



**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
April 24, 2018

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

A Special Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in the Harrison Room. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Sandy Fiaschetti, Kristin Bull, Michael Zabat, Kevin Beers, Michelle Bueltel and Barb Anness

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Cindy Lindner, Laura Walsh, Wendy Beitel, Doug Hill and approximately 31 visitors.

**Interview Process – Board of Education Applicants**

Sandy Fiaschetti explained the interview process to the Board of Education applicants. Each candidate will be given approximately ten minutes to answer the questions asked from the current Board members.

The following seven applicants were interviewed: Sarah Guadalupe, Khary Mason, Andrea Walker-Leidy, Clifton Hitchcock, Shishir Gupta, Lindy Cubba and Andrew Felton. After all seven candidates were heard, the Board selected the top three individuals for finalist interviews.

**Audience Comments**

Angelique Fowler, RCS parent, addressed the Board on the need for gifted education at the elementary level.

Sheryl Heyniger addressed the Board on the need for board and administration diversity.

**Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

**Finalist Interviews and Trustee Selection**

Andrew Felton, Shishir Gupta and Andrea Walker-Leidy participated in finalist interviews.

Board members shared their thoughts on specific qualities that each candidate would bring to the Board and expressed their individual thanks to all three of the candidates and encouraged them to continue to be active members in our community. Board members shared their choice for the new trustee.

Sandy Fiaschetti requested a motion to appoint Andrea Walker-Leidy to the Board.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

**Oath of Office**

Sandy Fiaschetti administered the Oath of Office to Andrea Walker-Leidy. Andrea recited the Oath of Office as follows: I, Andrea Walker-Leidy, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Rochester Community School District according to the best of my ability.

Andrea Walker-Leidy was also given a copy of the Code of Conduct for Conduct among Board Members and the Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators. A signed copy will be kept with the official Board packet minutes.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Moved by: Kristin Bull

Supported by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Nakonek  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education