



San Juan Island School District Special Meeting with Executive Session (from 3:41 pm to 3:58 pm)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

3:00 pm Special Board Meeting, school district office

MINUTES

Directors Present: Brian Moore, T.J. Heller, John Kurtz, and Barbara Bevens

Superintendent Present: Fred Woods

Admin or Presenter Present: Melanie Hess and Beth Spaulding

Observers Present: none

Recording Secretary: Diana Fearn

CALL TO ORDER Convene 3:02 pm

1.01 Establishment of Quorum - The special school board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at the school district office. A quorum was established with Directors Barbara Bevens, T.J. Heller, John Kurtz, and Brian Moore.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Director Bevens considered the agenda approved.

1.04 Public Comment – There were no public comments.



SPECIAL TOPIC

2.01 Interviews to Fill the Board Vacancy for School Board Director Position #1 (Interviews) – The board interviewed candidates for position #1, vacated on July 31, 2024, by Sarah Werling-Sandwith. This was a public meeting for a formal interview process. The successful candidate was to fill the board vacancy until the term ending in November, 2025. The interviews for a replacement board member took place at the following times:

- Beth Spaulding 3:05 pm - 3:18 pm
- Melanie Hess 3:21 pm - 3:41 pm

Each board member asked pre-determined questions, in turn. A short break was taken between 3:18 pm and 3:21 pm.

2.02 Executive Session as per RCW 42.30 110(h) 3:41 pm – 3:58 pm (Action) – After the interviews, at 3:41 pm, the board recessed into executive session for 15 minutes (until 3:56 pm) in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(h), to evaluate the qualifications of candidate for appointment to elective office. At 3:56 pm Board Chair Bevens requested an additional 2 minutes. At 3:58 pm the board re-convened into public session. No action had been taken during the executive session.

2.03 Selection of New Board Member (Action) – The board reconvened after the executive session. Director Kurtz moved to nominate Melanie Hess to fill the position #1 vacancy on the board. Director Bevens seconded the motion. The board roll call vote was as follows:



Director Moore – abstained
Director Heller – nay
Director Kurtz – aye
Director Bevens – aye

The board vote was in favor of Ms. Hess as Board Director #1. Ms. Hess accepted the position. Ms. Hess will be sworn in at the next regular board meeting, September 25, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

3.01 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Next Meetings:

Regular School Board Meeting – September 25, 2024, high school library



Fred Woods, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

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Date



Barbara Bevens, Acting Board Chair