

Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Special Meeting  
Jr/Sr High School - Media Center 20500 Dutch Dr. Manchester, MI 48158  
May 6, 2025 at 5:30pm In-Person & Zoom Livestream

### **Unofficial Meeting Minutes - Special Meeting**

The Special Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Sandra Wiitala at 5:33pm.

Members present: Sandra Wiitala, Michael Tindall, Colleen Schoenfeld, Jennifer Caszatt, Rebecca Harvey, Sarah Roth, Brandon Woods

Agenda was approved by Tindall, supported by Caszatt. Roll call vote: 7-0

#### **OFFICIAL MEETINGS REPORTS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 21, 2025 were approved. Motion by Roth, support by Caszatt. Roll call vote: 7-0

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 24, 2025 were approved. Motion by Harvey, support by Wiitala. Roll call vote: 7-0

#### **COMMUNICATION**

- A. Public Questions/Comments - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Superintendent Search

1. Interview Prep & Selection Process. Facilitator: John Silveri, Regional President, Southeast Michigan, Michigan Leadership Institute.
2. CLOSED SESSION - Superintendent Search Application Selection. Motion by Tindall to go into Closed Session, support by Wiitala. Time: 5:41 pm
3. Return to Open Session. Time 7:40 pm Motion by Schoenfeld , support by Woods. Roll call vote: 7-0. Recess at 7:41pm, return to session at 7:47pm.
  - a. The Board approved the selection of John Strycker, Matt McCollough, Steven Head, Stephen Keskes, Sean Wightman, Aaron Shinn, Julie Kaminski, Candidates to interview for the Superintendent of Manchester. Motion by Schoenfeld , support by Tindall. Roll call vote: 7-0.
4. Interview question selection and discussion. The Board discussed the questions that could possibly be used in the interviews. The Board discussed the interview schedules and the possibility of recording. The Board approved recording the interviews for internal use and will be available to the public after the first round of interviews. Motion by Harvey, support by Woods. Roll call vote: 7-0.

#### **OTHER**

The Board discussed deconfliction of scheduling regarding students' extracurricular activities and the Boards' schedule.

The time of the Special Meeting on May 15, 2025 was amended to be moved from 5:30pm to 5:00pm. Motion by Wiitala, support by Tindall. Roll call vote: 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- R. Harvey - Concern for Board meetings and student activities scheduling conflicts

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UPCOMING DATES

- May 12, 2025 - Superintendent First Round Interviews - 5:00 p.m.
  - John Strycker, Vice President of Program Development, Fueling Brains, Houston, TX
  - Matt McCollough, West/Southwest Regional Program Director, Talent Together, Marquette, MI
  - Steven Head, former Superintendent (retired), Onsted Community Schools, Onsted, MI
- May 13, 2025 - Superintendent First Round Interviews - 5:00 p.m.
  - Stephen Keskes, Executive Director of Grants & Academic Innovation, Stockbridge Community Schools, Stockbridge, MI
  - Sean Wightman, Middle School Principal, Dowagiac Union Schools, Dowagiac, MI
- May 14, 2025 - Superintendent First Round Interviews - 5:00 p.m.
  - Aaron Shinn, High School Principal, Milan Area Schools, Milan, MI
  - Julie Kaminski, K-12 Teaching & Learning Supervisor, Hazel Park Public Schools, Hazel Park, MI
- May 15, 2025 - Superintendent Finalists Selected - 5:00 p.m.
- May 15, 2025 - Regular Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- May 19, 2025 - Superintendent Finalist Interviews - 7:00 p.m.
- May 20, 2025 - Superintendent Finalist Interviews - 7:00 p.m.
- May 21, 2025 - Superintendent Finalist Interviews - 7:00 p.m.
- June 2, 2025 - Selection of Superintendent - 5:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. Motion by Roth, support by Wiitala Vote: All yes