

MINUTES

Boulder Elementary School District No. 7
Special Meeting

March 22, 2021
Boulder Elementary School

Board members present:

Eric Rykal – Board Chair Carrie Harris – Vice-Chair Matt Strozewski Andrea Dolezal
Niki Conroy – via zoom

Administrators present:

Maria Pace, Superintendent
Britton Mann – District Clerk

Visitors: Devyn Ottman – running Zoom Meeting, Andrew Vigeland – MTSBA (Via Zoom), Karla Smerker – MTSBA, (Via Zoom), Kessie Strausser, Rochelle Hesford.


CALL ELEMENTARY BOARD TO ORDER The Elementary Board was called to order at 5:00 by Eric, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.


AGENDA REVIEW None

PUBLIC COMMENT Eric read the Public Comment Statement.

NEW BUSINESS **Screening Applications for Superintendent/Principal position** – At this time, Eric turned the meeting over to Attorney, Andrew Vigeland from MTSBA. Mr. Vigeland wanted to thank the board for reaching out to MTSBA to conduct the search. He said there were 4 applicants. Prior to the meeting the board members received information packets on each candidate. Eric asked Mr. Vigeland if he would screen share the summary page so everyone at the meeting would be able to see the summary on each candidate. Eric asked with a pool of applicants should the board interview the ones certified in Montana only? Mr. Vigeland stated that the board should not let certification status get in the way of conducting interviews. The board is able to work with certificates and endorsements. Carrie asked how long each interview should take. Mr. Vigeland suggested that the board should take a little time between each interview and limit the time for each interview. Andrea stated that she is interested in interviewing the first 3 applicants. Her concern on the 4th is that there is not Superintendent experience. Eric also agreed with Andrea. Eric asked if Niki was able to hear everything and if she had any questions. Niki stated that she is in agreement with everything that has been said. Eric asked if the board wanted to move forward with the first three candidates. Mr. Vigeland stated that there needed to be an official motion. The board discussed different days and times that would work best for them. It was ultimately decided that April 23, 2021 would work best for everyone. Mr. Vigeland asked the board to consider the applicants who are able to meet in person, be given a campus tour. The board thought that was a good idea. Ms. Pace agreed to lead that tour. Matt asked is a staff member could be on the interview committee. Eric said he was against that due to the fact that could be one's supervisor. Mr. Vigeland said that this was a board decision. Karla Smacker from MTSBA said that she would send out questions and the board could pick 10-15 questions, and setting a time limit for each interview would be recommended. Eric asked what an average interview time would be, Karla said that most interviews typically run for an hour with a 10-15-minute break in between. Eric asked if any other board members had questions or comments and if not at this time he would entertain a motion. Carrie motioned to interview Superintendent Candidates 1, 2, & 3 on Friday April 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m. Andrea seconded the motion, all approved.

ADJOURNMENT Before adjournment, Eric asked if there was any public comment. Andrea Sarchet asked about the meeting minutes. She said they were not up to date on the website. Both Britton and Ms. Pace said they would follow up on that. Carrie motioned to adjourn at 5:36 pm Andrea seconded, all approved.


Chair, Elementary Board


Clerk, Elementary Board