



3115 West 2nd Court
Russellville, AR 72801

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Russellville School Board - Interim Board Member Appointment, At-Large

The Russellville Board of Education will appoint an interim board member to fill the remaining term for the At-Large position previously held by Joe Sitkowski.

“A Public Notice will be made at least 30 days before a board member appointment. The Notice must be published in the local newspaper, on the District’s homepage, and proof of notice must be filed with the County Clerk.” - Act 726 of 2025

To be considered for the interim appointment, candidates must:

- Reside in Russellville, AR and
- Submit a signed petition containing the signatures of at least 20 qualified electors from Russellville, AR.

Petitions must be submitted to the district 10 days before the appointment meeting. The appointment meeting date will be forthcoming. Only timely petitions will be considered.

A summary of Act 726 of 2025 and petitions forms are available:

- Online at: www.rsd12.net
- In Person at:
Russellville School District Administration Building
3115 W 2nd Court
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For additional information, please contact the Russellville School District 968-1306.

Summary of Act 726 of 2025 – Filling School Board Vacancies

1. Filling Vacancies

- Vacancies must be filled by a qualified elector who lives in the district (and same zone, if applicable).
- The seat can be filled by:
 - A majority vote of the remaining board members within 90 days, or
 - The county quorum court, if:
 - The board fails to act within 90 days, or
 - Too many seats are vacant for a board majority to remain.

2. Public Notice

- At least 30 days before an appointment, the district must publish notice:
 - In a local newspaper,
 - On the District's homepage (with required forms provided),
 - Through normal parent communication systems (texts, calls, emails) if you typically use such mediums for announcement.
- Proof of notice must be filed with the county clerk.

3. Candidate Requirements

- To be considered, a person must submit a petition signed by at least 20 qualified electors of the district/zone.
- Petitions are due 10 days before the appointment meeting.
- Only timely and valid petitions may be considered.

4. Candidate Presentations

- Each qualified candidate must be given at least 5 minutes to present at a public meeting.
- Boards may request additional written information before the vote.

5. Board Options

- The board may vote not to fill the vacancy. In that case, the quorum court makes the appointment.
- All deliberations and decisions must be made in open session.

6. Other Requirements

- If no valid petitions are received, the board or quorum court may use an alternative process.
- If the vacancy leaves an officer position empty, the board must elect a new officer at its next regular meeting.
- The board secretary must notify the county clerk within 5 days of an appointment.
- The appointed member must take the oath of office and serves the remainder of the unexpired term.
- If no one runs for the position when an appointee's term ends, the appointee shall continue to serve as a holdover for a full term without any additional action being required by the board.

RETURN TO RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
3115 W 2nd Court, Russellville, AR 72801
(Petitions due 10 days prior to appointment meeting.)

School Board Candidate Appointment

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received: _____
Received by: _____

TO: The Russellville Board of Education of _____ Pope _____ County
 We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose that _____
 (Name/Title as proposed for Appointment)

whose address is _____, Arkansas, be considered as a Candidate for Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Russellville School District, At-Large position. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas and a resident of the school district to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

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This example of a form of petition is provided as a convenience to potential candidates. No form of petition for this office is set out in the Arkansas Code, nor is the Secretary of State, State Board of Election Commissioners, or Ethics Commission authorized to promulgate a form of petition. This petition is an example of a form of petition that may be accepted by the county clerk or the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, State Board of Election Commissioners, Ethics Commission, and the county clerks do not warrant that this form of petition would be found sufficient by a court of law if subjected to a legal challenge.

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