

Board of Education Special Meeting
Suffield High School Media Center
and Remotely via Zoom
June 17, 2021

Call to Order

Board Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Board members Jamie Drzyzga (arrived at 7:07 p.m. by Zoom), Debra Dudack, Melissa Finnigan, Glenn Gazdik, Brian Fry, Susan Mercik Davis, Maureen Sattan, Michael Sepko; and Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel

Absent: Scott Lingenfelter

Executive Session

At 6:37 p.m., Fry moved, Sattan seconded to go into executive session to conduct the Superintendent's evaluation, inviting the Superintendent into the executive session. All members voted in favor.

Board member Finnigan left the meeting at 8:00, returning at 8:06.
Superintendent Van Tassel left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. to allow for independent Board discussion.
Board member Gazdik left the meeting at 8:45, returning at 8:50.
Superintendent Van Tassel rejoined the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

The executive session ended at 9:09 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Superintendent's Contract

MOTION #21-60: Board member Dudack moved that the Board authorize the Board Chair to work with legal counsel to negotiate the terms of the Superintendent's employment contract. Fry seconded the motion. The motion passed **8-0**. Board members expressed gratitude and appreciation for the work Superintendent Van Tassel has done on behalf of the district this year.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Board of Education Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting for the 2021-2022 School Year

Board Chair Davis opened the meeting with an explanation of the value of the Board self-evaluation and goal setting. Board discussions covered the areas outlined in the CAFE Board Self-Evaluation tool: Vision, Community Leadership, Board Operations, Board Ethics, and Board-Superintendent team.

Board members discussed the need to make meetings more concise and possibly time-limited; the success of the periodic newsletters; the separation of Board oversight and the operations of the district; the importance of analyzing data to make decisions; the desire to allow time for meetings between the Superintendent and individual BOE members; and appreciation of the Board and Board Chair for the heavy time commitment this year.

Board Chair Davis suggested that the 2021-2022 goal setting discussion be moved to a later meeting due to the late hour. Board members agreed.

Adjournment

Sattan moved, Finnigan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. All members voted in favor.

Click here to view the meeting:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l_AQO8xij10pja9oq3wmRwFNUojV3WgA/view

Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of July 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Sattan
Secretary