

MINUTES

182.24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Cox

Hayden Roose
Schweitzer Elementary School, Emily Fa'asoa, Principal

183.24 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members present: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, David R. Cox, Melandie Hines, Kimberly R. May, Mark F. Neal, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.

Board members absent: Vacancy

184.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Cox

There were no public comments.

185.24 INTERVIEWS/APPOINTMENT BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY – Cox

David Cox outlined the process of the interviews. Each candidate was given time to introduce themselves. Each candidate was given one question from a selected board member.

I. Interviews

- a. Monica Dietz introduced herself and answered question from K. May.
- b. Bradley Gray introduced himself and answered question from F. Weaver
- c. Kevin McKay introduced himself and answered question from M. Neal
- d. Robert Simmerer introduced himself and answered question from L. Abney-Mitchell
- e. Will Miller introduced himself and answered question from M. Hines
- f. Jessica West introduced herself and answered question from F. Weaver
- g. Ron Staples introduced himself and answered question from K. May
- h. Andrew Ambrus introduced himself and answered question from L. Abney-Mitchell
- i. Barbara Bovia introduced herself and answered question from M. Neal.

Board Members provided their top 3 choices

- a. Bradley Gray received 7 points
- b. Will Miller received 5.5 points

- c. Monica Dietz received 4 points

Board candidates answered series of questions from all board members

II. Appointment of Board of Education Member

Resolved, that the board approve the appointment of Bradley Gray to fill the Board of Education vacancy until the next general election in 2024. Motion by F. Weaver, support by M. Neal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 2 (Abney-Mitchell, May)
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

MOTION PASSED

Bradley Gray thanked the board for the vote of confidence and the community for entrusting him for this position. He is looking forward to moving forward and asked the community to continue to participate and continue to encourage others.

186.24 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) – Cox

There were no public comments.

187.24 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Dignan

- Thanked everyone for coming and putting the kids first; there is a role for everyone and together we can come up with solutions.
- Thanked Merida Health for coming out and performing eye exams for our students.
- Thanked HYPE Recreational Center for donating turkeys to our families through our Family Resource Centers.
- Highlighted that the students at Walker-Winter who were able to attend the rocket launch carrying their science project due to private donations.
- Wayne-Westland was awarded MCAN Marina award which recognizes the district's outstanding efforts to boost college access expectations. He thanked the team for putting kids first.

188.24 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION - Cox

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming out; she liked this process better than the election.

K. May shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for being a part of the process, it was a difficult decision to make.
- Excited to see everyone willing to work to make things better.
- Congratulated Bradley Gray on his new appointment.

L. Abney-Mitchell shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming out, the passion and desire to help the district is greatly appreciated.
- This was a difficult choice; we believe in growing our own talent. The work does not stop here, continue to work as there is work to be done.
- Congratulated Bradley Gray on his position.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- Four times in the past twenty years he has been part of a board that has gone through this process and never has he seen a group of applicants like this; he is appreciative. Please continue in public service. This was a difficult choice; we believe in growing our own talent. The work does not stop here, continue to work as there is work to be done.
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M. Neal shared the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming. Shared that he read the letters and resumes numerous times. He even reviewed social media but the best part was seeing everyone individually; we have exceptional people.

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- We have a remarkable group of people here in our community. The paperwork doesn't say what everyone said in person our community is healthy; we know the problem is here, but we will get through it. Funding has been stabilized on a state level but our mission continues.
- He is always available, please reach out to him if you have comments or suggestions to continue to move us forward.

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion by M. Neal, support by L. Abney-Mitchell.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Board of Education Secretary
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Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
Wayne-Westland Community Schools