



Board of Education

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Call to Order and Roll Call

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of September 3, 2020, held via Zoom conferencing, to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Brian Maye, Gerald McCluskey, Rachael Rothrauff, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Member Jennifer Kobus joined at 7:45 p.m. Absent: None.

Community Comments

Any community member who wished to address the Board was to send an email to Superintendent Aumiller with their questions or comments and the email would be read at the meeting. President Kowalczyk read correspondence from eight people. Comments varied with one person happy with remote, another saying the teachers should be able to work from home, and another saying the hours were too long for a child to be online. There was an email commenting that the district should hire a diverse staff and a couple others said the Board of Education meetings should be held in-person. The majority of the comments were about in-person instruction for students. Another comment was that the am/pm hybrid model made the most sense for students to return to in-person instruction. Someone stated that the original survey about students returning or remote showed 59% of families wanted in-person and was wondering why that did not happen. President Kowalczyk commented that the decision to go to remote learning was because District 57 could not do social distancing in the schools. She said the decision was made for the safety of staff and students.

President Kowalczyk asked Mr. Mark Fijor, Director of Technology, about Zoom bombings. Mr. Fijor said we have not had any Zoom bombings and that we have taken all recommended Zoom steps to prevent it. He said with the steps we have taken and resources, if problems do happen, we should be able to solve them.

Superintendent Search Firm Presentations

President Kowalczyk acknowledged representatives from three search firms that could be used for the superintendent search. The three presentations were from

- 1) GovHR USA, Dr. Beth Sagett-Flores and Dr. Jean Sophie
- 2) School Exec Connect, Dr. Harry Rossi
- 3) BWP and Associates, Dr. Mark Friedman, Dr. Anne Noland, and Dr. Bruce Brown

Each firm furnished their background and explained the process that would be used to help the Board select the next superintendent for District 57. The representatives answered questions from the Board. President Kowalczyk thanked each of the presenters and explained that the Board would be discussing the search firms at the next meeting on September 24 and make a decision which firm to use.

Closed Session

President Kowalczyk said there was no need for Closed Session.


Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Fay, to adjourn the meeting.


Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Fay, Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Virginia Webster, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: September 24, 2020