

WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

November 29, 2021

Virtual Meeting: Zoom

7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present (remotely through Zoom)

Michelle Doucette Cunningham - elected Chairman

Ann Grosjean - elected Vice-Chairman

Herb Arico - elected Secretary

Tracey Anderson

Donna Cook

Laura Rodriguez

Briana Ross

The complete recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOBjtevrbJ0&t=923s>

Also Present

Superintendent of Schools, Phil Stevens

HMS principal, Mary Kay Tshonas

CES principal elect, Lisa Cushing

1. **Call to order**

Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm and reviewed the agenda. He noted that item 4 on the agenda was unnecessary as the issue was resolved that morning.

2. **Nomination and election of B.O.E. Officers**

Superintendent Stevens reviewed the procedure for the election of officers and requested nominations for Chairman.

Donna Cook nominated Ann Grosjean as Chairman.

Laura Rodriguez nominated Michelle Cunningham as Chairman.

Superintendent Stevens asked Michelle Cunningham and Ann Grosjean if they accepted their nomination. Michelle Cunningham accepted her nomination. Ann Grosjean declined her nomination. Superintendent Stevens asked for any other nominations and received none.

The Board voted to elect Michelle Cunningham as Chairman.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
M. Cunningham	X		
A. Grosjean	X		
H. Arico		X	

B. Ross	X		
D.Cook		X	
T. Anderson	X		
L. Rodriguez	X		

Motion passes

Michelle Cunningham took over the meeting as Chairman and requested nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Tracey Anderson nominated Ann Grosjean. No other nominations were made.

The Board voted to elect Ann Grosjean as Vice-Chairman.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
M. Cunningham	X		
A.Grosjean	X		
H. Arico	X		
B. Ross	X		
D.Cook	X		
T. Anderson	X		
L. Rodriguez	X		

Motion passes

Michelle Cunningham requested nominations for Secretary.

Herb Arico nominated Donna Cook. Donna Cook declined the nomination.

Ann Grosjean nominated Herb Arico.

The Board voted to elect Herb Arico as Secretary.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
M. Cunningham	X		
A.Grosjean	X		
H. Arico	X		
B. Ross	X		
D.Cook	X		

T. Anderson	X		
L. Rodriguez	X		

Motion passes

3. **Appointment of Center School Principal**

Superintendent Stevens reviewed the process the principal search committee implemented and introduced Lisa Cushing as their unanimous choice to be the next principal of Center School. He shared Lisa’s experience and recommended the Board appoint her as the next principal of Center School.

Herb Arico made a motion to appoint Lisa Cushing as the Center School Principal. Ann Grosjean seconded the motion.

Herb Arico stated that he felt we had an excellent candidate with lots of potential and who will perform very well.

Donna Cook asked Lisa if she has experience working in turning around underperforming schools.

Lisa Cushing responded that she has experience with early intervention and improving test scores through a variety of out-of-the-box methods.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
M. Cunningham	X		
A.Grosjean	X		
H. Arico	X		
B. Ross	X		
D.Cook	X		
T. Anderson	X		
L. Rodriguez	X		

Motion passes

4. **Potential executive session for personnel matter** (issue was resolved prior to the meeting and executive session wasn’t necessary)

5. **Adjournment**

Laura Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Anderson seconded the motion.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstain
M. Cunningham	X		
A.Grosjean	X		
H. Arico	X		
B. Ross	X		
D.Cook	X		
T. Anderson	X		
L. Rodriguez	X		

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next regular B.O.E. meeting is on December 14, 2021