

Special Board Meeting – May 5, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a special meeting on May 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, Sharon Songstad, Kathy Grewell, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams. Also present was Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Guests included Jason Stene, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Toni Atkins, Jennifer Ingraham, Christine Bergum, Stacie Nardinger, Jodi Milton, Mike Creeden and Lacy Bangert.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure for public comment.

III. Personnel

a. Superintendent Candidate Interviews— Introductions occurred and interview procedures were explained. Each candidate received a copy of the interview questions, and the interviews commenced. At the end, there was allowance for each candidate to ask questions of the Board. The Board interviewed John Bach and Clark Begger.

Dawn Blain asked if there was any public comment. Mike Creeden offered public comment regarding the Board’s procedure for hiring a superintendent. Those individuals who offered public comment in favor of hiring Mr. Begger included: Amanda Dinsdale, Gloria Hardy (via email to the Board); Lacy Bangert, Ken Adams, Stacie Nardinger, Jason Stene, Toni Atkins, Jenny Ingraham, Jodi Milton and Christine Bergum.

IV. Executive Session – Dawn Blain determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 8:36 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:51 p.m.

Melvin Stene made a motion to extend an offer of employment to Clark Begger for the superintendent position for the 2022-23 school year with a beginning salary of \$84,000 (subject to negotiation) and full family insurance. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment on the Board’s choice for superintendent and also the Board’s procedures. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

V. Adjournment

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

Approved 6-27-22

Clerk _____


Chairman Dawn Blain
