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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. President Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Wendy Chynoweth, Rod Paavola & Charlie Klein

Absent: N/A

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023.

It is recommended by Acting Board Secretary Jordan to approve the submitted June 17, 2023 regular minutes. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Klein to approve the submitted July 17, 2023 regular minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023

It is recommended by Board Secretary Lancour to approve the submitted August 7, 2023 special meeting minutes. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the submitted August 7, 2023 special meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023

It is recommended by Board Secretary Lancour to approve the submitted August 9, 2023 special meeting minutes. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Klein to approve the submitted August 9, 2023 special meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Visitors' Comments: N/A

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

Review/discussion on Board Trustee Applicants.

President Jordan provided information from all candidate applications, further discussion was held. Board members submitted names of the top strongest candidates in no particular order:

Member Jordan: Taylor Paul & Dean Woodbeck

Member Lancour: Emilie Lancour & Dean Woodbeck

Member Chynoweth: Ernest Bylka III & Steve Raasio

Member Paavola: Taylor Paul & Nicole Ubringer

Member Klein: Emilie Lancour & Steve Raasio

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The candidates were narrowed to: Emilie Lanour, Taylor Paul, Steve Raasio & Dean Woodbeck. Further discussion was held and each board member was asked to provide points for the four candidates according to their top pick being 4 points, second pick 3 points and so on:

Member Jordan: T. Paul - 4, E. Lancour - 3, D. Woodbeck - 2 & S. Raasio -1

Member Lancour: E. Lancour - 4, D. Woodbeck - 3, T. Paul - 2 & S. Raasio - 1

Member Chynoweth: S. Raasio - 4, T. Paul - 3, D. Woodbeck - 2 & E. Lancour -1

Member Paavola: D. Woodbeck - 4, T. Paul - 3, E. Lancour -2 & S. Raasio - 1

Member Klein: E. Lancour - 4, S. Raasio - 3, T. Paul - 2 & D. Woodbeck - 1

Top scorers are Emilie Lancour and Taylor Paul to fill the current vacant seats.

Board Trustee Position.

It is recommended by President Jordan to appoint a board trustee to fill the seat of Dale Kero due to his resignation. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Klein, to appoint Emilie Lancour as a Board Trustee. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Trustee Position.

It is recommended by President Jordan to appoint a board trustee to fill the seat of Steve Koskela due to his resignation. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Chynoweth, to appoint Taylor Paul as a Board Trustee. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Brian Nordmark, Facilities Manager.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Brian Nordmark, Facilities Manager. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Brian Nordmark, Facilities Manager. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Krishna Pennala, Elementary Teacher.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Krishna Pennala, Elementary Teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Krishna Pennala, Elementary Teacher. Ayes: Jordan, Lancour, Paavola & Klein. Abstain: Chynoweth. Motion carried.

Accept the resignation of Carol Impola, Middle School Special Education Teacher.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Carol Impola, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Chynoweth, to accept the resignation of Carol Impola, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Eli Luoma, Middle School Special Education Teacher.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Eli Luoma, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Chynoweth, to approve the hire of Eli Luoma, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

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Accept the resignation of Amanda Plummer, Elementary Music Long Term Sub.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Amanda Plummer, Elementary Music Long Term Sub. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Amanda Plummer, Elementary Music Long Term Sub. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation of Heidi Knuuttila, Elementary Teacher.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Heidi Knuuttila, Elementary Teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Lancour, to accept the resignation of Heidi Knuuttila, Elementary Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Danielle Thoune, High School Special Education Teacher.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Danielle Thoune, High School Special Education Teacher. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the hire of Danielle Thoune, High School Special Education Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Chynoweth to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Michael Lancour
Board Secretary