

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes – Special Board Meeting
April 17, 2024

The Board of Education met on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Griffin Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Streng. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Streng, Eickholt, Holt, Baker, Boyd, Treutler and Stack Absent:

Also present: Dawn Kelley, MASB Assistant Director of Executive Search Services Jay Bennet and approximately 40 audience members.

17-621 Trustee Eickholt moved that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Public Comment: None

The purpose of the special meeting was to interview three of the six candidates for the position of superintendent.

President Streng introduced the first candidate, Scott Smith, Ed.S., Superintendent, Cedar Springs Public Schools, MI. After answering prepared questions from the board, Mr. Smith was given the opportunity to ask questions of the board and share a closing statement. The interview concluded at 6:54pm

The board took a short recess and reconvened at 7:02pm.

President Streng introduced the second candidate, Jason Reinecke, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent of Human Services, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, MI. After answering prepared questions from the board, Mr. Reinecke was given the opportunity to ask questions of the board and share a closing statement. The interview concluded at 7:52.

The board took a short recess and reconvened at 8:00pm.

President Streng introduced the third candidate, Kristin Perkowski, MA, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Traverse City Area Public Schools, MI. After answering prepared questions from the board, Ms. Perkowski was given the opportunity to ask questions of the board and share a closing statement. The interview concluded at 8:54pm.

The board took a recess in order to review the audience feedback forms that were collected after each interview this evening. The board reconvened at 9:44pm.

Jay Bennett facilitated gathering input from each board member regarding this evening's candidate's interviews. Taking into consideration the interviews on April 16, Jay asked board members to verbally share their top three (3) candidates, not in any particular order. The board was in consensus to bring back three (3) candidates for second round interviews. Jay reviewed the process for second round interviews which will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Grand Haven High School beginning at 5:30pm. Second round interviews will include meet and greet open houses prior to the start of interviews.

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Depending upon the candidate's schedules, there may be a short district tour as well prior to interviews. Candidates will provide a 7-8 minute presentation about how they incorporate student voice in their decision making process at the start of their interview.

17-622 Trustee Boyd made a motion to move forward with three final candidates of Scott Smith, Jason Reinecke and Kristin Perkowski.

Trustee Eickholt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

There being no further action on agenda items at this time, President Streng adjourned the meeting at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Stack, Secretary
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