OFFICIAL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB, STATE OF MICHIGAN
December 27, 2024

Agenda meeting was convened by Mrs. Yokel at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by President Yokel at 5:00 p.m., in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan.

Members present: Julia Yokel, Annie Covert, Randel Meisner, Khaja Ahmed, Kimberly Lee, and Raymond DeLoatch.

Members absent: Judy Furgal

Also present: approximately seven (7) interested observers, employees, and administrators.

2. DECLARATIONS:
   2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to adopt the agenda as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

4. BOARD ITEMS:
   4.1 Local Citizens Items - Per Board Bylaws: Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must identify themselves by name and address and indicate their desire to be heard at the outset of the Board meeting or when otherwise requested to do so by the President of the Board of Education. Each person wishing to address the Board will be permitted a reasonable time, not to exceed three (3) minutes except in unusual circumstances, in which to be heard; the amount of time allotted to be within the discretion of the President of the Board of Education. Adoption Date: June 23, 1977; Amended: 3/17/83, 10/17/85, 03/05/87, 04/21/94, 05/05/05 and 10/15/09.

   One audience member addressed the Board.

   4.2 Board Items.
   Board Members' Comments: None

   4.3 Discussion of appointing Interim Superintendent

5. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Interim Superintendent:

5.1 Motion by Covert, seconded by Lee, to appoint Laurie Fournier as Interim Superintendent pending negotiation of a contract, for the duration of the internal review.

ROLL CALL
Votes for Laurie Fournier: Covert and Lee
Votes against: Meisner, Ahmed, and DeLoatch
Declined: Yokel

Motion Fails

5.2 Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to appoint Woodside as Interim Superintendent pending negotiation of a contract, for the duration of the internal review.

ROLL CALL
Votes for Woodside: Meisner, Ahmed, and DeLoatch
Votes against: Covert, Lee, and Yokel

Motion Fails

5.3 Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to appoint Laurie Fournier, as Interim Superintendent pending negotiation of a contract, for the duration of the internal review.

ROLL CALL
Votes for Laurie Fournier: Meisner, Lee, Covert and Yokel
Votes against: Ahmed and DeLoatch

Motion carried.

Laurie Fournier will serve as Interim Superintendent, pending negotiation of a contract, for the duration of the internal review.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Covert, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Randel Meisner, Board Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 13, 2025