



Board of Education Meeting Minutes

[Tuesday, August 31, 2021 , 6:00p.m.]

In Attendance: Tina Ward, Brian Maune, Dr. Linda Remele, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller, and Stephen Delaney

Absent: None

Call to Order

Dr. Linda Remele

Dr. Remele called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Stephen Delaney

Pledge of Allegiance

Action Items - New Business

Vote to approve/accept the appointment of Successor Board Member, Lindsey Gustafson, to fill Board vacancy for Zone 5

- Motion by Eli Keller

- Seconded by Shelby Thomas

In Favor

Brian Maune, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller, Tina Ward

Opposed

(None)

Motion passed

Comments from the Board

Dr. Remele mentioned that two (2) future board members were present at the meeting, Heather Smith and Lori Tate, both running unopposed in Zones 3 and 7 respectively.

Mr. Keller apologized to his constituents and the board for not attending the last board meeting on August 10, 2021, as it was a very emotional meeting for all sides. He continued by asking the Board to reconsider the item brought to the board in reference to the Sylvan Hills High foundation loan payment. Mr. Keller stated that the board had made an uninformed decision from the advice of attorneys who specialize in bond law due to the time sensitivity with the bond refunding issue. He asked why Mr. Bequette the District's attorney did not provide any input during the meeting and that the gentlemen who ultimately made the decision to proceed with the obtaining of the loan circumvented the District's desegregation case that we were at the time and are currently still in, in the area of Facilities. Mr. Keller went on to say that it concerns him that neither Devin Bates nor Judge



Marshall were consulted about this. He stated that he would like to see the loan documents, what was initially agreed upon and any information regarding the Sylvan Hills Foundation loan. Mr. Keller also recommended that Judge Marshall and Devin Bates be consulted as well. He went on to say that he would like the following items on the upcoming Board agenda: look into how we can give teachers raises in a fiscally responsible way, recommendation of a stipend for Dr. Smith and review the Superintendent's current contract to reassess and provide a salary increase. Mr. Keller concluded by stating that we need to show our staff that we support them. Dr. McNulty stated that Mrs. Burgess and the PPC will start looking at starting salaries and Dr. Smith's stipend.

Mr. Delaney suggested a work session for the review of the Sylvan Hills High Foundation loan payment issue. He felt that the issues would be too difficult to wrestle with in a Board meeting. Mr. Delaney added that an investigation had not been done to the level that Mr. Keller mentioned and that he has learned more even after the matter was voted on.

Mr. Thomas added that he doesn't feel the Board should have multiple attorneys reviewing the loan because of the additional cost that would require and the cost of the loan will continue to increase in the process. Mr. Kelle added that he was not saying he doesn't agree with Mr. Thomas' statement however a bond attorney does not litigate cases as our District attorney would and that this case is defensible; as well as have a work session through Judge Marshall because of our current desegregation obligations. Dr. McNulty added that he did not see Mr. Bequette at the meeting until later or he would have had him speak to the issue.

Adjournment

Vote to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22p.m.

- Motion by Stephen Delaney

- Seconded by Brian Maune

In Favor

Brian Maune, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller, Tina Ward, Linda Remele, Stephen Delaney

Opposed

(None)