

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in special session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at Longfellow Center.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Doug Purcell; Vice President Elizabeth Sigale; and Members Kirat Doshi, Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes, John Miller, and Jill Samonte. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were at least four visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. INTERVIEWS

The Board interviewed four executive search firms who submitted proposals to conduct a superintendent search: BWP & Associates; Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates; Illinois Association of School Boards Superintendent Search Services; and School Exec Connect. Following the interviews, Board members discussed the merits of each proposal. The Board agreed to hire BWP & Associates to conduct the superintendent search.

3. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Chris Hanley, Henry Puffer attendance area, commented that two of the search firms interviewed had high profile misfires in the news. He also expressed concerns about the search timeline and the coming election, and suggested that the process include engagement with Board candidates.

Craig Young, DGEEA, commented that BWP's presentation emphasized transparency. He also noted that all the proposals ended with making a hire, which does not reflect the Board's discussion at a previous meeting regarding extending the search timeline if necessary to find the right candidate.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

A. Approval of Superintendent Search Firm

Member Samonte moved and Member Miller seconded the motion to approve BWP & Associates' superintendent search proposal as presented, subject to attorney review.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Doshi, Harris, Hughes, Miller, Purcell,
Samonte, and Sigale
NAYS: None Motion carried

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Miller moved and Member Harris seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Doug Purcell, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary