

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2017
5:30pm

Douglass Academy for Young Men
2001 W. Warren
Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District was called to order by President Taylor at 5:30pm.

Moment of Silence

Chair called for a moment of silence

Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read by the President

Roll Call

Secretary of the Board, Karen Morgan called the roll:

Present: Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Georgia Lemmons, LaMar Lemmons, Sonya Mays, Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, Misha Stallworth, and Iris Taylor

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

Call for Special Board Meeting

Secretary of the Board Karen Morgan read the following statement:

I, Karen Morgan, Secretary to the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of the Special Board of Education Meeting was delivered to each Board of Education Member on Monday, April 10, 2017, pursuant to its applicable statute.

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Approval of Agenda

Treasurer Mays moved to approve the Agenda

Member L. Lemmons seconded

Motion carried without objection

Superintendent Search Update

Chair introduced the meeting facilitators Dr. Stephanie Burrage, Assistant Superintendent for Constituent School District Support, and Gary Ray, Chairman, Ray and Associates, Inc.

Dr. Burrage begin by reading the following statute for Superintendent: *The initial superintendent of schools shall be selected based upon his or her demonstrated ability, record of competence, experience in increasing academic achievement, experience with education reform and redesign, and expertise in the turnaround of academically underperforming urban schools.*

After the reading of the statute Dr. Burrage read the timeline for the Superintendent Search Process. The Board was then asked to consider the candidate's strengths, experience, and areas of opportunity while reviewing the data points of the candidates. The discussion for each candidate will be based around the following points:

- Interview
- Constituents Questionnaire Results
- Homework Assignment
- On-Site Visit

The discussion began around candidate Dr. Nikolai Vitti followed by candidate Derrick Coleman.

After the discussion around each candidate, Mr. Ray distributed the Questionnaire results. Treasurer Mays provided a Survey and Questionnaire Analysis for both candidates. There was a brief discussion around the results for both candidates.

Treasurer Mays asked Gary Ray if the candidates met the criteria and satisfied each of the 14 qualities for Superintendent.

Mr. Ray stated that both candidates have met the criteria for Superintendent.

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Vice President Peterson-Mayberry motioned to move forward with the General Superintendent position to enter into contract with Dr. Nikolai Vitti.

Member Hunter-Harvill seconded

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Deborah Hunter-Harvill	Yes
Georgia Lemmons	Yes
LaMar Lemmons	No
Sonya Mays	Yes
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	Yes
Misha Stallworth	Yes
Iris Taylor	Yes

Member L. Lemmons changed his vote for unanimous consent

Motion Carried

Member Hunter-Harvill moved if the candidate accepts the position that the candidate serves the District in a consultant capacity effective any time after May 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 with a transitional team which would include the Interim Superintendent, Board members, and other leaders as deemed appropriate.

Member L. Lemmons seconded.

Member Hunter-Harvill stated the candidate would need to be in the District soon as there are things going on such as EAA Transition, MDE Partnership Agreement, Reorganization, etc. that they would need to get adjusted. The person is paid at a daily rate.

Dr. Burrage and Mr. Ray confirmed that bringing in the hire prior to contract agreement is customary for a smooth transition.

Motion carried without objection

Member Hunter-Harvill moved that administrative appointments cease at this time and that the District focus on hiring teachers for the vacancies that we have.

Treasurer Mays seconded

Motion carried without objection

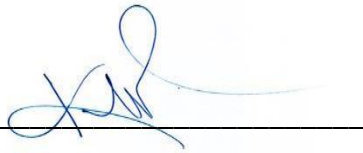
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Public Comment

Robert Davis stated a request would be made to stop the Board from moving forward in the process based upon the representation that were previously made by the District's legal counsel in previous hearings.

Chair motioned for adjournment

No objections Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KM', is written over a horizontal black line.

Certified:

Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M

Secretary of the Board