

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School
2200 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District was called to order by President Taylor at 5:30pm.

Moment of Silence

Chair called for a moment of silence

Roll Call

Secretary of the Board, Karen Morgan called the roll:

Present: Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Georgia Lemmons, LaMar Lemmons, Sonya Mays, Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, Misha Stallworth, and Iris Taylor

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session

Call for Special Board Meeting

Secretary of the Board Karen Morgan read the following statement:

I, Karen Morgan, Secretary to the Detroit Public Schools Community District Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of the Special Board of Education Meeting was delivered to each Board of Education Member on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, pursuant to its applicable statute.

Approval of Agenda

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry moved to approve the Agenda

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Treasurer Mays seconded

Motion carried without objection

Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read by the Chair

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission, Vision, and Values were read by the Chair

Interview of Candidate Dr. Nikolai Vitti

Chair introduced Dr. Stephanie Burrage, Wayne RESA, Assistant Superintendent for Constituent School District Support as the meeting facilitator.

Dr. Burrage begin by providing the logistics of Dr. Vitti's visit which begin in Central office, Thirkell Elementary Middle School, Cody High School Academy, and returning to Central office to meet with staff. The visit continued at Northwestern High School meeting with faith-based, labor, business, and community organizations as well as parents, community members and stakeholders.

The interview session began with a series of questions to Dr. Vitti from search committee members Peterson-Mayberry, Dr. Hunter-Harvill, and L. Lemmons. The interview session was a little over 2 hours with Dr. Vitti providing the following closing statement:

"I feel that I have made the right decision in applying. I applied not as a stepping stone but I applied because I genuinely believe in the city of Detroit and more importantly the children of Detroit. And, I believe that I am the right leader who has the courage, experience, and skill set to work with you collaboratively as a team to get this right for public education. We need to get this right for our children but we need to get this right for public education and everyone is going to be looking and watching what we do and we will be the ones to tell this nation that Detroit did it despite the critics, despite the challenges and we will be the model for other cities to replicate in order to get this right for public education."

The audience members were instructed to complete and submit their questionnaires to have their voice heard in the selection of the superintendent.

Public Comments

Public Comments statement was read by the Chair.

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Adjournment

Chair motioned for adjournment

No objections meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KM', is written above a solid black horizontal line.

Certified:

Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M

Secretary of the Board