

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes May 24, 2005

The special meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 5:02 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. Sakmann, Mr. Love, Mrs. McCready, Mr. Deem (arr. 5:25 p.m.), and Mr. Snyder.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Shuttlesworth.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Dr. Kennedy, and Mr. McDonnell.

Attendees: Mr. Youker, Reading Eagle. See list of other attendees included as part of these official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Snyder noted that the first interview for the board vacancy would begin at 5:15 p.m.
President Snyder opened the meeting for public comment until that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT Student Julie Helinek read a prepared statement regarding how the Chris Krow matter has affected her personally.

Dr. Rosenzweig commented on the Krow matter and his concern over the board's perceived lack of action in light of Mr. Krow being cleared of criminal charges.

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS Mr. Randall Hinsey, Jr., was the first candidate to be interviewed.

Mr. Snyder had a prepared list of questions that were asked of each candidate as follows:

1. Have you attended enough school board meetings to get a sense of how the board operates? Other boards?
2. What changes to the way the board operates would you recommend if you are appointed or elected to the board?
3. If you are not appointed this time around, do you intend to run for office at the next available opportunity?
4. Why do you want to be on the board?
5. The board meets several times a month and the time commitment can be great. Does your work schedule allow you to be in attendance?
6. Are you willing to keep confidential all information not subject to public access such as executive committee deliberations?

Prior to the arrival of the next candidate, the board reopened the floor to audience comments. Dr. Helinek and Dr. Koslow both commented on the Krow matter.

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BOARD CANDIDATE
INTERVIEWS

Mr. George Lutz and Mr. Kurt Bertges were interviewed by the board, and at the completion of the interviews, the Board publicly discussed their selection and after deliberation a motion was made.

BOARD MEMBER
APPROVED

Mrs. McCready made a motion to appoint Mr. Kurt Bertges to the Board, seconded by Mr. Love. The President requested a role call vote.

Yeas: Deem, Larkin, Love, McCready, and Snyder.

Nays: Barnett and Sakmann. Motion carried.

FIRST READING
POLICY 335/435/535
FMLA

Mrs. Barnett commented that the major difference in the policy was the use of paid leave along with FMLA leave. She noted the policy was changed to be a little more understandable and to develop a process in the policy. She noted that it would appear on the May 31 agenda for adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and upon motion by Mrs. McCready, second by Mr. Love, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary