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GHAPS Board of Education seeks candidates for vacancy

The Grand Haven Area Public Schools' (GHAPS) Board of Education is seeking candidates for a board position following the resignation of Trustee Mike Cramer. According to Superintendent Andrew Ingall, Cramer resigned his position effective June 12, 2017 due to shifting priorities in his professional and personal life. The board will take action to officially accept the resignation at their meeting on Monday, June 19.

The process and timeline for filling a vacated board of education seat is governed by Michigan Election Law and Board Policy. The Election Law defines how a seat is determined vacated, the timeline for filling the seat, and the qualifications for a replacement Board member. The Board has 30 days from the effective date of resignation to fill the seat. The qualifications for a replacement Board member are as follows:

1. Must be a registered voter in the school district.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must be a U.S. citizen.
4. Must be a resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the Grand Haven school district.

Applications for the position are available at the Superintendent's Office, 1415 S. Beechtree Street, or on the district's website at www.ghaps.org. Completed applications must be returned to the Superintendent's Office, attention John Siemion, 1415 S. Beechtree St., Grand Haven, MI 49417 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2017.

The Board of Education will review the applications at a posted committee meeting on June 29, and will conduct public interviews in posted Special Meeting(s) on July 5 and/or July 6. At the regular Board of Education meeting on July 10, 2017, the Board will vote on a recommendation to appoint an individual to fill the vacant seat through December 31, 2018.

According to Mr. Ingall, applicants will be asked to respond to four specific questions on the application. The questions address specific skills and abilities, related experience, particular issues and concerns, and ideas for building community understanding and support for the schools. Interviews will be held in open session.

Anyone who has questions or wants addition information is asked to please call 616.850.5015 or may contact Board of Education President, John Siemion at 616.402.3351.