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Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
8:00PM

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Philip Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Members present were Eileen Liu-McCormack, Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber (arrived 8:55PM), Philip Dwyer, Anthony Calabrese, Trisha Pytko, Marc Patten, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn; HYA consultants Dr. Brad Draeger and Dr. Dwight Pfennig, as well as approximately 20 members of the public.

Business Items

Discussion of Approval of Superintendents of Schools' Amended Contract and Interim Superintendent of Schools' Contract

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion, "that the Board of Education hereby moves to enter into Executive Session in accordance with CGS 1-200(6) to discuss superintendent employment and the appointment of an interim superintendent." Motion passed 9-0. The Board entered into Executive session at 9:11PM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:11PM.

Approval of Superintendent of Schools' Amended Contract

Mr. Dwyer moved/Mr. Calabrese seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the amendments to the Superintendent of Schools' employment contract, effective July 1, 2016, as discussed in executive session."

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Ms. Karnal seconded to amend the contract language in item 3.d. by striking the words "Chairman of the" Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the contract language in item 3.e. by inserting the following language following the phrase "dental insurance":

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“which shall be the same insurance as that provided for the Fairfield Central Office Administration.” Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the contract language in item 2 by inserting “289,902” into the salary line, and then adding the following at the end of the paragraph: “A one-time bonus of \$483.17 shall be paid 7/31/16.” Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).

The original motion passed 6-3 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn against).

Approval of Interim Superintendent of Schools’ Contract

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Interim Superintendent of Schools’ employment contract, effective August 1, 2016, as discussed in executive session, naming Dr. Stephen Tracy to that role.” Motion passed 9-0.

Adjournment

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion, “that this Special Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn”. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:34PM