

**Board of Education
Official Proceedings
Special Board Meeting
May 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

President Zanotti called the Special Board Meeting of the Bay City Public Schools Board of Education to order on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 910 N. Walnut Street, Bay City, MI. The purpose of the special meeting was to conduct first round interviews for superintendent candidates.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bauer and recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

Those present were President Zanotti, Vice President Baird, Secretary Jeske, Treasurer Bauer and Trustees Helmling, Rademacher and Sepeda.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Trustee Baird requested that an additional item be added to the agenda. The item would be to authorize the president and the vice president to schedule a special board retreat/ workshop to bring to the Board for approval on the June 12, 2017 Board agenda. This will be Item E.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Rademacher made the motion, supported by Trustee Helmling, to approve the agenda as amended, with the additional agenda requested by Trustee Baird, to authorize the president and the vice president to schedule a special board retreat/ workshop to bring to the Board for approval on the June 12, 2017 Board agenda. Approved unanimously (7-0).

SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Mr. Rich Ramsey's opening comments for the Board were that the goal would be to reach a consensus at the end of the meeting for the top two or three candidates out of the five who will have been interviewed. Mr. Ramsey asked the board to be prepared following the final interview to list their top candidates; Mr. Ramsey would contact those candidates to invite them back for a second interview, which will take place next Monday, May 22nd.

Candidate Interviews were as follows:

- 1) Matthew Goebel, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Hastings Area School System
- 2) George Rierson, Superintendent, Union-Sebewaing Area School District

Following interviews, Mr. Ramsey shared that the Board has seen five applicants with varying skill sets. The task at hand is to whittle the applicant field down to two or three candidates who will be invited back to interview on Monday, May 22nd; the interview will include a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation.

The Board considered the five candidates. Only those candidates with four or more votes would be invited back for a second interview. Following discussion and a voting process, three candidates were selected for second round interviews on May 22nd. Stephen Bigelow (5:30 p.m.); George Rierson (6:30 p.m.); and Matthew Goebel (7:30 p.m.).

Mr. Ramsey wrapped up this portion of the meeting with instructions for board members on how to vet the final three candidates in researching each candidate's leadership styles, strengths, weaknesses, board relationships, etc. Board members were divided into teams for each team to vet one of the three candidates. Board teams will be asked to report their findings to the full board following the three second-round interviews on Monday, May 22nd so they can come to a consensus on their candidate selection.

ISD BOARD ELECTION RESOLUTION

The Board was asked to approve a resolution naming a delegate and an alternate delegate to attend and cast the Board's vote, at the Bay-Arenac ISD School Board election on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bay-Arenac ISD Educational Service Center. The Board was also asked to identify the two candidates they would like their vote cast for, each for a six-year term.

Trustee Helmling made the motion, supported by Trustee Rademacher, to appoint Trustee Baird as voting delegate, President Zanotti as voting alternate delegate, and Mr. Richard Kowalski and Mr. Douglas Newcombe as the candidates the Board would cast their vote for in the June 5, 2017 Bay-Arenac ISD Board Election.

Trustee Baird requested that the motion be amended to only include the delegate and the alternate delegate in the first motion and take a separate vote for the candidates the Bay City Public School Board would cast their vote for in the ISD Board Election.

Trustee Helmling amended her motion, supported by Trustee Baird, to appoint Trustee Baird as the voting delegate and President Zanotti as the voting alternate delegate for the June 5, 2017 Bay-Arenac ISD Board Election. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

The Board then took a separate vote to determine which two of the three candidates, Mr. Thomas Boetefuer, Mr. Richard Kowalski and Mr. Douglas Newcombe, the Board would cast their vote for in the June 5, 2017 Bay-Arenac ISD Board Election. The two candidates the Board decided to support are Richard Kowalski and Douglas Newcombe.

Trustee Sepeda made the motion, supported by Trustee Helmling, to vote for Richard Kowalski and Douglas Newcombe as representatives on the Bay-Arenac ISD Board of Education in the June 5, 2017 Board Election. Yeas: President Zanotti and Trustees Baird, Helmling, Jeske, Rademacher and Sepeda. Nays: Trustee Bauer. Motion passed (6-1). (Attachment A)

APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY BANK ACCOUNTS AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

The Board was asked to approve a change in authorized signatures, effective June 9, 2017, through the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. The change is to add the Assistant Director of Finance as an authorized signer for the District's various depositories/bank accounts, which requires two signatures. This action is needed due to the resignation of the Director of Finance, effective June 9, in order to continue operations for the District's various depositories/bank accounts.

Trustee Helmling made the motion, supported by Trustee Bauer, to approve the requested addition in signature authorizations, adding the Assistant Director of Finance for the District's Depositories/Bank Accounts, effective June 9, 2017. Approved unanimously (7-0). (Attachment B)

TEMPOARY PAYROLL AND FINANCE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH BAY-ARENAC ISD

The Board was asked to approve an agreement with the Bay-Arenac ISD for the provision of temporary Payroll and Finance support services to the District. Payroll and Finance currently have vacancies that require a specific accounting and payroll knowledge that the ISD could provide.

Trustee Helmling made the motion, supported by Trustee Sepeda, to approve the agreement with the Bay-Arenac ISD to provide temporary support to the District for Payroll and Finance services. Approved unanimously (7-0). (Attachment C)

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO SCHEDULE A LOCAL BOARD RETREAT/WORKSHOP TO PRESENT FOR APPROVAL AT THE JUNE 12, 2017 MEETING

This items was added as "Item E" at Changes to the Agenda per a request by Trustee Baird. Trustee Baird made a motion to authorize the President and Vice President to schedule a local board retreat/workshop to bring to the full Board for approval at the June 12, 2017 Regular meeting. Motion failed due to lack of support.

SECOND CALL TO AUDIENCE

Rick Meeth, President of the Bay City Education Association, 1483 S. Valley Center Dr., Bay City, addressed the Board related to the Superintendent Search stating that another option would be to do nothing and name an interim if no candidate stands out. He further offered MEA services to provide contact information for board members in vetting the final three candidates.

Thomas Baird, Board Vice President, 1407 Taylor St., Bay City, addressed the Board stating his disappointment that he had no support related to his request to authorize himself and the board president to schedule a board retreat/workshop. The Board reiterated their response to his previous requests that they are interested in doing this once the new superintendent is in place.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine A. Jeske, Secretary
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