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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Wenhardt called this meeting to order - 6:30 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by: Mr. Jacob Boyle

III. ATTENDANCE

Board Members, Mrs. Leslie Wenhardt, Mrs. Eve Patterson, Mr. Clint Wiltbank, and Mr. Brent Overson; Superintendent Mr. Larry Heap; Finance Director Mr. Jacob Boyle; Board Executive Secretary Mrs. Tanya Sparks, and H.S. Assistant Principal Mr. Dave Bradshaw were in attendance

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Governing Board may meet in Executive Session to have discussion regarding applicants who interviewed for District Superintendent pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A [1].

Motion/Second to adjourn into Executive Session

Motion-Mr. Wiltbank; 2nd-Mrs. Patterson; unanimous

Those to be in Executive Session: Board Members, Mrs. Leslie Wenhardt, Mrs. Eve Patterson, Mr. Clint Wiltbank and Mr. Brent Overson. ASBA Consultant Mr. Steve Highland (Possibly by phone

Adjourned into Executive Session: 6:35pm

V. OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board will discuss and may consider offering a candidate an opportunity to enter into contract negotiations for the position of District Superintendent

Back in open session – 9:40pm

Mrs. Wenhardt began by saying this was a very difficult decision. It took a lot of time and discussion. We have a lot of appreciation for everyone that applied. There were many great candidates which made this so difficult.

Mrs. Patterson said she appreciates all the discussion there has been from the community and with our staff. It really made things easier for her. She appreciates all the interest in the position. It has been difficult.

Mr. Wiltbank said in the term and a half that he's been on the school board, he hasn't had as much community interest as this one decision has been. There hasn't been a day in the last three weeks where he hasn't had 5, 6 or even 7 people come into the feed store with their opinion. He really appreciates the community and their concern and for their thoughts and for

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knowing how heavy this decision is. He appreciates the phone calls. It hasn't been easy. We've had in his opinion, the highest quality of candidates apply for this position. It has made the decision very difficult. As you can tell a lot of discussion has been made. Not one stone has been left unturned in the decision making.

Mr. Overson said, thinking back on all the comments that have been made, the reason discussions have taken so long is because we've gone back and forth and we haven't all agreed. We talked through candidates from every angle. We knit-picked and built on positives and really tried hard to come to a consensus to pick the person who we feel is best for this district at this point. He feels comfortable they've put the effort in and given it their best.

Motion/Second to offer Mr. Ed Burgoyne an opportunity to enter into contract negotiations for the position of District Superintendent

Motion-Mr. Wiltbank; 2nd – Mrs. Patterson

Discussion:

Mr. Overson – This wasn't easy.

Mr. Wiltbank – As he mentioned before, this was the highest quality of applicants and we appreciate their concern for the district and the direction they wanted to take.

Those in favor: Mr. Wiltbank; Mrs. Patterson; and Mrs. Wenhardt

Opposed: Mr. Overson

Motion passes

Mr. Wiltbank asked if we could make an assignment of who can take care of the contract negotiations. Do we need a motion?

Mr. Overson said we discussed before this all this started that our Board President would be the point person that handles the negotiations with our new Superintendent. We should continue with that.

Motion/Second to invite Board President Jim Zieler to head up negotiations.

Motion – Mr. Overson; 2nd – Mr. Wiltbank; unanimous

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the June 3, 2014 Special Board Meeting

Motion –Mrs. Patterson; 2nd –Mr. Wiltbank; unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 pm

Board Approved June 5, 2014

Board President_____ Date_____