
School board member resigns to relocate

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A new wrinkle has cropped up in the labor dispute between the Del Norte Unified School District and the Del Norte Teachers Association.

School board member Roger Daley, who represents District 4, has resigned to seek a job in Reno, Nevada.

District Superintendent Jeff Harris told The TriPLICATE that Daley submitted a letter of resignation to the board before its Jan. 9 meeting. Harris subsequently notified the Del Norte Elections Office on Jan. 13.

Daley, a pastor at Fort Dick Bible Church, said in media reports that his resignation had nothing to do with the ongoing negotiations between the district and its teachers. He said he's relocating for professional reasons.

Harris told The TriPLICATE that during Daley's three years on the school board, he brought well-articulated views to the members' discussions. "He's been an advocate for alternative education. He has been supportive of many of the student services we have, for foster youth, special education, the homeless, general operations of what goes on at schools," Harris said.

Now, according to board bylaws, the school district will begin an immediate public-notification process in posting for Delay's position. The bylaws give the district 60 days to advertise the position and solicit applications.

A committee will be formed to determine candidates' eligibility and will announce certain candidates' names. The remaining board members will then host candidate interviews in a public forum.

After the interviews, the board can receive verbal or written comments before voting to select one of the candidates to fill the remainder of Delay's four-year term.

A new slate of candidates will be eligible to run for the position in this coming November's election.

Harris said school board positions are not salaried. Rather, board members receive a per-meeting stipend, and also are eligible for health insurance or a reimbursement for a qualifying health plan similar to teachers and administrators.

School board members are paid \$264 per month for attending all of the scheduled district meetings, and \$174 per month for

attending all designated county meetings. Harris said that includes special meetings, study sessions and any emergency meetings that arise.