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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES • November 28, 2022

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APPROVED ☒

The special meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:37 p.m. at the Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: Dr. Jennifer Warren – The public was informed as to how the voting will take place this evening.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Absent: None

2022-121

Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the agenda items be approved as presented:

Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Education Candidate Interviews

On behalf of the Allen Park Board of Education, our thanks to 6 civic-minded individuals for their interest in serving the Allen Park School Community and for attending the candidate interview session this evening. As you know, this position was previously held by our colleague, Mr. Gordon Miller, and the appointed candidate will serve the remainder of the vacant term ending on December 31, 2024.

- Brian Walker (went first due to work commitment)
- Jennifer Jacobs
- Laura Luecke
- Marlene Scott
- Patrick Shearer
- Lisa Szymanski

A school board, working with its community has four major leadership responsibilities and an unlimited amount of decision to make on a wide range of issues. The leadership responsibilities include:

1. To envision the district's education future and set goals and define strategies to guide the district toward that vision.
2. To hire a superintendent who will effectively implement the board's policies and manage the district to accomplish its goals.
3. To monitor and assess the district's performance and to keep the public informed and engaged.
4. To advocate for students and public schools within the community, state and national levels.

As soon as a vacancy occurs on a local board of education, the board has 30 calendar days to fill the vacancy. The Revised School Code nor the Election Code dictates the process used by a board in appointing a new member, so we refer to the method of filling a vacancy in our Board's By-Laws.

Allen Park Public Schools had set Monday, November 21st as our day to interview and choose an individual to fill our vacant board seat. Unfortunately, Wayne County had not "certified" the election results from the Nov. 08th election forcing us to postpone our meeting and schedule a new date. On Friday, November 25th, we received the confirmation letter from Wayne County certifying the election results. Today, we move forward as a district to select an individual to fill our vacant board seat.

Following the interviews this evening, applicants will be voted on alphabetically.

Allen Park Public Schools has adopted a "Majority Vote" policy. Meaning, a majority of seated board members must agree and vote in favor of supporting the suggested motion. For example, we have six seated board members, we must have a majority vote of 4 people or greater showing support. The first applicant to reach 4 votes, which is the majority of the board, will be appointed. The Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office will then be administered.

Members of the Board of Education have all received letters of interest and resumes, including qualifications for review. At this time, we will begin the interview process. Candidates will be asked the same 6 questions, and then asked if they have any questions for the Board. Because of the high level of interest in serving the school community, we are asking candidates to pace their answers as each interview is designed to last 15 minutes.

The Board recognizes that the candidates have a right under the Open Meetings Act to remain in the meeting during the duration of the interviews. However, in the interest of fairness and maintaining the integrity of the interview process, the Board prefers to have the applicants who are not being interviewed to leave the meeting so as not to receive an unfair advantage of hearing questions in advance and hearing the answers provided by other applicants. We ask that our candidates step out at this time and relax in the science room across the hall. We will have a district representative get you when it's your time to interview.

Each candidate responded to the same set of six questions. The Board recessed at 7:19 p.m. for a short break. Meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m.

Appointment of New Board Member and Oath of Office

On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Warren expressed sincere thanks to the candidates for their interest in service the AP school community and for answering the Board's questions this evening. She then did a roll call vote for each board member's top candidate:

Jennifer Jacobs

Yeas:

Nays: Klein, MacDonald, Martin, Warren, Filipiak,

Abstain: Luecke

Laura Luecke

Yeas: Warren Filipiak

Nays: MacDonald, Martin, Klein

Abstain: Luecke

Marlene Scott

Yeas: Martin, Klein

Nays: McDonald, Warren, Filipiak

Abstain: Luecke

Patrick Shearer

Yeas:

Nays: Martin, Warren, Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald

Abstain: Luecke

Lisa Szymanski

Yeas: MacDonald

Nays: Warren, Filipiak, Klein, Martin

Abstain: Luecke

Brian Walker

Yeas:

Nays: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Abstain: Luecke

In order to "collect data", the board members ranked the applicants 1-3 and asked additional questions to the candidates.

2022-122	<i>Board Vacancy Referred to Wayne RESA</i> Motion by Filipiak, supported by Luecke, since the Board could not fill the vacancy by majority vote the vacancy will be filled by Wayne RESA where the process will start over and all applicants are welcome to apply again if they are still interested. Yeas: Filipiak, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: Klein, MacDonald MOTION CARRIED
	The Board took a break from 9:15 p.m. – 9:22 p.m.
	<i>Citizens' Comments:</i> • There were four people sharing comments at this time with regard to the interviews.
	<i>Reports of Officers:</i> • Mr. Martin – Thanks to all who interviewed, they did a great job and he encouraged them to apply with RESA • Mr. Klein – Thanked all for the patience in the process. He wants to move forward from this process. • Mrs. MacDonald – Thanked everyone. Appreciated what Mrs. Shearer said about principal during the citizen comments. She hats turning this over to RESA but hopes we will be served well by that process. • Mrs. Filipiak – Thanked everyone. Tonight showed that this group is very passionate. • Dr. Warren – Thanked all. She hopes all of them apply for the vacancy with RESA, they are all amazing. We could not come up with the perfect person but they will. Apologized for this evening. She explained the open meetings act and why these discussions could not have been in private before the meeting as Lisa Szymanski commented.
2022-123	Motion by MacDonald supported by Klein, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary