

Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Special Meeting
Superintendent Candidate Selection
May 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sifrit at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman, Sue Sifrit, Vice Chairman, Andrea Messina, Board Members Aileen Miller, Barbara Rendell, Lee Swift, Dr. Wayne Blanton, Executive Director of the Florida School Boards Association, Superintendent David E. Gayler, and School Board Attorney Michael R. McKinley.

Chairman Sifrit called for changes and additions to the Agenda. There were no changes or additions.

Chairman Sifrit called for New Business

Dr. Wayne Blanton, Executive Director, Florida School Boards Association, asked each Board Member to submit their top three choices from the roster of candidates applying for the position of Superintendent of Charlotte County Schools.

Each Board member presented three names of candidates that they wished to interview as follows:

Andrea Messina: Alberto Rodriquez, Doug Whittaker, and Donna Widmeyer
Lee Swift: Ronald Ciranna, Donna Widmeyer and Doug Whittaker
Barbara Rendell: Donna Widmeyer, Doug Whittaker, and Harold Nelson
Aileen Miller: Donna Widmeyer, Doug Whittaker, and Harold Nelson
Sue Sifrit: Ronald Ciranna, Donna Widmeyer, and Doug Whittaker

Dr. Blanton presented a brief biography of each of the candidates, listing their qualifications, work experience, strengths, weaknesses, background and descriptive personal responses from each of their district references.

After discussion, and the process of elimination to two candidates, motion was made by Messina, seconded by Miller, to interview both in-house candidates, Dr. Donna Widmeyer and Dr. Doug Whittaker for the position of Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1041.

Chairman Sifrit asked for Citizen Comment. There were no citizen comments.

Chairman Sifrit called for Attorney Comment. Attorney McKinley commended the board on their selection of in-house candidates, stating that their actions speak well of Dr. Gayler's stewardship, and speak well of themselves for bringing Dr. Gayler aboard in the first place.

Chairman Sifrit asked for Board Member Comment

Mrs. Rendell offered congratulations to Dr. Whittaker and Dr. Widmeyer.

Mrs. Miller offered congratulations to Dr. Whittaker and Dr. Widmeyer, stating that each had the personality that reflects and the experience that attributes to maintaining the district vision.

Mrs. Messina stated that the public interview questions posed to the candidates would be comprised of six categories which are based on the Superintendent evaluation criteria.

Mr. Swift thanked Dr. Gayler for his leadership in the process, stated that he would share FSBIT Wellness Initiatives that other districts are using, and bring the information to Barbara Melanson for her review.

CALL TO ORDER

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

NEWBUSINESS

**DR. WAYNE BLANTON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FSBA**

**CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDER-
ATION**

CANDIDATE VITAE

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

CITIZEN COMMENTS

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

MCKINLEY

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

RENDELL

MILLER

MESSINA

SWIFT

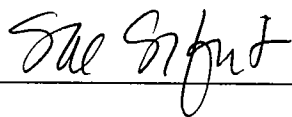
Mrs. Sifrit stated that the selection of two in-house candidates is a true testament to the success of students.

Chairman Sifrit asked for Superintendent Comments.

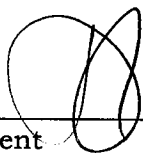
Dr. Gayler stated that the selection process would continue to be one faced with significant difficult circumstances knowing each would support the other one-hundred percent, no matter which individual is chosen.

Mr. Swift ended the meeting stating that under state law, fund balances "shall be" only a guideline, not a mandate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.



Chairman



Superintendent

Copy of the meeting agenda is on file in the Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1041.

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SUPERINTENDENT GAYLE

SWIFT

ADJOURNMENT