

Union Gap School District Board Minutes
Special Meeting, May 30, 2017
7:00 p.m.

- Present: Margarita Soto, Chairman
Dianna Grunlose
Maria Rosas - Absent - Excused
Dan Olson
Nicole Rivera
- Kurt Hilyard, Superintendent
Stefanie Jespersen, Business Manager
Patrick Vincent, Assistant Principal
- Call to order: Chairman Margarita Soto called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The flag salute was given.
- Introduction: Chairman Margarita Soto excused Maria Rosas from tonight's meeting.
- Superintendent Resignation: Superintendent Hilyard presented the board with his formal notification of resignation. He has verbally accepted a superintendent position in the Ocosta School District in Westport to be closer to family. He explained that it has been a pleasure to serve the Union Gap School District. His last day will be June 15th or 16th and will use vacation time until the end of June.
- Superintendent Hilyard strongly recommended that the board hire current principal, Lisa Gredvig, as his replacement. She is currently enrolled in the Washington State University Superintendent Cohort Program and will follow that up with an anticipated doctorate. She also has the history and familiarity with the district and the current students, staff and parents. Board member Diana Grunlose asked about hiring a search firm. Hilyard explained to the board that they could decide to hire an outside company to search for a new superintendent but that would likely cost the district \$8,000 - \$10,000.
- Dan Olson questioned the legality of hiring internally without opening the superintendent search and the appearance of fairness. Superintendent Hilyard explained that it is not illegal to hire a new superintendent from within the school district. Several districts, like Zillah School District, have done so recently. Dan Olson did not agree to the legality of hiring internally.
- Dan Olson moved to accept the resignation of Superintendent Hilyard. The motion was seconded by Nicole Rivera. Motion carried.
- Approved Policies: Superintendent Hilyard handed out the approved board policies from May's regular meeting.
- Library Grant: Dan Olson wanted a clarification on the \$2,000 reimbursable library grant that we received. Superintendent Hilyard explained that 'reimbursable' means we spend the money first, then the grant reimburses us for the expenditures.
- Conflict of Interest: Dan Olson mentioned that he will no longer be able to attend the construction meetings because of a conflict of interest he has with the contractors and a project being done with the City of Union Gap where he also serves on the city council.
- Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary