



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE
HAZEL PARK SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

May 14, 2024

I. Special Board Meeting Called to Order - A Special Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President George Ehlert at 4:25 pm on May 14, 2024, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

II. Roll Call –Board Secretary Connie Williams called the roll.

Present: Board Members George Ehlert, Theresa Rich, Marc Katz, Connie Williams, Steven Gottlieb

Superintendent Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson and Deputy Superintendent Kenneth Gutman were present, along with Sherry McMillan, Executive Director of Legal Affairs.

III. Statement of Purpose of the Meeting - Board President made the following statement:

“In accordance with MCL 168.311, “... if a local school board is unable to fill a vacancy on a local board within 30 days after it occurs, the intermediate school district board of education must fill the vacancy by appointment. At a meeting held on May 1, 2024, the Oakland Schools Board of Education approved the process to fill the vacancy on the Hazel Park Schools Board of Education and scheduled a special meeting to be held on May 14, 2024 to interview applicants.”

IV. Applicant Interviews – The Board President explained the interview process to each candidate before each individual interview began.

Interviews to fill the vacancy on the Hazel Park Schools Board of Education were held with the following individuals:

- Dennis White
- Charles Hemple

The Board President recessed the meeting at 5:05 pm.

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The Board President reconvened the meeting at 5:14 pm.

The interviews to fill the vacancy on the Hazel Parks Schools Board of Education resumed with the following individuals:

- Audrey Yates
- Nathan Becker
- Nancy Cepeda

The Board President recessed the meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Board President reconvened the meeting at 6:14 pm. The interviews to fill the vacancy on the Hazel Parks Schools Board of Education resumed with the following individuals:

- Marrianna Dilorenzo
- April Beaton
- Laura Adkins

Board President Ehlert stated that Rachel Zivojnovity and Artismessia Drake were not in attendance and therefore, would not be considered to fill the vacancy.

V. Visitor Comments

- Marrianna Dilorenzo suggested that the Oakland Schools Board of Education appoint someone who has not served on the Hazel Park Schools Board of Education in the past.

VI. Discussion by Oakland Schools Board of Education – Discussion ensued among the Board.

VII. Motion to Fill Vacancy Via Appointment

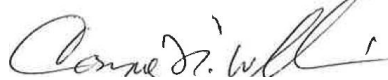
It was moved by Board Treasurer Katz, with the support of Trustee Gottlieb, to appoint April Beaton to the Hazel Park Schools Board of Education. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – no Rich – no Williams – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes

Motion Passed 3/2

VIII. Adjournment – The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Approved on: May 28, 2024



Connie Williams, Board Secretary