

6/21/16: Special Meeting Vote on the Elementary Principal

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 3:47 PM

Attendees: Board Chair: Aimee Genna, Board members: Kelly Coddling, Mae Lyons, Keith Atchinson, Joan Trivella and Superintendent Dr. Berry. Eric Anderson joined the meeting via FaceTime due to being out of town.

Attendees: Approximately 9 people in the audience.

- Meeting called to order at 3:47pm
- Aimee asked Dr. Berry for her recommendation for the Elementary School Principal. Dr. Berry recommends the person who is already doing the job, Denise Nault due to her experience from January until today.
- Dr. Berry stated that Mrs. Nault had been offered a similar job in a separate school district and is concerned about losing her.
- Dr. Berry made her statement, then left the meeting at 3:53pm to prepare for the 8th grade graduation taking place this evening.
- Eric Anderson voted for Shelley Michaud
- Joan Trivella voted for Denise Nault
- Keith Atchinson voted for Shelley Michaud
- Kelly Coddling voted for Shelley Michaud
- Mae Lyons voted for Denise Nault
- Aimee Genna elected to abstain from voting.
- Aimee stated that if she were to vote, it would produce a 3/3 split which would cause the BoE to have to go back to open the job search up again for more candidates.
- Aimee followed by saying that there were 3 principal positions open in our surrounding area right now and that she was concerned there was too much competition out there for principal jobs for us to start the process over. She prefers to fill our position now with the way the voting went rather than start over.
- Aimee said she will send the votes to Dr. Berry to allow her to send an offer out to Shelley Michaud.
- Aimee asked for a motion to adjourn. Kelly made the motion. There wasn't a second. Keith stated that he was confused and not comfortable adjourning at this time.
- Discussion ensued.
- Joan referred to and read the policy regarding the hiring of the school principals and that the principals who are hired are typically done by the superintendent.
- Aimee made a counter point that the policy also states that the Board has the right to overrule the recommendation of the superintendent.
- Discussion continued around confusion as to what the next steps
- Keith said he was not comfortable continuing this discussion in public due to the need to reference private Board communications and made a motion to adjourn. There wasn't a second.
- Rick Ives pointed out from the audience that the Board has already voted.
- Keith made another motion to adjourn. Kelly seconds. All in favor.
- Meeting is adjourned at 4:15pm.

Meeting notes submitted by Keith Atchinson, Board Secretary.

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