



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2019 - Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, the Board of Education met on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.

Call to Order:

President Stephen Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Dale Feldt, Steve Hackett, Stephen Johnson, Betty Manion, Patrick Phair, Mark Polebitski, and Sandra Robinson.

Present 5:50-5:55 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to adjournment:

Roger Foegen, consultant, WASB Search Services.

District Administrator Candidate Finalists Present for Individual Interviews:

in interview order

Ron Saari, District Administrator - Potosi School District (Potosi, Wis.); Tim Kief, Principal – Chequamegon School District (Park Falls, Wis.); Dennis Kaczor, District Administrator - Herman-Neosho-Rubicon School District (Neosho Wis.).

Present from 9:00-9:35 p.m. - Administrative and Central Office Team Representatives:

John Erspamer, Principal-Waupaca Learning Center; Mark Flaten, Director of Teaching and Learning; Carl Hayek, Business Manager; and Carol Beyer-Makuski, Human Resources Secretary.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Steve Hackett and seconded by Sandra Robinson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment into Closed Session:

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Steve Hackett to adjourn into closed session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin statutes – specifically to interview and consider candidates for the position of district administrator and may select a District Administrator. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discussion:

Note: The finalist candidates for the District Administrator position participated in three rounds of interviews that ran concurrently in rotation. (1) The Board conducted their second round of interviews with each finalist (closed session). (2) An Administrative and Central Office team met with each finalist. (3) WASB consultant Roger Foegen facilitated a Public Forum that was open to all wishing to attend. The Public Forum offered people the opportunity to ask questions of each finalist candidate, and to complete a response form to provide their insights and opinions to the Board. The Public Forum was videotaped.

Following the rounds of interviews, the Board invited representatives of the Administrative and Central Office interview team to join the closed session Board meeting. The representatives provided the Board with the team's insights and observations.

Roger Foegen presented observations of each candidate's participation in the Public Forum.

Following Mr. Foegen's presentation, the Board thanked the representatives of the Administrative and Central Office team and excused them from the meeting. Mr. Foegen was present for the remainder of the Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the comment forms completed by community members who attended the Public Forum.

Following additional Board discussion, Pat Phair moved and Sandra Robinson seconded a motion that the Board extend an invitation to candidate Ron Saari to become the School District of Waupaca's district administrator commencing July 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Board asked that President Stephen Johnson, in consultation with legal counsel, enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Saari.

Pending completion of successful contract negotiations, Board approval of a proposed contract and announcement of Board selection of Mr. Saari will be done at a future meeting in open session.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pat Phair and seconded by Steve Hackett to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Stephen Johnson, President		Betty Manion, Clerk	
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