

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

MINUTES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SERACH COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held June 5, 2019, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. Present were Chair John Weldon, Vice Chair Jessica Martinez, Secretary Joseph Sokolovic, Hernan Illingworth, LaMar Kennedy, Maria Pereira, Sybil Allen, and Joseph Lombard.

Mr. Weldon said the purpose of the meeting was to review resumes of people who have applied for the position of interim superintendent. He said applicants were advised that unless they were elevated to a finalist the fact of their application would be kept confidential. He asked for a motion to go into executive session to review the resumes.

Ms. Allen moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sokolovic.

There was a discussion of how differences of opinion on whether to bring candidates in for interviews would be resolved. Ms. Pereira suggested the votes take place in public with the candidates identified by number. Mr. Weldon said that could be decided behind closed doors because the board was operating as a search committee. Mr. Kennedy suggested referring to the candidates by number in order to be transparent.

Mr. Weldon said the motion was *“to review resumes to select finalist candidates to be interviewed for the position of interim superintendent.”*

The motion was unanimously approved.

The executive session began at 7:50 p.m.

The board reconvened in public session at 9:11 p.m. Ms. Martinez was not present.

Mr. Weldon moved *“to offer an interview for the position of interim superintendent to Candidates 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Sokolovic.

Ms. Pereira moved to amend the motion to also include Candidate number 4 to be interviewed. The amendment was seconded by Ms. Allen.

The amendment failed by a 4-3 vote. Voting in opposition were members Weldon, Sokolovic, Illingworth and Lombard. Voting in favor were members Pereira, Kennedy and Allen.

The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote. Voting in favor were members Weldon, Illingworth, Sokolovic, Lombard and Kennedy. Ms. Allen and Ms. Pereira abstained.

Ms. Pereira moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sokolovic and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

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