

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Falcon Drive, Constantine, MI 49042

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2022, @ 6:00 PM - High School Media Center

Notice: Individuals wishing to express comments to the Board of Education will be able to do so during the designated Public Comment time.

I. The Board of Education Special Meeting was called to order by Burgess at 6:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Metzger- Present, Moord- Present, Rodewald- Present, Stamp- Present,
Salisbury- Present, Burgess- Present

Present: 6 Absent: 0

III. Pledge of Allegiance & Comments from Board President

Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to the special meeting. The announcement was made that interview candidate Cindy Hansen would not be in attendance and her name would be taken off the interview list.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Stamp and seconded by Salisbury, that the agenda for the Special Board of Education Meeting of August 15, 2022, be adopted as presented with modifications. Amendment that Cindy Hansen will not be in attendance and that an additional question to the candidates will be: do you have any questions for us the board.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Aye, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye,

Rodewald - Aye, Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

V. Interviews for Board of Education seat

A. Russell Schenk - No Show

B. Cindy Hansen - Sent an email stating not coming

C. Russell Reiff - interviewed at 6:32 pm

D. Ron Weston - interviewed at 6:17 pm

E. Jerry Gray - interviewed at 6:55 pm

Due to Russell Schenk not arriving at 6 pm for his interview the board went to Action items B, C, and D.

Ron Weston arrived prior to his interview time and he was then interviewed followed by Russell Reiff.

At the conclusion of Russell Reiff's interview the following motion was made by Stamp and seconded by Salisbury to take a 10 minute recess from 6:45 pm until 6:55 pm. All those in favor Aye, Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

Meeting resumed at 6:55 pm and the interview with Jerry Gray was held.

At the conclusion of the interviews Burgess asked the board to offer their comments about what they are looking for in the next board member.

Rodewald - Someone very strong in finance, and that would be direct and a good listener like Tyson Platz was.

Salisbury - Someone well blended in the financial area, question asker.

Metzger - Someone vested in the community, passionate for the community and accessible.

Moord - Everyone did a great job interviewing. It is so hard to understand the finance end of schools.

Stamp - We have to remember the person does not have to be on the finance committee, as Tyson was also on the facilities committee, always had good questions and had a good solid business background. Stamp shared the MASB recommendations on how to do the selection by awarding 2 points to your first choice and 1 point to your second choice with the names on a piece of paper and handing them to the board president. This is how the vote proceeded.

Burgess - Thanked everyone for attending and going through the interview process. He accepted the votes from Rodewald, Stamp, Moord, Salisbury and himself. Metzger abstained.

Unanimous vote Jerry Gray with 10 points, Ron Weston with 5 points. At that time Gray was added to Action Item A.

VI. Action Items

A. Moved by Stamp and seconded by Rodewald, to approve the appointment of Jerry Gray to the vacant seat on the Board of Education through December 31, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Abstain, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain

Comment was made by Burgess thanking Ron Weston and Russell Reiff for coming in and interviewing for the vacant position.

B. Moved by Salisbury and seconded by Rodewald, to approve the hiring of Wendy Elsey, Middle School ELA.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Aye, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

C. Moved by Salisbury and seconded by Rodewald, to approve the hiring of Candice Swanwick, High School Culinary Arts.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Aye, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

D. Moved by Salisbury and seconded by Rodewald, to approve the hiring of Audrey Borkholder, High School Science Teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Nay, Moord - Nay, Stamp - Nay, Rodewald - Nay, Salisbury - Nay, Burgess - Nay

Motion: Failed 0 Aye 6 Nay

Moved by Metzger and seconded by Moord, to approve the hiring of Audrey Borkholder, Middle School ELA Teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Aye, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye, Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

VII. Public Comment

Kyle Rimer - 10097 Miller's Mill Rd. Constantine MI. Grew up in the district, teacher, parent, alumnus of Constantine. He has been coming to BOE meetings for a long time at different times and will continue to come and encourage others to do the same and to continue to share thoughts and ideas. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Dale Wentela - 15130 N. Northpark Constantine MI. Community member and retired teacher from CPS, arrived in 1984 and worked in the district for 34 yrs. Would like to see Constantine people making decisions for Constantine and the district to continue to work to gain the trust of the public back. To please evaluate people and what they do not what they say, and to treat people with value.

VIII. Board Member Comment

Rodewald - Concerned about the cleanliness of Eastside school. Question, how do we monitor what materials stay and leave the classrooms when teachers leave the district.

Stamp - August 18, 2022 all building open houses, there will be board presence at each building. Question, do all of the employees have their job descriptions to match where they may have shifted to?

Moord - Thank you all for attending tonight's meeting. Thank you Amy Hall for running for the board vacancy in November.

Salisbury - Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting and for the social media postings.

Burgess - Reminder that there is a board work session this Saturday 9 am to 1 pm in the media center, there will be breakfast items and box lunches. Some topics of

discussion will be curriculum and safety. Thank you to everyone for coming in to interview and for all of the comments.

IX. Adjournment

Moved by Rodewald and seconded by Salisbury, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Metzger - Aye, Moord - Aye, Stamp - Aye, Rodewald - Aye,
Salisbury - Aye, Burgess - Aye

Motion: Carried 6 Aye 0 Nay

MaRinda Stamp
Board of Education Secretary