

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Hagerman School District No. 233 Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Minutes of Special Board Meeting April 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh at 5:56 p.m. in the Hagerman High School Media Center. District Clerk Cathy Bridwell called the roll and a quorum was in attendance with other board members present being Teri Dorchuck, Phil Gossi, Brian Moore, and Monte Osborne. Also present were District Clerk Cathy Bridwell, Misty Swanson and Matt Cottam.

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

Chairman Whitmarsh explained that the interviews will take place in executive session with each interview lasting 45 minutes and allowing 15 minutes for board discussion following each interview and following the interviews, discussion of survey results. The earliest the board might be back to open session will be 8:30 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Osborne to go into executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) for the purpose of interviewing superintendent candidates; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried at 5:59 p.m. by roll call vote as follows: Trustee Gossi—yes; Trustee Dorchuck—yes; Trustee Moore—yes; Trustee Osborne—yes and Trustee Whitmarsh—yes. Present in executive session were all board members, Jaren Wadsworth, Cathy Bridwell, Misty Swanson and candidate Tana Kellogg. The board interviewed Ms. Kellogg, who left executive session at 7:00. Candidate Jim Brown entered the session at 7:00 and the board conducted an interview. Dr. Brown left at 8:00 p.m. and the board discussed the qualifications of both candidates and the community surveys. The board returned to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman Whitmarsh said what a difficult decision this was as both candidates were of very good quality. The board considered all references and comments from the community in trying to determine the best candidate. Trustee Moore remarked that both had positive attributes and could lead the district in a good direction. Trustee Dorchuck commented also that it is a tough decision and Trustee Gossi agreed. Chairman Whitmarsh liked Tana's experience and multicultural background and appreciated Jim's enthusiasm. Trustee Osborne said he was hopeful and excited and it will not be an easy decision—that either candidate could serve the needs of the district.

Moved by Trustee Moore to offer the superintendent/elementary principal position to Dr. Jim Brown; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed to contact Dr. Brown.

Chairman Whitmarsh reported that Dr. Brown "passionately" accepted the position and is excited to lead the district.

Moved by Trustee Dorchuck that Chairman Whitmarsh and Mrs. Bridwell collaborate to work out terms of the contract with Dr. Brown and bring the terms back to the next regular board meeting for approval; seconded by Trustee Moore; motion carried.

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Moved by Trustee Dorchuck to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Moore; carried at 10:02 p.m.

Catherine Bridwell, District Clerk