

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Fleischman, Chair called the meeting to order (6:30 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Fleischman, Chair, Mr. Dan Cowan, Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary; Mr. Jeff Hughes, Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Vice Chair; Dr. David Ross, Ms. Joyce Shavers, Dr. Michael Strambler and Dr. Jeffrey Townsend.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Cheryl Mammen, Special Services Director; Al Pullo, Director of Business Operations/Services; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Doreen Merrill, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mary Broderick, CABA Search Consultant; Sandy Stein, BOS Liaison; Tom Handler, BOF Liaison; Nicole Chick, Larissa Crocco, Maria DePalma, Kim Franklin, Peter Halsey, Louise Golden, Kris Hart-Rooney, Bill Letsch, Aimee Meacham, Theresa Nakouzi, Lori Patrick, Nicole Rizzo, Nancy Smerekanicz, Cathy Zdrowski, Teachers; Wendy Glynn, Teacher Assistant; Pua Ford, Lee Nakouzi and Russ Sherman, community.

The Board entered Executive Session to review a personnel recommendation from the Superintendent and the CABA Search Consultant for appointment of a building principal.

MOTION #1 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move that we enter Executive Session to discuss with Analisa Sherman appointment of the Beecher Road School Building Principal position (6:31 PM).

Mr. Cowan
Second by Dr. Ross
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mary Broderick, CABA Search Consultant.

The Board received an update from Ms. Broderick and Superintendent Gilbert regarding the Search Committee process and recommendation for the BRS Building Principal position.

MOTION #2 – PUBLIC SESSION

Move that we return to Public Session (6:49 PM).

Ms. Piascyk
Second by Ms. Genovese
UNANIMOUS

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MOTION #3 – APPOINTMENT OF BRS BUILDING PRINCIPAL (SHERMAN)

Analisa Sherman was appointed Acting Principal for the 2019-20 school year. Move that we remove "acting" from her title and appoint her Principal of Beecher Road School effective February 24, 2020.

Ms. Piascyk
Second by Ms. Genovese
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Ms. Sherman extended a sincere thank you to the Board for giving her this opportunity. Ms. Sherman noted she was lucky to learn with an amazing staff that has also been tremendously supportive throughout the entire process. She believed this was opportunity was a privilege. It was a tricky summer transition and everyone was remarkably kind. Credit was extended to Marie Lowney, her third grade teacher, because that is when she decided she wanted to be a teacher. Ms. Sherman was incredibly grateful and considered it an honor and a special gift to be the principal of such a wonderful school.

It was noted that Ms. Sherman is the first BRS graduate to also serve as the Principal of Beecher Road School.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (6:54 PM)
Ms. Piascyk
Second by Ms. Genovese
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board