

**GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Minutes – Special Board Meeting**  
**April 23, 2024**

The Board of Education met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm at Grand Haven High School.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

**17-627** Trustee Eickholt moved that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

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

Public Comment: Mac Davis spoke on the importance of the board's decision in hiring a superintendent and the importance of public education in our society today.

The purpose of the special meeting was to interview the three (3) finalists for superintendency. Audience members can fill out feedback forms along with question cards for each interview. They will be collected and distributed to the board.

President Streng introduced the first candidate, Kristin Perkowski, MA, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Traverse City Area Public Schools, MI. To begin the interview, Ms. Perkowski gave a presentation on how she would incorporate student voice in the decision making process. She then answered prepared questions from the board along with ad lib follow-up questions from board members as well as written questions from audience members. The interview concluded at 6:59pm.

The board took a short recess and reconvened at 7:05pm.

President Streng introduced the second candidate, Jason Reinecke, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent of Human Services, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, MI. To begin the interview, Mr. Reinecke gave a presentation on how he would incorporate student voice in the decision making process. He then answered prepared questions from the board along with ad lib follow-up questions from board members as well as written questions from audience members. The interview concluded at 8:27pm.

The board took a short recess and reconvened at 8:37pm.

President Streng introduced the third candidate, Scott Smith, Ed.S., Superintendent, Cedar Springs Public Schools, MI. To begin the interview, Mr. Smith gave a presentation on how he would incorporate student voice in the decision making process. He then answered prepared questions from the board along with ad lib follow-up questions from board members as well as written questions from audience members. The interview concluded at 10:01pm

The board took a short recess and reconvened at 10:22pm.

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Jay Bennett facilitated gathering input from each board member regarding this evening's candidate's interviews. After hearing input from each board member, the board discussed they needed more time to reflect on the two rounds of interviews, fully review the feedback forms and digest input received from staff, parents and community members. Jay briefly walked the board through what a special meeting to select a candidate for superintendency would entail.

Chris Streng, Board President recommended the Board meet for a special board meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Education Service Center.

**17-628** Trustee Eickholt moved to hold a special meeting to select a new superintendent on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Education Service Center.

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

There being no further action on agenda items at this time, President Streng adjourned the meeting at 11:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Stack, Secretary  
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