

Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C

"Every Student Can Succeed"

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2014 6:00 pm

Kalmopsis Library

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Katherine Johnson.

Those in attendance: Katherine Johnson, Bruce Raleigh, Alice Farmer, Sue Chambers(by phone), Tenneal Wetherell(by phone), Baron Guido, Dede Corpening, Mona Chandler, Vanessa Keys, Rose Hedenskog, Sue Gold, Jim Keys, Gordon Clay, Bonnie Raleigh, Pat Berkowitz, Scott Graves (media rep)

Citizens Input (pertaining to agenda items only)

Gordon Clay: board replacement. Gordon Clay stated that it was previously announced that the board meeting was going to be held during the day, and he was glad to see it had been changed to an evening time to allow more people the ability to attend. He stated he was told secret ballot was not allowed, but is still waiting to hear from the state to confirm that. He felt that by not releasing the names of the candidates to the public was intentional.

Board Business

New Board Appointment:

Tenneal Wetherell described the process for nominating a board member. Any of the board members may nominate any of the candidates. It does not require a second. Once no more nominations are made, the board chair will declare the nominations are closed. Then there will be the opportunity to discuss the applicants that were nominated. Each board member can vote for one candidate. There will need to be three votes for the same candidate to become the new board member. If there are not three votes for one candidate, the board can vote again, or go back through the process of nominations. If three votes are not received, the board can go to impasse and can look into what they might want to do in the future.

Katherine Johnson added that there is the possibility that the votes are simultaneously written down and then read aloud by the board chair. The nominee would be written down as well as the board member names who are voting for that nominee. This idea is agreed upon by the board to be used.

Each of the board applicants took a few moments to introduce themselves.

Sue Gold: Been in the community 28 years, and has been a teacher for 45 years. Taught at Jr High level, High School and College level and is all for kids.

Rose Hedenskog: Has lived in Brookings her whole life. Went to school here, her children and grand children have gone or are going to school here. Worked for the school district for 37 years and is recently retired. Also for kids and would like to make a difference.

Vanessa Keys: Been here for 23 years and been involved with the school district for 20 years. The reason Vanessa is running for the position is that she would like to give back to the community and help make change.

Mona Chandler: Lived in Brookings the last 36 years, former student and graduate from the district. Has two children that will be graduating this year. Has been passionate for kids' entire life. Currently serves as the program director for CASA. Prior to that owned and opened a preschool and daycare. Applied for the position to bring experience to the board, comes without an agenda, can agree to disagree and yet come together to produce outcomes.

New Board Member Interview Questions.

1. Do you have any connections with the district? If so, do you feel that your connections to the district will affect the ability to conduct board business? If yes, how? If not, please explain why.

Mona: advocator, bridge builder

Sue: no connection

Rose: friends in the district, fair minded

Vanessa: husband working in the district- will recues if an issue

2. In your opinion, what is the role of a school board member in daily operations of the district?

Sue: set policy, hire a superintendent

Rose: not micromanage, yet be aware of what is going on in the buildings

Vanessa: have an ear to listen to the public

Mona: agree with all said, and become more of a participant with the community, role of support/open the bridge

3. What do you feel are the top two challenges currently facing the school district? What would you do to address them?

Rose: finding a new leader

Vanessa: finding a new superintendent, transparency in policy and follow more closely

Mona: find a leader willing to jump in and take charge, work together to make an impact with the teachers and the community

Sue Gold: Look closely at the graduation rates and the test scores; find a leader that can drive the district in the right direction

4. After reviewing the current calendar what are some of the concerns, if any, you might have with the time necessary for board commitments?

Vanessa: Empty nest, plenty of time

Mona: committed, flexible schedule

Sue: one possible conflict

Rose: available for all trainings

Katherine Johnson opened up the floor for nominations.

Alice Farmer nominates Sue Gold

Sue Chambers nominates Vanessa Keys

Katherine Johnson nominates Mona Chandler

Discussion:

Alice Farmer stated she nominated Sue Gold because of the 45 years of experience listed on the application. Education, prior position with a union, and serving on the port commission are all strengths.

Sue Chambers thanked all the applicants for applying for the vacancy. Appreciates Vanessa's wanting to be a strong voice for students.

Bruce Raleigh also appreciates everyone who has applied. Finds all the candidates to be qualified.

Katherine Johnson stated the same things that Sue Chambers sees in Vanessa Keys, she sees in Mona Chandler. She also likes the strong background that Sue Gold has.

The board members each put in writing their vote; Sue Chambers gave Dede Corpening her vote by phone.

Katherine Johnson read the votes-

Katherine Johnson selected Mona Chandler

Bruce Raleigh selected Sue Gold

Alice Farmer selected Sue Gold

Sue Chambers selected Sue Gold

The majority of the vote is for Sue Gold.

Sue Gold is sworn in as the 5th board member for the Brookings-Harbor School District 17C.

Discussion/Decision Interim Screening Team:

Bruce and Katherine met to discuss the interim screening team and have a suggestion for the board. The names they came up with are as follows:

Kschool: Matthew Bennett

Azalea: Jennifer Berger

BHHS: Ted Burdett

Classified: bus driver

Bruce explained how the names were decided upon. First they were looking for each building to be represented as well as a classified that is not building dependent. The teacher's selected have different lengths of service with the district.

Sue Gold asked if there was a representative for the special needs department. Katherine Johnson stated that Baron Guido is on the screening team. Sue Chambers suggested Mr. Buehler, if Ted Burdett is not available. The rest of the board agreed. Sue Gold asked if there was someone available who would advocate for non college bound students. Tenneal Wetherell gave a brief description of her background and they all agreed that was sufficient. Sue Chambers asked if there was going to be a member from the public on the team. Katherine Johnson said there was

not a public member or a student on the screening team for the interim superintendent. Katherine Johnson said that there will be many more on the screening team for the permanent superintendent. There will be training for the screening team prior to the reviewing of the applications.

Alice Farmer made a motion to have Jennifer Berger, Ted Burdett, Matthew Bennett and Christi Arnold be a part of the screening team with the option of Tim Buehler if Ted Burdett is not available, seconded by Bruce Raleigh.

**Sue Gold: Aye Alice: Aye Bruce: Aye Sue Chambers: Aye Katherine: Aye
Motion Pass Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.