FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Education
held on December 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Forest Hills Board of Education held a special meeting on December 6, 2022, at the Forest Hills Administration Building. President Callahan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Callahan, Fauson, Terryn, Vonck, Meloche-Gregory (left at 4:03 p.m.), Michaud, Covelle (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Vonck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting was held to conduct Superintendent Behm's evaluation.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING BOARD SECRETARY

Due to the absence of Member Covelle at the start of the meeting, Member Vonck will serve as acting secretary for this meeting.

BYLAW 2404

Superintendent Behm discussed the board vacancy created as a result of the November 2022 General Election and the need to suspend the bylaw to fill the vacancy in a timely manner.

Motion by Member Vonck, second by Member Terryn, that the Forest Hills Board of Education adopt the Resolution to suspend Bylaw 2404 until December 31, 2022, to allow the School Board to fill a School Board vacancy without following the Bylaw's procedures.

Ayes: Fauson, Meloche-Gregory, Terryn, Vonck, Callahan

Nays:

Motion carried by 5-0 Roll Call vote.

(**NOTE:** The resolution, as adopted, may be found in the Board Reference File, which is located in the Superintendent's Office, and identified as **Ref. No. 22-12/6-A.**)

BOARD VACANCY CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT

Motion by Fauson, second by Member Meloche Gregory, that the Forest Hills Board of Education appoint Christopher (CJ) Michaud to fill the Board vacancy for the duration of the term until December 31, 2022.

Ayes: Fauson, Meloche-Gregory, Terryn, Vonck, Callahan

Nays:

Motion carried by 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Mr. Michaud accepted the appointment and took the Oath of Office. He was then seated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Member Meloche-Gregory, second by Member Fauson, that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Superintendent Behm and Consultant Jim Ayres provided an update on the district's strategic planning process. Discussion followed regarding process and the next steps. Superintendent Behm expressed appreciation to President Callahan and Jim Ayres for leading the process.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Member Covelle, second by Member Vonck, that the Board of Education move into closed session to conduct the superintendent evaluation. Hearing no objections, the regular session dismissed to closed session at 4:03 p.m.

Member Meloche-Gregory left the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Member Terryn left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

President Callahan returned the meeting to open session at 5:28 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Behm shared the administrative team will be focusing on safety and security at their next meeting. The district has been evaluating and updating our risk assessment tools.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

There was no additional board communication.

CLOSING REMARKS

There were no additional remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Vonck, second by Member Covelle, that the Board adjourn. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Vonck, Acting Secretary
Forest Hills Board of Education