September 22, 2023

Dear Applicant,

Attached please find an application for the vacant position on the Parma City School District Board of Education. The term for this appointment expires on December 31, 2023. We have also supplied information pertaining to a Board Member’s duties and responsibilities from the Ohio School Boards Association’s website.

The timeline for filling this position is as follows:

**Friday, September 22, 2023 through 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023**
- Applications available for download on the PCSD Website or pick-up in the lobby of the Administration Center, located at 5311 Longwood Avenue

**Friday, September 29, 2023- 12:00 p.m. — Deadline for applications to be submitted**
- Applications to be returned to the attention of: Mrs. Pam Bartkowski, PCSD Board of Education Office - OR - bartkowskip@parmacityschools.org
  
*Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.*
- All current Board of Education Members will review each application received
- Based on the number of applications received and the rules of the Ohio Revised Code, submission of an application does not guarantee an interview

**Monday, October 2, 2023**
- Interviews will be scheduled

**Monday, October 9, 2023**
- Interviews will be conducted
- Applicant must be available when scheduled
- Appointment will be named

The procedure for filling vacancies that arise on a board of education is described in Revised Code Section 3313.11. Pursuant to this statute, a board of education must fill a vacancy at its next regular or special board meeting held not earlier than ten calendar days after the vacancy occurs. The board of education must act to fill a vacancy within thirty calendar days. If a board of education fails to act within thirty calendar days after a vacancy occurs, the vacancy is filled by the county probate court.

Applications are considered a public record. All personal information (address, phone number, e-mail, etc.) will be redacted from all applications received prior to being posted on the District’s website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pam Bartkowski at 440-885-2324 or bartkowskip@parmacityschools.org

District Administration
Charles Smislek, Ph.D | Superintendent
Sean Nuccio | Treasurer/CFO

Board of Education
Steven Vaught | President
Cynthia Lee Bratzl | Vice-President
Mark Ruda
Angela N. Schwark

An Equal Opportunity Employer
Thank you for your interest in the well-being of the students of the Parma City School District and your willingness to serve the communities of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

Sincerely,

Steven Vaughn  
Board of Education President

Cynthia Lee Bratz  
Board of Education Vice-President

Mark Ruda  
Board of Education Member

Angela N. Schwark  
Board of Education Member
Application for PCSD Board of Education

Last Name  First  Middle

Address

City  Zip Code  Home Phone  Cell Phone

Occupation  Work Phone

Current Place of Employment

Employment History: (List most recent position first)

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Civic, Community or Professional Organization Memberships/Involvement:


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Why are you interested in serving as a PCSD Board of Education Member?

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Are there aspects of your education and/or experience that you feel would be especially helpful in this position?

If yes, please explain.

What do you believe are the three most important priorities for our district?

What has been your involvement with the Parma City School District?

If appointed, would you be a candidate for re-election in November?

Do you understand the need for confidentiality?

Can you protect confidentiality?

Are you willing to spend the necessary time to familiarize yourself with the school district's operation enabling you to function as a contributing member of this board?

Are you willing to assume a leadership role in this community as a member of the body responsible for the management of public schools in this district?

Do you believe in service training for board members?

Are you willing to participate in such training?
Are you 18 years or older?

Are you a registered voter in the school district?

Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a felony?

Do you have children of school age?

If yes, what schools do they attend?

Is any member of your immediate family an employee of the school system?

If yes, whom?

(Name)  (Position)

Any additional information for consideration


Signature of Applicant  Date

Application Due by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023
A Guide for School Board Members

A good board member

There are about as many philosophical theories about boardmanship as there are board members. However, there are some acceptable guidelines.

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- Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all children attending our schools.
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- Recognize that as an individual board member I have no authority to speak or act for the board.
- Work with other members to establish and support effective policies.
- Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent and staff.
- Encourage ongoing communications among board members, the board, students, staff, and the community.
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups.
- Make every effort to attend all board meetings.
- Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting.
- Understand that the board meeting is not the place to grandstand or spring surprises.
- Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues and by participating in in-service programs.
- Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not the result of influence.
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Adopted by the OSBA Delegate Assembly November 11, 1991

Boardmanship OSBA

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Board Member Information

- Regular Meetings are usually scheduled on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Meetings can last anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours
- Special Meetings can be called any day of the week with 48-hour notice, so flexibility is needed
- Board Members receive $125.00 per regular/special meeting
  - Compensation cannot exceed $5,000.00 in a calendar year
- Each Board Member serves on several of the Superintendents committees, which meet approximately once a month – Board Members are not compensated for these meetings
- Board Members are invited to attend many district, school and community events, fundraisers, and open houses
- Hospitalization is available to purchase at district cost
- Board Members have agreed to contribute $600 each toward three (3) $1,000.00 Board of Education Scholarships awarded through the PTA Scholarship Program – This WILL NOT APPLY to this appointment
- PCSD Board Members cannot be employees of the Parma City School District
- Appointment to this position will be through December 31, 2023