School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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February 5th, 2025

I. **5:00 P.M. Open Forum: N/A Special Meeting**

II. A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Eden Valley-Watkins Media Center with Board Chair Jay Brovold, Members Ben Stommes, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Christina DeRose, Charli Magedanz, Nathan Haag, and Business Manager Alisa Woolcott present. Call meeting to order @ 5:10

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Agenda approved on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Jen Evens.

V. Board Chair, Jay Brovold, called the meeting to order and introduced Barb Dorn, MSBA, who went through the processes and procedures with the board on how to conduct the first round of interviews for the Eden Valley–Watkins superindendency.

VI. Barb Dorn with MSBA provided the Board interview question packets and reviewed how the board members should go about keeping notes and recording their assessment to each candidates' responses to the interview questions.

VII. Interviews:

1. 5:15 pm: Trish Perry – Superintendent Foley
2. 6:00 pm: Joel Baumgarten – Superintendent BLHS
3. 7:00 pm: Jason Mielke – Secondary Principal Albany

At 8:00 pm 2nd round interviews concluded. Barb submitted the interview question assessments provided to her after each interview from the board members. While that information was being processed, the board got feedback from staff members that were in attendance. After the board reflected on the information they received from Barb and went over the notes that each board member took during the interviews.

On a motion made by Christina DeRose the Board moves to extended an offer for the position of Eden Valley-Watkins Public Schools Superintendent to Joel Baumgarten contingent upon the following: that a mutually-agreeable employment contract is negotiated, and a criminal background check is completed with results acceptable to the school board. Motion seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Barb Dorn and Jay Brovold contacted Joel Baumgarten at this time to extend the offer of this position. Jay Brovold and Barb Dorn reported that Joel Baumgarten accepted the offer. Barb Dorn will contact the two other candidates that Eden Valley-Watkins Public Schools would not be presenting them an offer on employment. The news release will be sent to Tracey to put on the school website.

X. Thursday, February 6th the contract negotiation committee will start meeting with Joel to come to a mutual contract agreement so that a final contract can be approved at the February 19th regular Board meeting.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49p.m. on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK