

SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS AGENDA ONLINE MINUTES

Special Meeting - SRCS Board of Education

March 02, 2015 4:00 PM

District Office - Boardroom

310 Nova Albion Way

San Rafael, CA 94903

I. OPEN SESSION/ROLL CALL 4:00 PM

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa convened the March 2, 2015 Special Board Meeting at 4:20 PM

Trustees present:

Natu Tuatagaloa

Rachel Kertz

Linda M. Jackson

Greg Knell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Pam Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agendized Items

Minutes:

None.

IV. INTERVIEWS OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT APPLICANTS

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa reviewed the interview process that would be used. Candidates Kevin Healy, Maika Llorens-Gulati and Len Schultz drew lots to determine the order of the interviews. The 4th candidate, Michelle Pommier was not present at start of the meeting, but given her lot # was 1, President Tuatagaloa noted that upon Ms. Pommier's arrival she would be the next candidate to be interviewed.

The order of interviews were:

Kevin Healy

Len Schultz

Michelle Pommier (arrival at 4:45 PM)

Maika Llorens-Gulati

Each candidate answered the following 5 questions:

- 1) What is the role of the board members and the board have in the day to day operations of the District?
- 2) Board members are asked to recuse themselves from specific board actions if there exists a remote conflict of interest. Are there any scenarios you can imagine where you might have a remote conflict of interest?
- 3) Can you/should you support a board decision that you were not in favor of?
- 4) As a board member, you represent every student and the interests of the entire district. how do you not allow personal or special interests to affect your judgment? What might this be a difficult task?
- 5) What suggestions/ideas do you have to increase parent engagement across the District?

Each candidate provided a brief closing statement.

President Tuatagaloa called for a 5 minute break at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was reconvened to Public Session at 5:05 PM. President Tuatagaloa recognized a question from Carmen Puga.

V. VOTING TO APPOINT PROVISIONAL TRUSTEE

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa asked the board to provide feedback for their top 2 candidates.

Trustee Knell noted his pleasure with the field of candidates; each was well qualified and involved, with no single issue agenda. His top 2 candidates were Ms. Llorens-Gulati and Mr. Schultz.

Trustee Jackson seconded Mr. Knell's comments about the pool of candidates, noting it was encouraging. The Board is looking for involved individuals who have experience with the needs of all students and can listen and hear what is happening in the district. She noted her top candidate was Ms. Llorens-Gulati. She expressed her appreciation of Ms. Llorens-Gulati's clarification of potential conflict of interest as Executive Director of HeadsUp. Ms. Jackson announced Mr. Schultz as her second top candidate. She thanked the others for their participation.

President Tuatagaloa expressed thanks to all the candidates recommending that anyone who is passionate about this position run in the next election. In reference to Ms. Puga's question, he noted that that questions were developed prior to the Board meeting and trustees picked from them by process of elimination so as not to be redundant with questions on the application. He noted that

Ms. Llorens-Gulati has the qualifications of a board member. He agreed with Trustee Knell's comments about Mr. Schultz, but stated his second top candidate was Kevin Healy; his sense of community is strong.

Trustee Kertz congratulated all the candidates, noting their responses show passion for the district. She noted that aside from being a board member there are many more ways to be involved with the district. Her top 2 candidates were Ms. Llorens-Gulati and Mr. Schultz.

President Tuatagaloa called for a nomination.

M/S/C (Jackson, Knell) the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Maika Llorens-Gulati as provisional trustee, by the following vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - yes

Rachel Kertz - yes

Linda M. Jackson - yes

Greg Knell - yes

President Tuatagaloa stated staff will check with legal counsel on the question of any conflict of interest for Maika.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT TO ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO PROVISIONAL APPOINTEE AND ANNOUNCE THE 30 DAY PERIOD DURING WHICH A CHALLENGE CAN BE MADE

Minutes:

Ms. Llorens Gulati will be administered the Oath of Office at the March 9, 2015 meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS on Closed Session

Minutes:

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa called for a short recess at 5:14 PM and readjoined the meeting to Closed Session at 5:20 PM

Trustees present for Closed Session were:

Natu Tuatagaloa

Rachel Kertz

Linda M. Jackson

Greg Knell

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IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 5:41 PM. There was no reportable action.

X. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 P.M. (approximate time)

Minutes:

There being no further business, President Tuatagaloa adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM.

President

Superintendent