



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 29, 2018
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members present: Rick Donahoe, Brett Amidan, and Heather Cleary.

Rick Jansons called the special meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel)

The Board adjourned to executive session at 4:30 P.M. to discuss qualifications of an applicant for employment or review of performance of an employee (final actions must be taken in public and discussions affecting employees generally must be held in public) 42.30.110 (1) (g). The executive session was projected to last fifteen minutes, with no action expected. Executive session ended at 4:44 P.M.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 4:45 P.M.

1. Public Interviews for Board Vacancy-Position No. 5

Mr. Jansons reviewed the process used to fill Board of Director vacancies. He advised Board Position No. 5 is being vacated by Gordon Comfort on June 9, 2018. Mr. Jansons reported there were ten applicants for the position and four were chosen to be interviewed. After the interview process, Board members will adjourn to executive session and then return to take action on the candidates. The following candidates were asked the same set of questions in half hour intervals:

1. Jill Oldson
2. Leo Fifield
3. Kathlen Wierschke
4. Rama Devagupta

2. Executive Session (Personnel)

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:45 P.M. to discuss qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office (interviews and final appointment must be in public) 42.30.110 (1) (h). The executive session was projected to last twenty minutes, with no action expected. Executive session ended at 7:08 P.M.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 7:09.

3. Action to Appoint-Board of Directors Position No. 5.

Mr. Jansons thanked the four candidates for applying for the Board position and credited all with tremendous qualifications. He stated three Board positions will be up for general election in November of 2019. Mr. Jansons encouraged all to apply if they do not get selected tonight. The filing period for these positions is in May of 2019. If the Board is not able to make a selection, the process continues with ESD 123 making the final decision within 30 days. Board members chose numbers to set the order of the vote.

First Round Vote:

1. Rick Jansons-Jill Oldson
2. Rick Donahoe-Jill Oldson
3. Brett Amidan-Kathlen Wierschke
4. Heather Cleary-Rama Devagupta

Second Round Vote:

1. Rick Jansons-Jill Oldson
2. Donahoe-Jill Oldson
3. Amidan-Jill Oldson
4. Heather-Jill Oldson

With a unanimous vote, Jill Oldson was elected to fill Board of Directors Position No. 5. Mr. Jansons again thanked the candidates and encouraged them to stay involved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS