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Easton, Redding & Region 9 Boards of Education  
Joint Special Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2015

Attendance:

Easton Board of Education: Hicks, Horowitz, Peskay, Underberger

Redding Board of Education: Ajavananda, Florkowski, Gaspar, Irwin, Miller, Sobel, Witt

Region 9 Board of Education: Colangelo, D'Agostino, Gombos, Hancock, Hocker, Johnston, King, Lewis

Administration: Josefsberg, Sullivan and additional school administrators

Others: more than 30 members of the public and staff, videographer, and representatives of Hello Redding and the Easton Courier/Redding Pilot

Chairman of the Redding Board of Education, Kim Ajavananda, opened the joint meeting of Boards in the Media Center of the Joel Barlow High School.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ajavananda called the Redding Board of Education meeting to order at 7:38 pm

Dr. Underberger called the Easton Board of Education meeting to order at 7:38 pm

Mr. Hocker called the Region 9 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Tri-Board meeting as submitted. Sobel, Irwin. Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Tri-Board meeting as submitted. Gombos, Lewis. Approved. 6-0-2. Mrs. Colangelo, Mr. King abstained.**

**Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Tri-Board meeting as submitted. Horowitz, Hicks. Approved. 3-0-1. Dr. Peskay abstained.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education recess to executive session for a discussion of a candidate for the position of Superintendent of the Easton, Redding and Region 9 school districts. Sobel, Florkowski. Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education recess to executive session for a discussion of a candidate for the position of Superintendent of the Easton, Redding and Region 9 school districts. Hancock, Colangelo. Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education recess to executive session for a discussion of a candidate for the position of Superintendent of the Easton, Redding and Region 9 school districts. Horowitz, Hicks. Approved. Unanimous.**

The meeting recessed at 7:40 pm. Dr. Josefsberg and Dr. Gary Richards were invited to be present.

#### RECONVENE

**The chairman of each Board reconvened their meetings in public session at 8:01 pm**

#### COMMENTS FROM DR. GARY RICHARDS REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Dr. Richards recapped the work that was done to reach a recommendation for a superintendent to replace retiring Dr. Josefsberg. He noted that the Search Steering Committee worked diligently to review the needs of the schools, the students, staff and communities. Fourteen applications were received, four were brought forward for interviews with the Search Steering Committee, and three were brought before the tri-board interviews. He thanked Vicki Cram for her assistance during the process.

#### APPOINTMENT OF EASTON, REDDING AND REGION 9 SUPERINTENDENT

**Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve Dr. Thomas McMorran as Superintendent of Schools effective 7/1/15, subject to completion of final contract documentation as outlined in Executive Session, and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Education to sign the contract of employment. Horowitz, Hicks. Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education approve Dr. Thomas McMorran as Superintendent of Schools effective 7/1/15, subject to completion of final contract documentation as outlined in Executive Session, and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Education to sign the contract of employment. Sobel, Gaspar. Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve Dr. Thomas McMorran as Superintendent of Schools effective 7/1/15, subject to completion of final contract documentation as outlined in Executive Session, and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Education to sign the contract of employment. Gombos, Colangelo. Approved. Unanimous.**

Dr. McMorran thanked the Boards of Education and added brief remarks.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Ciesielski thanked Dr. Richards and the Search Committee for their work and their choice of Dr. McMorran. She noted that the Boards of Education have chosen wisely.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Underberger, speaking on behalf of the Easton Board of Education, thanked Dr. Josefsberg for his outstanding work with the District over the past four years.

Mrs. Ajavananda, speaking for the Redding Board of Education, seconded the comments made by Dr. Underberger.

Mrs. Gombos commented that the Boards of Education would miss working with Dr. Josefsberg. She commented that this was a time for celebration of a job well done by Dr. Josefsberg, and for the appointment of Dr. McMorran as the new superintendent.

Mr. Miller added that the school district is in a better place due to the work done by Dr. Josefsberg. Dr. Peskay thanked the Search Committee co-chairs, Mrs. Sobel and Mr. Hicks for their work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Gombos, Hancock, Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Hicks, Horowitz  
Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Sobel, Florkowski  
Approved. Unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Submitted by Allyson Florkowski, Redding Board of Education Secretary  
Recorded by Mary Maday