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Stevens Point School Board seeks applicants to fill vacancy

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STEVENS POINT – The Stevens Point Area Public School District School Board is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy following a member’s resignation.

Board member Will Scheder vacated his seat effective Aug. 25 as he departs the district to attend Law School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison beginning with the upcoming fall semester, Dr. Cory Hirsbrunner, superintendent, said at the Aug. 11 School Board meeting.

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Scheder was elected to his first three-year term on the board in April 2024.

School Board policy states the remainder of the board will vote to appoint a member to fill the seat until the next election, Sarah O’Donnell, communications director, told a Stevens Point Journal reporter.

Four School Board seats will be up for election in the April 2026 election. One seat will serve a one-year term to maintain the cycle of three-year terms for the nine-member board, O’Donnell explained.

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Children’s Museum shuts down for a week for updates

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STEVENS POINT – The Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum will close for a week starting Aug. 31 for cleaning and updates. The museum, located at 1100 Main St., Suite 200, in downtown Stevens Point, will reopen Sept. 8, according to an announcement.

Staff will use the closure to deep clean, update exhibits and perform maintenance.

“During our week-long closure, we will be hard at work behind the scenes with a full list of improvements and preparations,” said Tori Neff, interim executive director. “When we reopen on Monday, Sept. 8, museum visitors will find exciting new opportunities to explore, learn and grow through play.”

The museum offers classes, events and exhibits designed to engage children and families, supporting emotional, social and physical development.

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Rosholt man drowns while kayaking on Lake Helen

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ALBAN – A 42-year-old Rosholt man is dead after he drowned while kayaking on a Portage County lake.

At 3:15 p.m. Aug. 26, a caller reported a man in distress in the water on Lake Helen in the town of Alban, about 20 miles northeast of Stevens Point, according to a Portage County Sheriff’s Office news release.

Christopher A. Philipp was kayaking and went under the surface of the

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