families. Our students also make the district one of a kind! Every one of them is amazing and can do anything they set their mind to.

11. What do you see as the areas(s) most needing improvement in the Albany Unified School District? *

I think we can work on our communication with families that are less involved. Helping them to connect with all the resources available to the district. The resources are often available but many don't know they exist or how to access them.

12. Can you commit to attending the Regular Board Meetings in person, or via teleconference if necessary? Most Regular meetings begin at 7:00pm; closed sessions may be held at 6:00pm. The scheduled dates are listed below. ***Please list in your response below any meetings that you know you will not be able to attend, or confirm that you can attend all meetings.*** *

August 13 & 27, 2024

September 10 & 24

October 8 & 22,

November 19

December 10 & 17

January 14 & 28, 2025

February 11

March 11 & 25

April 8 & 29

May 13 & 27

June 10 & 17

I can attend all meetings!

13. Any additional information or remarks you believe are relevant to this appointment. *

I am deeply committed to the success of our students and firmly believe that it takes a collaborative effort to achieve this. If we have the capacity to assist, it is our responsibility to do so, which is why I am ready to take on this challenge. My four years on the board have been a tremendous learning experience, and the most important lesson I've gained is the idea of being "Hard on issues and soft on people." Dr. Wells has been an influential mentor, and his guidance will continue to shape my decision-making in any future opportunities.

Please enter the date here to finalize and submit your application. *

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