

DRAFT Minutes of January 8, 2013, Special School Board Meeting

Call to Order President Jessica Keehn called to order a Special Board Meeting of the Beaver Island Community School Board at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at Beaver Island Community School.

Present Jessica Anderson Dawn Marsh Dana Hodgson
Karen Johnson Nancy Tritsch Brian Cole
Barb Schwartzfisher

Others Mark Eckhardt Alice Belfy Kevin & Judy Boyle
Deb Robert Carolyn Works Danielle Dedloff
Julie Martin Missy Williams Missy Coffell
Carol Burton Ron Marsh Brian Antkoviak
Connie Boyle Elaine West Lynn Cary
Beth Croswhite Olivia Cary Kathy Richards
Paul & Liz Niehaus

General President Anderson turned the meeting over to Mark Eckhardt to facilitate the process of interviewing two candidates for the position of administrator/principal. Mark explained that each board member would ask two to three questions of each candidate, with any remaining time allocated to the public for questioning of the candidates.

Candidate Paxton Candidate Greg Paxton brings 36 years of experience to the position, most recently as Superintendent at Beaverton Schools. He has administrative experience in Special education, Curriculum, School Improvement, weekly board communications, budgeting, community leadership, and 12 years experience at the building level. Before returning to Michigan, Greg spent 20 years with the Alaska school system in small villages and in a 1,400 student high school.

Candidate Paxton answered the pre-established questions developed by the board as well as questions from the public.

Recess Following the Paxton interview, the board recessed and resumed at 12:45 p.m.

Candidate Justis A Petoskey native, Candidate Riley Justis is currently the Technology and Curriculum Director at a charter school in Detroit funded by the Gates Foundation. Riley began his teaching career in remote Alaskan villages accessible only by plane. Riley has written a computer program that charts student achievement and was instrumental in receiving a \$50 million grant for Innovative Thinking in Education. Students at his current school have realized 400% AYP gains in two years. Riley explained his leadership style as one of “structured communication” with “structured expectations.”

Candidate Justis answered the pre-established questions developed by the board as well as questions of the public.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Alice Belfy, Recording Secretary

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