FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Education
held on March 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Forest Hills Board of Education held a special meeting on March 19, 2024, at the Fine Arts Center. President Fauson called the special meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Fauson, Vonck, Covelle, Michaud, Terryn, DeBoer, Ninemeier

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Covelle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting was held to conduct superintendent candidate interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Dave Killips, Michigan Leadership Institute, provided an overview for the format of the interviews.

The board interviewed Benjamin Kirby, Superintendent, Lake Orion Community Schools.

At 6:27 p.m., the board took a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 6:42 p.m.

The board interviewed Dr. Gary Kinzer, Superintendent, Mason Public Schools.

REVIEW OF WRITTEN INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

The board reviewed the written input from the audience regarding the candidates.

BOARD DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF FINALIST

President Fauson thanked everyone involved in the superintendent search process for the investment of their time.

Mr. Killips discussed the next phase of the selection process.

President Fauson thanked Mr. Killips for bringing forth excellent candidates.

After board discussion and deliberation, Member DeBoer made a motion to hire Benjamin Kirby as the next superintendent of Forest Hills Public Schools, contingent upon successful contract negotiations. Member Terryn supported the motion.

Ayes: Michaud, Ninemeier, DeBoer, Vonck, Covelle, Fauson, Terryn

Nays: None

The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Following the vote, Mr. Killips contacted the candidates and then shared Mr. Kirby accepted the offer.

The next step will be for the board to begin contract negotiations with Mr. Kirby.

The board thanked Mr. Killips for his assistance with the process.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member DeBoer shared a fun time was had at the recent Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation Neon Trivia Night.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fauson inquired if there was other business of the Board. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Terryn, Secretary
Forest Hills Board of Education