

March 9, 2021 Meeting:

For Board Action: Vote to Approve five voting members to the board's ad-hoc Community-Based Finance Committee

Executive Summary:

Following the board's approval of the committee's formation Feb. 9, 2021, we invited community members to apply to be part of the committee. The board received 10 applications, all from talented Shorewood residents who offer a range of expertise in business, finance, education, budgeting, nonprofit development and project management.

Last week we conducted brief interviews with all ten applicants, and are recommending the following individuals as voting members:

Maxine Webb
James Robinson, Jr.
Heather Heaviland
Eric Derpinghaus
Nat Davauer

We tried to choose five people who have a wide range of experiences and skills and who are interested in nurturing our district's financial health as a way to best serve our students. These five individuals have a variety of degrees and are accomplished leaders within their professions. One is a local business owner, and in many cases they are parents to young children attending schools in the Shorewood School District. We were impressed at their sincere desire to understand the public school budget process, our district's financial situation, the choices our board has before us, and to serve our district and community.

If approved, these five will join the two of us in voting to approve committee agenda items and ultimately, any recommendations to the full board.

The other five applicants who also showed a strong desire to contribute and serve have been invited to join committee meetings as non-voting members, and we hope they do. We believe all ten people offered unique experience and expertise that could benefit future committee discussions. We have invited them to join us for our community budget meeting next week as well, and we hope to gather as a committee either this week or next for our kickoff.

-Emily Berry and Clarke Warren

Link to Committee description:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D7-9_YdGaA1d7J3TN8CveJalcybTcb-Lm6XnpsrFCYE/e/dit