

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 2, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Ellis, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Vue, Ms. Vanderwert, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Marchese, Interim Superintendent Thein, Ms. Cameron, General Counsel and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved approval of the order of the Main Agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Candidates to Fill Vacant Board Position

The Board interviewed candidates to fill the interim Board vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. O'Connell. They asked the candidates to address two questions:

- 1) Why do you want to serve on the Board for this short appointment?
- 2) What relevant experience would you bring to the Board?

Candidates interviewed were:

1. Cedrick Baker, Equity Manager, Metropolitan Council
2. Juchoj Fang, Program Director, Hmong Resilience Institute
3. Ali Bade Farah, Administrator/Math Teacher, Universal Academy Charter School
4. Tom Goldstein, Consultant/Community Involvement
5. Melanie McMahon, Community Services Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office
6. Shamus O'Meara, Attorney/Managing Shareholder, O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl
7. Dr. Wendy Robinson, Vice President Student Affairs, Inver Hills Community College
8. Zachary Owen Wilson, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff, Peace Presbyterian Church

Upon completion of the interviews, the Board took a ten minutes recess to review their notes and collect their thoughts on the group of candidates.

C. Nomination & Selection of Candidate to Serve Interim Term

The Chair called for nominations from the Board Members for individuals to fill the interim term for the vacant position on the Board.

Ms. Ellis nominated Mr. Baker
Mr. Vue nominated Mr. Wilson
Mr. Marchese nominated Ms. McMahon
Mr. Brodrick nominated Mr. Goldstein
Ms. Vanderwert nominated Dr. Robinson
Mr. Schumacher passed.

The Chair called for the closure of nominations and asked each Board member to write the name of their selected candidate on a ballot slip. The first ballot results were two for Mr. Baker, one for Mr. Goldstein, one for Ms. McMahon, one for Dr. Robinson and one for Mr. Wilson.

As there was no majority decision (4), nominations were reopened.

Ms. Vanderwert nominated Dr. Robinson
Mr. Brodrick nominated Mr. Goldstein
Mr. Marchese nominated Ms. McMahon
Mr. Vue nominated Mr. Wilson
Ms. Ellis nominated Mr. Baker
Mr. Schumacher passed.

The second ballot results were three for Mr. Baker, one for Mr. Goldstein, one for Ms. McMahon and one for Dr. Robinson.

Nominations were opened again as there was no majority for a candidate.

Mr. Brodrick passed
Mr. Marchese passed
Mr. Vue passed
Ms. Ellis nominated Mr. Baker
Mr. Schumacher passed
Ms. Vanderwert nominated Dr. Robinson.

Results of the third ballot were four votes for Mr. Baker and two for Dr. Robinson. Mr. Baker was congratulated and the Chair thanked the other candidates for participating and encouraged them to run in the upcoming special election.

BF 30545 RESOLUTION FILLING SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred more than ninety (90) days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the year the vacancy occurred and prior to the fourth year of the vacant term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 625, State of Minnesota, as follows:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, subd. 5b (2016), _____ is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy and to serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The appointment shall be effective September 1, 2016, thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, unless a valid petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b(b) (2016) within that thirty (30) day time period.

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approve the Resolution Filling the School Board Vacancy by the Appointment of Cedrick F. Baker to fill the interim position. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

E. Action to Schedule Special Closed Board of Education Meeting Regarding Real Estate Acquisition (RiverEast)

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board of Education schedule a Special (Closed) Board of Education meeting for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on acquisition of real property (RiverEast). Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Vanderwert moved adjournment, seconded by Ms. Ellis.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the original Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by
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