

SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
14 Vogt Drive  
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Special Meeting  
May 26, 2022

Call to Order

Mr. Hyncik called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with the following board of education members.

Roll Call of Members

William Hyncik, Jr., President  
Gregory Lalevee, Vice President  
Nadine Wilkins  
Randell Burch, absent  
Roger Jinks

Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Ch. 231, P.L. 1975 and published in The Courier News on May 24, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Hyncik stated that the purpose of this meeting was to appoint a new Superintendent. The Board of Education functioned as a committee of the hole for the superintendent search committee. All members that were available participated in the interview process. We had an excellent candidate pool. There were 32 applications that were very strong applicants consisting of 10 superintendents, one acting superintendent, three assistant superintendent, six curriculum directors, one executive director, five principals, two supervisors and four candidates that were not eligible because they were from out of state and did not have the appropriate certifications. Three of the candidates indicated that this was the only job that they were interested in leaving their current district for.

We narrowed down the pool of candidates to eight, consisting of four superintendence, one acting superintendent, two directors and one principal. The first round went very well. The committee was so impressed that they could only reduce the pool down to five candidates. We invited those five candidates back for a second round of interviews and at the end of the second round, the finalist was clear and it was a unanimous decision to appoint Mr. Robert Presuto as our next superintendent.

On motion by Mr. Lalevee, seconded by Ms. Wilkins, the Board approved to offer employment and execute a letter of intent for the position of Superintendent of Schools to Robert Presuto.

Salary, benefits and terms of contract to be negotiated. Upon agreement, an employment contract will be presented to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Hyncik	X	
Mr. Lalevee	X	
Ms. Wilkins	X	
Mr. Burch	absent	
Mr. Jinks	X	

Remarks from the Public - Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, the Board President or Superintendent may address the comment. There

may be times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about personnel or hiring decisions. New Jersey Statutes do not permit the Board to discuss personnel issues in Public Session.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Vocational Board of Education of the County of Somerset that:

- A. This Board will go into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters within the provisions of 7A(11)c231.
- B. The general nature of matters to be discussed relates to personnel matters. Action may or may not be taken.
- C. Under the provisions of the above stated laws, the public shall be excluded from attendance at the portion of the meeting relating to the above matters.
- D. It is anticipated that the items discussed will be made public when the matters discussed are resolved.

#### Closed Session

On motion by Mr. Lalevee, seconded by Ms. Wilkins and passed, the Board of Education went into closed session at 3:36 p.m.

#### Open Session

On motion by Mr. Lalevee, seconded by Ms. Wilkins and passed, the Board of Education went into open session at 3:49 p.m.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Lalevee, seconded by Mr. Wilkins and passed, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Raelene Sipple  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary