

January 9, 2026

The Emergency Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 11:00 A.M. on January 9, 2026, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Gabardi, Egan and Galatz.

Members Absent: Chair Berklich

Director McLaughlin served as Chair Pro-tem

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Galatz supported by Director Gabardi to approve the agenda for the Emergency Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Business:

DISCUSSION

The school board discussed the applications and interview questions for the acting superintendent.

RECESSED

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Galatz to recess the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN FROM RECESS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to return from recess at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST INTERVIEW

The school board conducted the first interview for the acting superintendent position.

RECESSED MEETING

Moved by Director Polcher, supported Director Galatz to recess the meeting at 1:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN FROM RECESS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to return from recess at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND INTERVIEW

The school board conducted the second interview for the acting superintendent position.

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CARRIE MCDONALD TO THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT POSITION PENDING A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the appointment of Carrie McDonald to the acting superintendent position pending a negotiated contract. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESSED MEETING

Moved by Director Polcher, supported Director Galatz to recess the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN FROM RECESS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to return from recess at 3:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT FOR CARRIE MCDONALD

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the acting superintendent contract for Carrie McDonald, effective January 9, 2026 – June 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

KIM MCLAUGHLIN, CHAIR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK