

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, November 5, 2018
6:00 p.m. Special Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Edmonds, President; Sally Beatty, Vice President; Ahmad Sulaiman, Secretary; Laura Bieselin; James Chow (arrived 6:04 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent

Mr. Edmonds, Board President, called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Dr. Beatty to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Board Business

Mr. Edmonds welcomed and administered the oath of office to Mr. Keith Carlson, newly appointed interim member of the Butler School District 53 Board of Education.

Community Engagement

Mr. Edmonds welcomed visitors. There were no citizen's comments.

Board Member Comments

Dr. Beatty informed the Board of the town hall meetings that were held regarding the superintendent search. Dr. Beatty shared that people are really excited about the process and happy that we hired a search firm. We are really looking forward to our partnership with Ray & Associates.

Mrs. Bieselin added that we are in a good position and confident in the energy from the community and hiring a fantastic Superintendent from the prospective candidates.

Mr. Edmonds thanked Mr. Sulaiman for appearing on TV and representing the district's interest and explaining the position the district has been placed in regarding the Oak Brook Commercial Revitalization Plans.

Mr. Edmonds congratulated Mr. Carlson in joining the board and expressed that he was looking forward to serving with him and getting business done.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Chow, seconded by Mr. Carlson to move to closed session according to

5 ILCS120/2(c) 1 for “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.” 3 for “The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.”

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dr. Beatty, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Chow, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Edmonds

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 6:06 p.m.

Return to Open Session: 9:24 p.m.

Discussion/Presentations/Committee Reports

Mrs. Bieselin updated the board on the superintendent search that included several community engagement meetings that included interactions with teachers at both buildings regarding the search process. Information gathered at the meetings was used to create a district flyer that will be used in recruitment.

Mr. Edmonds thanked Mr. Sulaiman for representing the Board of Education on the recent TV coverage on the Oak Brook Commercial Revitalization Plan and ramifications on the school district of the selling of the 34 acres of McDonald property. The district’s statement is on our website. The election is tomorrow, November 6th.

Board Action Items

Superintendent Search Timeline

Motion by Dr. Beatty, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin to approve the draft superintendent search timeline with one edit to the title prepared by Ray & Associates.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Carlson, Mr. Chow, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Edmonds

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Superintendent Search Brochure

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve the draft superintendent search brochure with amendments/edits as authorized by Mrs. Bieselin and Dr. Beatty.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mrs. Bieselin, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Chow, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Edmonds

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Appointment of Interim Member of the Board Vacancy

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve appointment of Mrs. Anne Huber to the District 53 Board of Education to fill the interim Board vacancy created by the resignation

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of Mr. Louis Paskalides. Motion by Mr. Chow, seconded by Mrs. Bieselín to approve appointment of Dr. Sanjay Rao to the District 53 Board of Education to fill the interim Board vacancy. Mrs. Bieselín expressed gratitude of the highly qualified candidates and then the board proceeded to the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Carlson – Dr. Rao, Mr. Chow – Dr. Rao, Mr. Sulaiman – Dr. Rao, Mr. Edmonds – Dr. Rao, Dr. Beatty – Dr. Rao, Mrs. Bieselín – Dr. Rao

Dr. Sanjay Rao was appointed.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Edmonds expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic support of the community. He was thankful to have so many willing to serve the children and mission of the district.

Dr. Beatty shared that the board just spent an hour and a half interviewing and discussing the high quality candidates. It was a wonderful way to work together as a board.

Mrs. Bieselín encouraged the community to participate in board meetings and play a greater role for our kids.

Calendar of Events/Announcements

Future Board of Education Meeting and Committee Dates:

Technology Committee Meeting	TBD
B&G Committee Meeting	Monday, November 5, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
DLT Committee Meeting	Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, November 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

BF & BJH Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, November 8, 2018, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
School Improvement Day	Friday, November 9, 2018
Half-Day Student Dismissal Times	BF 11:50 a.m., BJH 11:40 a.m.
BJH Parent Visitation Day	Friday, November 9, 2018, 8:30-11:40 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Chow, seconded by Dr. Beatty to adjourn the special meeting at 9:35 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

Christopher Edmonds, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

Approved by the BOE at the 11/12/2018 regular meeting.