



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2023
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a Special Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 6972 Keene, West Richland, Washington, Benton County. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members participating: Jill Oldson and Lindsay Lightner.

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Jansons called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. and thanked all candidates for their interest in the District.

1.1 Roll Call-All Here

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.0 Public Interviews for Board Vacancy-Position No. 1. (term expires November 2025)

***Ron Higgins; Heather Cleary; Bonnie Mitchell; Tony Gonzalez**

Each candidate answered questions asked by Board Members. Mr. Jansons thanked all for their answers and moved to executive session.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to executive session at 5:40 P.M. to discuss qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office (interviews and final appointment must be in public) RCW 42.30.110 (1) (h). The executive session was projected to last fifteen minutes, with no action expected. Executive session ended at 5:57 P.M.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 5:58 P.M.

5.0 Public Interviews for Board Vacancy-Position No. 4. (term expires November 2023)

***Brianna Watson; Gary Wargo; Richard Raymond; Katrina Waters; Jeffrey Dennison**

Each candidate answered questions asked by Board members. Mr. Jansons thanked all for their answers and moved to executive session.

6.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:31 P.M. to discuss qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office (interviews and final appointment must be in public) RCW 42.30.110 (1) (h). The executive session was projected to last fifteen minutes, with action expected. Executive session ended at 6:50 P.M.

The Board returned to the special meeting at 6:50 P.M.

7.0 Action to Appoint-Board of Director Position No. 1-Nominations and Voting

Mr. Jansons asked Board members to share input on candidates. Ms. Lightner appreciated the candidates' passion and range of skills. Ms. Lightner stated Bonnie Mitchell rose to the top due to her many years of involvement in District activities. Ms. Oldson and Mr. Jansons agreed.

It was moved by Lindsay Lightner and seconded by Jill Oldson –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE BONNIE MITCHELL TO SERVE AS BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION NO 1.

Vote: Oldson, yes; Lightner, yes; Jansons, yes
Motion was approved.

8.0 Action to Appoint-Board of Director Position No. 4-Nominations and Voting

Ms. Lightner was impressed with all candidates but felt Brianna Watson's dedication to the work of the District including involvement in PTA, Co-Chair of the Parent/Guardian Advisory Committee, and several years of regular Board meeting attendance were exceptional qualities for Board membership. Ms. Oldson asked all to stay involved in District work but also selected Ms. Watson as her top choice. Mr. Jansons stated all candidates were extremely qualified, making the decision extremely difficult. Brianna Watson was Mr. Jansons' selection as well.

It was moved by Lindsay Lightner and seconded by Jill Oldson –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE BRIANNA WATSON FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION 4.

Vote: Oldson, yes; Jansons, yes; Lightner, yes
Motion was approved.

Mr. Jansons thanked all candidates for their time and effort involved in the application process and interviews.

9.0 Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS