

Woodland Park School District Re-2

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting – November 30, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President David Rusterholtz at 6:01 p.m. with the following members present: David Illingworth II, Cassie Kimbrell, Suzanne Patterson, and Mr. Rusterholtz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 AUDIT

Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Company, Inc., presented the audit and their findings to the Board of Education and shared the District is financially sound with an unmodified, clean audit. Copies of the complete audit were distributed to each board member at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE

Vice President Illingworth II shared that the application window closed yesterday. The next steps will be to figure out who should be finalists, perhaps by phone or google meet interview with candidates, setting the schedule for interviews of finalists, etc. The interviews with finalists will likely be a combined Board and DAC interview panel. School SAC members will be meeting soon to determine traits and characteristics, and they may suggest interview questions to ask for the upcoming interview(s). President Rusterholtz shared that during tonight's Executive Session, legal counsel will join via phone and that no action will be determined during this session or at the end of the special meeting. Director Kimbrell shared that they worked with the District and thanked Tina Cassens for finding several dates open during this busy season to have a Town Hall. One is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2022, in the high school auditorium at 6:00 p.m. There will be a regular board meeting on December 14 and likely more special meetings before the Board names the interim superintendent on December 21. At least one of these meetings, tentatively scheduled for December 17, 19, or 20, will be a joint public meeting with the District Accountability Committee to conduct open interviews.

MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION

Chief of Staff Del Garrick presented information to the Board of Education on the Mill Levy Certification (Addendum A). The legally required Mill Levy Correction was approved by legislation in May 2021. This bill corrects a long-standing error in the implementation of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). The taxpayer impact residential assessment ratio is 6.95%. The Mill Levy Certification will be on the Consent Calendar for approval at the December Regular meeting on December 14, 2022.

SUMMIT LEARNING PLATFORM TRANSITION OVERVIEW

Chief Academic Officer Tina Cassens and District Administrator Karen Hamlow provided a presentation to the Board of Education on the Summit Learning Platform Transition (Addendum B). The Summit Learning Platform does not cost the District, but the estimated major costs to transition off of this platform is approximately \$2.37 million over three years. After the presentation, Board Director Patterson shared her concerns about the SLP funding source and online security concerns. Vice President Illingworth asked if there is a phase-out option; he asked for additional information on the concerns brought up from last year's study and to please send this information to the Board Directors. The Board of Education shared they need more time to decide as this is a lot of information to process and a large price tag. Ms. Cassens shared that we need confirmation from the Board for moving

forward and spending the money, preferably at the January Regular Board meeting, but no later than February.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

Ms. Cassens shared that more than 865 people have already responded to the survey the District recently sent out, and the goal is 1,000. Tonight’s information is just a starting point to begin discussions. A report on the full results will most likely be available in January. President Rusterholtz requested the current results of the superintendent questions. Ms. Cassens will attach the questions to the results and send them to the Board by the end of the week.

BOARD DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Prior to the vote on Director Austin’s resignation, each Board Director said kind words about Director Austin. MOTION Illingworth II, second Kimbrell, to accept the resignation of Board Director Chris Austin who submitted a letter of resignation on November 29, 2022 (Addendum C). MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION Illingworth II, second Kimbrell, to adjourn to executive session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss documents made confidential by Colorado’s Open Records Act for discussion of the content of applications and supporting documents for superintendent candidates who are not yet finalists as per C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(g). MOTION Rusterholtz, second Illingworth II, to adjourn from executive session at 10:29 p.m. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.


ADJOURN

MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson, to adjourn the special meeting at 10:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

Attest:



Board of Education Secretary



Board of Education President