



Lower Merion School District
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LMSD Board of School Directors May 13, 2024, Special Meeting Highlights

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BOARD DISCUSSION

At a Special Meeting of the Lower Merion Board of School Directors on Monday, May 13, 2024, Board President Dr. Kerry Sautner shared an update on the process to find a successor to Superintendent Dr. Steven M. Yanni.

Dr. Sautner started her comments by acknowledging Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed her gratitude to LMSD's teachers. She noted that through the past Superintendent transitions and during this one, teachers, administrators and support staff are vital to creating consistency and stability and ensuring that high-quality teaching and learning continue for students.

Dr. Sautner also stated that over the next 3-6 months, the Board will work to find a new leader who will focus on curriculum, instruction and moving initiatives forward. A search firm will be hired and school teams at all levels will be engaged in the process, as will members of the community.

She added that the Board is devoted to moving initiatives such as LMSD Smart Start and Universal Full-Day Kindergarten, as well as finding a next leader who will be committed to those programs' long-term success.

Finally, she urged the community not only to share their thoughts about qualities they'd like to see in the next superintendent with the Board, but also to remember to celebrate students in the coming weeks, as they move toward promotions and graduations.

Ms. Kalish reiterated that community should begin to think about the leadership qualities they'd like to see in the next superintendent.

Dr. Ridky noted that it will be more important to conduct a quality search than a speedy search. He also said that the search will encompass internal, regional and national candidates.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

During audience recognition, District residents commented on the following topics, in-person and via the chat feature on Zoom.

- Question about an interim superintendent.
 - Dr. Sautner replied that Dr. Yanni remains in the position, that a determination about who may replace him on an interim basis is underway and that information about that person will be shared with the community once it is decided.
- Support for the Board during this process.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Board Meetings will be held at in the DAO Board Room at the times listed:

- Monday, May 20 Regular Business Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings will be held in the DAO Board Room (and livestreamed) unless noted otherwise:

- May 16 Facilities/Purchasing @ 8:30 AM
- May 24 Finance @ 8:30 AM **on Zoom**
- May 29 Communications @ 7:00 PM **on Zoom**

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