

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625  
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 2, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Ms. Carroll, Ms. Kong-Thao, Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk

Mr. Hardy joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

A. Order of the Agenda

The Chair indicated the purpose of the meeting was to conduct the second interviews in for the vacant position on the Board and then to make a final selection to fill the vacancy.

The Chair thanked the candidates for their interest in the position and their outstanding dedication to Saint Paul Public Schools.

**IV. INTERVIEWS OF SELECTED CANDIDATES**

The Chair reviewed the interview process and the final selection process. She then indicated the order in which the candidates would be interviewed. The candidates then moved to a separate room in order to be sequestered during the interview sessions. Nine candidates were interviewed in the following order.

- David Martinez
- Amy Walker Filice
- Neng Lee
- Ted Davis
- Jeff Risberg
- Avinash Viswanathan
- Anne Kelly
- Dave Pinto
- Luis Ortega

Each candidate addressed the same two questions:

- How can you help the community and St. Paul Public Schools accept the dramatic changes needed to deliver quality educational services in the coming years?
- A high performing district requires solid management of people and resources through Board of Education, staff and community leadership. What resource allocation and community engagement experience and skills do you bring to this position?

Each person was allowed eight minutes to speak to both questions.

Upon completion of the interviews, the Chair stated the Board would move into the selection process for the final selection of the person to fill the board vacancy.

## V. SELECTION PROCESS

The Chair opened nominations and each Board member indicated their nomination. Five individuals were nominated. The Chair then asked Board members to continue the selection process via written ballot.

Ballot Round 1 resulted in no candidate receiving sufficient votes for appointment. Ballot Round 2 resulted in selection of Jeff Risberg to fill the vacant position on the SPPS Board of Education.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the appointment of Jeff Risberg to fill the board vacancy assuming office at the Board of Education meeting on February 15, 2011 and serving until the Annual Meeting in January 2012. Motion seconded by Ms. O'Connell.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

The Chair again thanked all applicants for their participation in the process and stated, "We also were amazed by all of our finalists and the incredible pool of applicants the seat attracted. It would be a loss if Saint Paul didn't find a way to harness the talents of these individuals in the months ahead."

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 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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