

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union
School Board Meeting
April 18, 2022
Approved Minutes

Present at the meeting:

Board: Amy McMullen, Davis McGraw, Elizabeth Burrows, Nicki Buck, Nancy Pedrick, Rebecca Roisman, Colleen Spence, Jaime Turner, AnneMarie Redmond, Mark Yuengling, Beth Roy

Administrators: David Baker, Angie Ladeau, Christine Bourne, Katie Ahern, Larry Dougher, Jenifer Aldrich, Colleen DeSchamp, Brittany Preston, Lyndsie Perkins

Staff and Public: Christine Osgood, Julie Cahoon,

I. **Call to Order** at 6:37 p.m. by Amy McMullen

II. **Public Participation/Announcements**

III. **Items for Discussion**

- a) Superintendent Contract - Amy McMullen announced that our Superintendent of 10 years has found a Superintendent position much closer to his home at OSSU. Our role as SU Board is to vote to release or not to release him from the final 2 years of his contract. Nicki Buck moved to release David Baker from his contract. Nancy Pedrick seconded. Amy commented by thanking for the time and effort put in working at WSESU, noting he was the 2nd permanent Superintendent we've had since we went back to the single Superintendent model. Amy also noted the combined professional development for all staff, administration leadership. David thanked Amy. Colleen Spence reflected on her appreciation for David's work as a newer board member and that she is happy for his shorter commute. David thanked Colleen. Nancy said she feels that it is good for him to have that shorter commute and how schools are much stronger after 10 years. Nancy also wanted to note and thank him for the MASD merger. David thanked Nancy. Beth thanked David for the SU school meals program. David thanked Beth. Rebecca Roisman wanted to take a moment to note how she joined the Board during a tumultuous time, admired his focus during such a crisis and how people weren't always happy and how it "never got to you," and the equity committee service. Rebecca also noted that his leadership is what we needed during what we were going through. David thanked Rebecca. Davis McGraw reflected on the progress that has been made since he was a student through today, including the culture of the schools. On a personal note, Davis wanted to thank David for his availability with such a hectic schedule. David thanked Davis. Nicki wanted to thank David for bringing his "whole self" to the job. David thanked Nicki. Elizabeth Burrows said she really hopes that he doesn't steal the SU song. Elizabeth also mentioned that although we "buted heads hard," she appreciated that he always took the long view and how that is a great strength. Elizabeth reflected on his latest evaluation and that they all agreed on the feedback that David is "student centered." David thanked Elizabeth and mentioned that this is one less eval you'll have to do now. David said WSESU is in great shape and that he'll never have a job like this again. He also said as much as he won't miss the commute he has us all on speed dial. David reflected on the strong administrative team he has built and knows he won't have time to do that at OSSU. Amy called the vote for the motion made by Nicki - Approved 10-0-1.

IV. Executive Session (VSA.T11 Section 313)

Amy McMullen moved to enter Executive Session.

Nicki Buck seconded.

The board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

Nicki Buck moved to exit Executive Session.

Mark Yuengling seconded.

The board voted 11-0 to exit Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Nicki Buck made a motion to “accept letters of interest for internal candidates for an Interim Superintendent.” Colleen seconded the motion. Mark Yuengling wants to qualify the motion to require a current Superintendent endorsement. Nicki agreed. The board voted 11-0 to approve the motion. Amy tasked Larry Dougher to work with Laurie Brown on ensuring that the Email goes out to all staff tomorrow morning. The board also agreed to add an item for the 4/25 SU board meeting to include the process for interviewing internal interested candidates.

V. Adjournment

Nicki Buck moved to adjourn.

Davis McGraw seconded.

The board voted 11-0 to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Dougher