

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Thursday, November 3, 2016)

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Members present

Kelly Barrera, Tommy Allen, Patrick Canan, Bill Mignon, Bev Slough

Meeting called to order at 8:36 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR 4:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

3. OPENING COMMENTS BY SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Canan stated that each board member would have the chance to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. Mr. Canan stated that this was not the time to vote.

Mr. Allen stated that this has been a good and interesting process; he considered Mrs. Cartwright to be intelligent and data-driven. Mr. Allen considered Mr. Forson extremely capable and intelligent in every aspect, especially construction and growth. Mrs. Slough stated that she has been impressed with the process, however she was not happy with the low number in the candidate pool. Mrs. Slough stated that Dr. Cartwright was very well prepared and knowledgeable, especially in curriculum. Mrs. Slough added that Mr. Forson has great strength in the operations area. Although he has been away from direct curriculum work for a few years, he has a very strong curriculum background and a plan to quickly refresh himself in the new requirements and curricular activities in our schools.

Mr. Mignon stated that he enjoyed the one on one with the two candidates, he found Dr. Cartwright to be strong in Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and Mr. Forson to be passionate about this school district. Mr. Mignon added that he strongly believes that Tim Forson is the person that is needed in this position. Mrs. Barrera stated that the process has been excellent. Mrs. Barrera felt that Dr. Cartwright was very intelligent, very experienced and strong in ESE. Mrs. Barrera felt that Mr. Forson brings a wealth of local experience to the position, and has a strong character. Mrs. Barrera also stated that Mr. Forson knows our district thoroughly and would not have any issues transitioning.

Mr. Canan commented that we have two very strong candidates, honesty in Mr. Forson and experience in Dr. Cartwright. Mr. Canan stated that we can't go wrong with either candidate. Mr. Canan also thanked Mrs. Mickler and the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) team for their guidance.

4. WORKSHOP TOPICS:

Mr. Canan led the discussion about the School Board Ex-Officio Representation on Committees. The School Board Ex-Officio Representation on Committees list will be voted on at the November 22, 2016 Reorganization Meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. Wheeler, 4240 St. Johns Bluff, St. Johns, FL 32259

Mr. Wheeler spoke in favor of Mr. Forson.

6. CLOSING COMMENTS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Slough stated that she read an article titled, "Deflation of Education Budget" and reminded everyone that the new Superintendent wwill need to be strong in budget.

7. ADJOURNMENT 4:47 PM