



Search for a school board member: Alton Board of Education looking to fill vacancy

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ALTON - After nearly two decades on the **Alton Board of Education**, board member **Mike Harris** has moved to **Edwardsville**.

That move means Harris can no longer serve on the Alton Board of Education, because he moved from the township from which he was elected. This leaves a vacancy on the board, which needs to be filled. Current **Alton Board of Education President Ed Gray** said the person to fill that vacancy must be a registered voter within a township inside the district that is not **Godfrey**.

"We're a township district," Gray said. "We cannot have more than three board members from a single township, which means the new board member cannot come from **Godfrey Township**."

The board is currently accepting applications from the community to fill the vacancy. Gray said the process is very similar to applying for a job.

"We want people to write a letter detailing why they would want to be on the board, and give us a resume," Gray said.

Applications may be delivered to the district office, located at **1854 East Broadway**. Gray said the district would prefer an applicant emerge from the Alton Township to fill Harris's newly vacated seat. However, Gray said if no candidates from **Alton Township** could be found, an applicant may come from **Foster Township** or even **Wood River Township**.

"A lot of people hear Wood River Township and get confused," he said. "What a lot of people don't know is some areas of upper Alton near the old high school are actually a part of Wood River Township. They were annexed a long, long time ago by the **City of Alton**."

All applications are due by no later than 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2016. They may be mailed to **Alton School District #11**, attention **Vivian Monckton**, Secretary, 1854 E Broadway, Alton, Illinois 62002.