

Minutes of Special and Work Session

The Board of Directors Ashland School District

A Special and Work Session of the Board of Directors of the Ashland School District was held Monday, June 22, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM via Zoom link.

1. Call to Order / Roll Check

Board Chair Eva Skuratowicz called the meeting to order and a roll check confirmed that all directors were present.

- 2. Budget Hearing.** At this time, the Board opened the meeting for public comments related to the district's 2020-2021 budget approved by the ASD Budget Committee on June 10, 2020. Finance Director Alana Valencia read into the record comments previously received in writing from Larry Cooper, a resident of Ashland, concerning continued support for choir at AHS and AMS. There were no further comments submitted.

- 3. Adoption of the Budget** It is recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 2020-2021 #1B adopting the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year, the proposed *ad valorem* property taxes for the tax year 2020-2021, and that the taxes be categorized as proposed.

Question: Should the Board approve Resolution No. 2020-2021 #1B as presented?

Director Chang moved and Director Monter-Rangel seconded the approval of Resolution No. 2020-2021 #1B as presented. The roll was called and with all directors voting Yes, the budget was unanimously approved.

The Board extended its thanks and appreciation to Ms. Valencia and her team, as well as the volunteer community members who served on the Budget Committee, for a thorough review and feedback in a difficult budget setting year.

4. Approve Contract Award Recommendation from Brown & Brown Insurance

Question: Should the Board approve the award of a contract to Brown & Brown for comprehensive coverage for FY 2020-2021 in the amount of \$354,154?

Finance Director Valencia presented the renewal proposal from Brown and Brown for comprehensive liability coverage. She noted that it included a premium increase of 17% or approximately \$7,000 and also an explicit exclusion of coverage for any liability claims arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Valencia noted the importance of the District practicing and documenting any measures it is taking to mitigate infection or other risks related to COVID-19. The coverage allows for a pre-payment discount if the annual premium is paid in full and Ms. Valencia recommended that the District do this.

Director Prud'homme moved and Director Monter-Rangel seconded the approval of awarding the FY2020-2021 comprehensive coverage contract to Brown and Brown in the amount of \$354,154. The roll was called and with all directors voting Yes, the contract was unanimously approved.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Skuratowicz then outlined the procedure for the remainder of the meeting. Three internal candidates for the position of district superintendent will appear. Each will be asked the same set of questions for the first 30 minutes and then the Board will take questions from the audience for the remainder of the time allotment. *Please see attached list of standard questions.*

6. Town Hall Forum 6:00 pm

The first candidate to appear was Mr. Samuel Bogdanove, currently the Interim Principal at Ashland High School, and also the Director of Student Services for the Ashland School District. Mr. Bogdanove responded to questions for 45 minutes, followed by a short recess.

7. Town Hall Forum 7:00 pm

The next candidate was Ms. Tiffany Burns, Principal of Walker Elementary School. Ms. Burns responded to questions for 45 minutes, followed by a short recess.

8. Town Hall Forum 8:00 pm

The Third candidate was Ms. Glenna Stiles, Dean of Students at Ashland High School. Ms. Stiles responded to questions for 45 minutes,

9. Adjourn

Chair Skuratowicz expressed the Board's appreciation to the three candidates and to the stakeholders who submitted feedback and questions prior to this meeting, as well as those who submitted questions during the meeting. She explained the next step would be further consultation with Lead Team members and then individual interviews with each candidate during the Board retreat on Thursday, June 25.

There being no further business, Chair Skuratowicz adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:
Jackie Schad, Board Secretary

Dated for Board Approval: July 13, 2020

Board Chair, Eva Skuratowicz

Acting Superintendent Steve Retzlaff