

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Special Board Meeting April 23, 2020

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh at 6:15 p.m. in the Hagerman Jr/Sr High School Media Center. District Clerk Cathy Bridwell took roll and a quorum was in attendance with other board members present being Phil Gossi, Teri Dorchuck, Monte Osborne and Brian Moore. Also present were District Clerk/ Business Manager Cathy Bridwell. Joining by internet was Misty Swanson of the ISBA.

Moved by Trustee Moore to approve the agenda; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Osborne to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) for the purpose of interviewing superintendent candidates, discussing superintendent candidates and discussing reference checks of superintendent candidates; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried by roll call vote at 6:17 p.m. as follows: Trustee Gossi—yes; Trustee Moore—yes; Trustee Dorchuck—yes; Trustee Osborne—yes; and Trustee Whitmarsh—yes. Present in executive session were all board members, Misty Swanson and Cathy Bridwell. Jaren Wadsworth joined the meeting by phone at 6:25 p.m. The board interviewed two candidates via Zoom, discussed all semi-finalist candidates and their reference checks and returned to regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Other members of the public joined the meeting at this time via the internet.

Trustee Moore suggested that the board be confident in any candidate who is moved forward as a finalist in the event that a candidate withdraws. Misty confirmed that the process could be reset if the board felt there were not a sufficient number of candidates to choose from. Chairman Whitmarsh advised the board to take action swiftly to avoid losing candidates.

Moved by Teri Dorchuck to move Dr. Jim Brown forward as a finalist; seconded by Trustee Moore. Trustee Dorchuck pointed out that he has a lot of experience at different grade levels and with multiple curriculums. Trustee Moore liked Dr. Brown's experience with the alternative school and other grade levels. After discussion, motion was carried.

Trustee Moore moved to put Tana Kellogg forward as a finalist; seconded by Trustee Osborne. Trustee Gossi said he felt she brings a lot of experience. Trustee Moore liked her diverse background and strong leadership skills. After discussion, motion was carried.

Moved by Trustee Moore to move Dr. Ben Merrill forward as a finalist. Motion died for lack of second.

Next steps in the process. The board will be setting up a virtual community meet and greet. Misty Swanson explained ways the district could allow community and staff participation in conversing with the candidates. A survey could be given to participants to gather their input. The board would like to do the meet and greet and follow it with a formal interview. Misty asked the board to provide two different dates for the candidates to choose from. If possible, the board would like to schedule the meet and greet for next Wednesday, April 29, 2020, with sessions for one candidate from 6:00-7:00 .m.

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and the session for the other candidate from 7:00-8:00 p.m., with interviews on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the same times. Misty asked if the board wanted further reference checks and the board does want that. Misty agreed to assign each board member one reference for each candidate to call and will provide a list of questions. Misty reminded the board that they will need to plan time to read comments from the community in executive session after the interviews. Chairman Whitmarsh asked Principal Wadsworth to set up tours with both candidates on the day of the interviews. Misty will put together interview questions with input from the board. Trustees will send their suggestions for questions to Misty. Misty will also create a brochure about the candidates that will be provided to the community prior to the meet and greet.

Moved by trustee Moore to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 8:36 p.m.

Catherine Bridwell, District Clerk