

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Renaissance Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School
2200 W. Grand Boulevard
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 Vice President Angelique Peterson-Mayberry President Taylor at 6:01 P.M.

Moment of Silence

Chair called for a moment of silence

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 (via Face Time)

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 Tuesday, March 28, 2017, pursuant to its applicable statute.

Approval of Agenda

Member L. Lemmons moved to approve the Agenda

Treasurer Mays seconded

Motion carried without objection

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Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read by Vice President Peterson-Mayberry

Mission, Vision, and Values

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Interview of Candidate Derrick Coleman

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry introduced Dr. Stephanie Burrage, Wayne RESA, Assistant Superintendent for Constituent School District Support as the meeting facilitator.

Dr. Burrage begin by providing the logistics of Mr. Coleman’s visit which begin in Central office with a presentation from Finance and Academics, then to Thirkell Elementary Middle School, Cody High School Academy, and returning to Central office to meet with staff. The visit continued at Renaissance High School meeting with faith-based, labor, business, and community organizations as well as parents, community members and stakeholders.

The interview session began with a series of questions to Mr. Coleman from search committee members Peterson-Mayberry, Dr. Hunter-Harvill, and L. Lemmons. The interview session was a little over 1.45 minutes with Mr. Coleman providing the following closing statement:

“I could for the sake of formality ask questions but I’ve been with the Board the entire day and the questions that were asked has allowed me to address some of the concerns I would have had through this process. I can tell you that when this process initially began it was false on my part because again I know I keep talking about River Rouge but to resurrect a community through a school district is an incredible feeling to have people who you know rely on you or have placed their trust in you to take care of something where they had no....River Rouge doesn’t trust outsiders to gain their trust and be adopted as one of them means a lot to me. And I have been very clear to them that and they are aware that I have been approached by other districts for me to leave and I have not considered. The only place that I have considered is this and it is simply because the children in Detroit deserve to have places that are going to be transformational that beyond the State assessment which only creates top to bottom ranking you need to move those priority schools so you don’t lose them. But, that is not the focus of my work the focus of my work is to find children regardless of who they are because even children that come from very supportive families are at risk to their environment. So for me and I struggle with it at times because again it is talking about a place where these people have been incredible to me but they also understand that I have dual citizenship River Rouge and Detroit and the opportunity to serve children in Detroit is really the most it was the most attractive part of this process. My daughters go to work with me every day so the amount of time I had to spend with them in the mornings and late evenings is incredible. If I am offered the position and accept that means that it is a part of me I have to sacrifice. And so but again, if this is your calling you don’t have the opportunity to choose whether or not you

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are going to take it. So, I don't have any questions. I believe this process has allowed me to evaluate the ability for good work to happen here. You all have an incredible decision to make. I say that because as you stated this is more than likely the last Board if we are not successful. My hope is rather it be me or the other candidate that Detroit picks the best leader for them because these children deserve it".

The audience members were instructed to complete and submit their questionnaires to have their voice heard in the selection of the superintendent.

The audience was reminded that the Board was continuing the Superintendent Search process with the next step visiting the candidate's districts. The audience was also, reminded of upcoming Board meetings. The meeting regarding the Superintendent search update on Monday, April 10th and the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 11th.

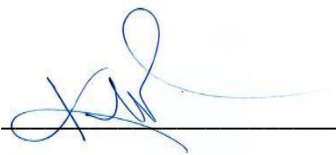
Public Comments

Public Comments statement was read by Chair and Vice President Peterson-Mayberry

Adjournment

Chair motioned for adjournment

No objections meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

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

Certified:

Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M

Secretary of the Board