

MINUTES

Boulder Elementary School District No. 7
Special Meeting

May 7, 2021
Boulder Elementary School

Board members present:

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

Administrators present:

Maria Pace, Superintendent
Britton Mann – via zoom

Staff:

Devyn Ottman – Operating Zoom Meeting

Visitors: Andrew Vigeland – MTSBA, Karla Smerker – MTSBA, Kessie Strausser, Cheryl Hecht – Trustee Elect, Melody Grant, Matt Bowman

CALL ELEMENTARY BOARD TO ORDER The Elementary Board was called to order at 11:00 by Carrie, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW None

NEW BUSINESS **Screening Applications for Superintendent/Principal Position** – At this time Carrie turned the meeting over to Andrew Vigeland from MTSBA. Mr. Vigeland discussed the candidates and interview process. Carrie asked Mr. Vigeland to remind the board what the advertised salary was on the posting. Karla Smerker stated that the salary was posted from \$80,000 - \$93,000. Mr. Vigeland advised the board to focus on positive attributes that the board likes on each candidate and then decide if they wanted to interview all 6 candidates or not.

1. Aaron Carr – Carrie stated that the board could do an interview via Zoom. The other board members agree.
2. Brian Cox – This candidate has no experience as a Principal or Superintendent. Carrie stated that if the pool was small she could see giving interviews to all, however since there were others with the qualifications that it was her suggestion to pass on an interview with Mr. Cox. The other board members also agreed.
3. Jeff Elliott – Carrie stated he would have a potential community fit and has a lot of experience and also did a lot pf positive changes in Three Forks. She suggested an interview for Mr. Elliott. The other board members agreed.
4. Dr. Michael Rogey – Carrie stated he might be overqualified. Matt asked Mr. Vigeland what IP meant under the Montana Superintendent Endorsement on the screening matrix. Karla stated that it meant In Process. She also wanted the board to be aware that this should not be a deal breaker on interviewing or hiring. This is something that an individual can work towards once hired. Carrie stated that she would recommend an interview. The remainder of the board members agreed.
5. Eric Wilkerson – Mr. Wilkerson had resigned his position with the Townsend School District. Carrie asked if Ms. Pace knew him since they both sat on the Prickly Pear board. She said that he was a great guy, dedicated to education and would be familiar with small rural communities.
6. John Williams – Carrie stated that he is currently from Butte Central and is younger so longevity might be a plus with Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrea was concerned that the majority of the candidates already earned more than what the top part of the board was going to offer. She wanted to emphasize that the top end of the salary is firm and there are no room for increases. Mr. Vigeland stated that he would make sure that was reiterated to the candidates. Andrea motioned to interview 5 applicants, excluding the second applicant. Niki seconded, all approved.

Carrie motioned to adjourn at 11:25 am.

Carrie Harris

Chair, Elementary Board

Britton Mann

Clerk, Elementary Board