

WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan

SPECIAL MEETING

May 3, 2007

The special meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. at Willow Run High School, 235 Spencer Lane.

Those present were:

Claudette Braxton, President
Andreas Blakita, Vice President
Brenda Clay, Secretary
Dorothy Stewart, Treasurer
Travis Greer, Trustee
Clifford Smith, Trustee
Sheri Washington, Trustee

Absent: Dr. Ron Ciranna, Superintendent

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Joe Ann Allen, Principal, Ford Elementary
Rosalind Coffey, Principal, Holmes Elementary
David Houle, J.D., Controller
Laura Lisicki, Principal, Kaiser Elementary
Shannon Smith, Assistant Principal, Willow Run High School
Lana Tatom, Director, Elementary Education, State and Federal Programs
Kelly Webb, Principal, Cheney Academy of Math and Science
Regina Williams, Curriculum Coordinator

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Ms. Braxton then shared the purpose of the meeting was to consider applicants for the position of superintendent and introduced Dr. Esly Williams, MASB, who is conducting the Superintendent Search.

Mr. Williams explained the procedure for selection of these candidates, explaining the requirement to not use candidate's names, but to use their assigned number to protect their confidentiality.

15 Candidates applied for the position. Dr. Williams reviewed each candidate and asked them to vote by a show of hands for those they would like the opportunity to interview. The results of the vote follow:

Candidate	Number of Votes Received
1	0
2	4
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	6
7	5
8	0
9	0
10	6
11	0
12	6
13	6
14	0
15	2

The board decided to invite the following six candidates to interview:

- Ronald Tarrant, Assistant Superintendent, Westwood Community Schools
- Steven Wasko, Assistant Superintendent, West Bloomfield School District
- Ronald Ciranna, Superintendent, Willow Run Community Schools
- Doris Mae Hope-Jackson, Former Superintendent, Calumet School District, Illinois
- James Harris, Superintendent, Taylor Public Schools
- Thomas Gay, V.P., Curriculum, Instruction, Operations, Mosaica Education, Inc., Ohio

Approval of Invitation to Interview – Superintendent

#06070501 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education extend invitations to the following individuals to come to the district for interviews: Number 2, Ronald Tarrant, Number 6, Steven Wasko, Number 7, Ronald Ciranna, Number 10, Doris Mae Hope-Jackson, Number 12, James Harris, and Number 13, Thomas Gay. Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried.

Approval of Invitation to Interview – Superintendent

#06070502 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education establish the following tentative initial dates and times for the purpose of interviewing the prospective candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools. Special Meeting postings, with the accompanying names of the interviewees, will be provided in accordance with state law.

Monday, May 7, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Blakita supported.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 – Motion carried.

Mr. Williams distributed the set of questions to be asked of each candidate and explained each candidate will be asked the same questions. He asked the board to tell him if they had additional questions to ask of the candidates, so they could be added to the set of questions provided. Mr. Williams collected the questions back from the board after their review of them.

The board then discussed the format for interviews and questions, as well as the procedure for finalist to meet with employees, along with the format for audience members to submit their question to interviewees and for their sharing of comments for consideration by the board.

It was decided interviews will last one-hour, 10-minutes each, with a 20-minute break between the first and second interviews. The interviews will be held in the Willow Run Middle School Cafeteria to accommodate all who wish to attend.

President Braxton declared the special meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.