

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
December 21st, 2020
School Library
4:00 pm
Special Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Link: [See Lopez School District Website for Zoom Link](#)

Following the recommendation of the San Juan County Health Department and LISD school measures to control the coronavirus, public involvement in the meeting will be by computer or phone conference utilizing this link. Thank you for understanding the need for this measure.

Board Members present: Chair Poole, Vice Chair Guenther, C. Greacen, W. Stephenson

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Meeting called to order by Chair Poole at 4:00 pm. Flag salute led by Vice Chair Guenther.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Change order of Line Items a & b in New Business.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. ~~(b)~~ Approval of hiring:

1. Interim Elementary Principal-

Mary Fordham has been selected for the position.

2. First Grade Teacher

Megan Ramsey has accepted the first grade teacher position.

No approval of hiring was done due to contracts being unavailable for the meeting.

b. ~~(a)~~ Introduction of Superintendent applicants:

Three applicants introduced themselves as applicants for the superintendent position: Carl Bruner, Allen Bredy and Ken Axelson.

Carl Bruner spoke to introduce himself. He is retired from Mt Vernon School District in June after 16 years as superintendent. He has been involved in school systems for 20 years prior and has worked a broad spectrum of roles in the school system.

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Allen Bredy joined to speak of his experiences. He is a recently retired superintendent. He has worked as principal as well as international school principal in Singapore. He has worked at other US based international schools for 15 years.

Ken Axelson introduced himself and complimented the school's recent hire of Megan as first grade teacher. He has worked in school systems for 40 years. He has worked many rolls within the school. He has worked in Friday Harbor for 11 years and also worked on Lopez briefly before working at other schools including international schools.

V. BOARD ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

No items for discussion.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

The board moved into Executive Session at 4:22 pm and expected to return at about 6:20 pm.

The board returned from the Executive Session at 5:56 pm.

VII. ACTION ITEM:

- a. Hiring of Interim Superintendent

Board member Guenther made a motion to hire Carl Bruner for the 6 month Interim Superintendent position. The motion was seconded Board member Greacen.

Stephenson and Greacen expressed gratitude for the 3 very strong candidates and thanked them for their interest in applying.

The motion to hire Carl Bruner was unanimously approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by seconded by board member Greacen. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Poole at 5:58 pm.

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