

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN 49783
SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
Phone 906/635-6609

Minutes – Thursday, July 16, 2020

19. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. via Zoom at <https://eupschools.zoom.us/j/95849140040> or Dial In: +1 646 876 9923

A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD

Board Members Present: Daniel L. Smith, Christy M. Curtis, Melissa S. Pingatore, Jay D. Wilson, Martin R. Wolski, Joseph A. Cochran

Absent: None

Upon inquiry from Member Curtis, President Smith confirmed Superintendent Hall will ask the candidates questions.

20. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Wolski, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education move to adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Smith, Curtis, Pingatore, Cochran, Wolski, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

21. **A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

22. **B. INTERVIEW AND APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER –
President Smith**

INTERVIEWS

Superintendent Hall individually introduced each of the following candidates: Mrs. Lisa Young, Mrs. Caitlin Galer, Dr. Shane Woolever, Dr. Ray DeWitt, and Mr. Dennis McShane.

Superintendent Hall explained there were two resignations on the original 6-year seat that led to the open appointment. He stated the appointee will serve through December 31, 2020. He further noted the July 21 deadline with the County Clerk for anyone who was interested in seeking election for the remaining 2 years of the term.

Superintendent Hall reviewed the interview process and presented 14 questions to each candidate.

After each interview, the candidate was placed in the waiting room until all interviews were complete.

Upon inquiry, individual board members shared some of their most challenging and rewarding experiences were in serving on the school board.

At 7:10 p.m., Superintendent Hall brought all the candidates in from the waiting room.

BOARD DISCUSSION

President Smith opened the meeting up for comments and discussion.

Member Wolski reported a couple of candidates stood out to him, but there were no negatives among any of them, and anyone of them would be a good choice.

Member Curtis reported all of the candidates were strong and knowledgeable of what is going on with the district. She stated it is important to have community involvement and hopes they all of them would run in the election.

Member Pingatore stated she was impressed with how some of the candidates educated with the district. She also noted it is import to understand the role of the board member.

Member Cochran stated there were a few who stood out to him, but it is going to be difficult to narrow the candidates down.

Member Wilson indicated all of the candidates did an amazing job, but Mrs. Young's attendance at a lot of previous board meetings shows she has the experience the board needs.

President Smith stated he concurs with everyone that each of the candidates did a fantastic job, but he needs to seek a motion.

MOTION

It was moved by Member Wolski, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Young to the Board of Education to fill the June 30, 2020, vacancy of Esther L. Proulx.

Yeas: Curtis, Pingatore, Cochran, Smith, Wolski, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Lisa Young was appointed to the Board.

The Board thanked all of the candidates and encouraged them to stay involved and seek election on the November ballot.

Dr. Hall confirmed the Board was not planning to go into closed session.

Dr. Hall indicated he would contact Mrs. Young to schedule a new member informational meeting.

23. ***III. ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business to come before the Board at 7:22 p.m., it was moved by Member Wolski, supported by Member Wilson, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Pingatore, Cochran, Curtis, Smith, Wolski, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Daniel L. Smith, President

Melissa S. Pingatore, Board Secretary

Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary