Vacancies on the Board may be caused by any of the events specified in Government Code Section 1770 or any applicable provision in the Elections Code, or by a failure to elect.

Within sixty days of the vacancy or filing of a deferred resignation, the Board shall either order an election or make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy.

If an election is ordered, it shall be held on the next regular election date not less than 130 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

If a provisional appointment is made, it shall be subject to the conditions in EC 5091. The person appointed to the position shall hold office only until the next regularly scheduled election for district governing board members, when the election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Prior to making a provisional appointment, the Board shall invite applications from the general public for the vacancy, setting a time by which applications shall be received, and publicizing the procedure by which the appointment shall be made. After applications for the vacancies have been received, members of the Board shall make available to the press and to the general public the names of the applicants for the vacancy. The Board shall establish one or more dates on which it will meet in closed session individually with all applicants to investigate further their qualifications for the position. The provisional appointment will be made by a majority public vote of the Board members at a public meeting.

The President/Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures to solicit applications that assure ample publicity to and information for prospective candidates. The Board will determine the schedule and appointment process, which may include interviews at a public meeting.