

Special School Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
1/16/2025

Present: Director Truscott, Director Fleurkens, Director Sainsbury, Director Adams, Ken Murray

**1. Call to Order**

Director Adams called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Flag Salute**

Director Adams asked all present to stand for the flag salute.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no individuals signed in to speak to the board.

**4. Closed Executive Session**

Director Adams closed the regular meeting at 4:01 pm to go into a closed executive session to evaluate the performance of a public employee and consider their promotion (Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)). The board plans to reconvene in open session at approximately 5:00 pm. No action will be taken during this executive session.

**5. Reconvene Open Meeting**

Director Adams reconvened the regular meeting at 5:02 pm. He asked for a motion for the appointment of the superintendent. Director Fleurkens made the motion that the Ephrata School District Board of Directors approve the appointment of Ken Murray as Superintendent of Ephrata School District for a term of three years, pending successful negotiation of contract terms. Director Truscott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, with the results as follows: Director Truscott: Aye, Director Fleurkens: Aye, Director Sainsbury: Nay, Director Adams: Aye. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

## **6. Break 5-6 pm**

The Board recessed for a dinner break from 5:05 PM to 6:00 PM. The break was extended beyond the originally advertised time due to a couple of candidates removing their names from consideration, which necessitated adjustments to the Board's schedule.

## **7. Board Director Candidate Interviews - 6:00 pm**

The Board conducted interviews from 6:00 - 7:18 pm. Candidates interviewed were:

- Justina Heflin
- Dave Helvey
- Casey Devine

## **8. Closed Executive Session - 15 Minutes**

The Board entered a closed Executive Session at 7:19 PM to discuss the qualifications of Board Director candidates, as permitted under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The Board announced that the session would last 15 minutes, with a provision to extend the session if needed, which would be communicated to the public. No action was taken during this Executive Session.

## **9. Reconvene Open Meeting**

Director Adams reconvened the open meeting at 7:35 PM and requested a recommendation to appoint one of the candidates to the open Director position. Director Truscott made a motion to appoint Casey Devine to the open Director position. The motion was seconded by Director Sainsbury. A roll call vote was conducted with the following results: Director Truscott: Aye, Director Fleurkens: Aye, Director Sainsbury: Aye, Director Adams: Aye The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

## **10. Adjournment**

Director Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.