

MINUTES

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

April 30, 2009

A. Call to Order

The Williamson County Board of Education met in special called session on Thursday, April 30, 2009, in the Media Center at Centennial High School. Chairman Pat Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

Members Present12

D'Wayne Greer	1 st District	Susan Graham	7 th District
Janice Mills	2 nd District	Pat Anderson	8 th District
Janine Moore	3 rd District	Barry Watkins	9 th District
Tim McLaughlin	4 th District	Bill Peach	10 th District
Gary Anderson	5 th District	Mark Gregory	11 th District
Terry Leve	6 th District	James Bond	12 th District

Members Absent0

B. Unfinished Business

Director of Schools Search

Chairman Anderson opened the meeting with a discussion of the voting methods which could be used to determine which candidates would be invited back for a day long visit and second interview. Chairman Anderson explained a special ballot which had been prepared with the names of all three candidates, on which each board member would indicate his desire to have any or all of the candidates return. The other method of voting which could be used was by voice votes on any motions made.

Chairman Anderson then opened the floor for discussion of the three candidates. Dr. Bill Newman, from Ray and Associates, was recognized and shared information from candidate Bryan Blavatt regarding his statement during the interview about not applying for a superintendent position in any other districts.

School board members discussed their impressions, both pro and con, of Bryan Blavatt's qualifications.

School board members discussed their impressions, both pro and con, of Dr. Terri Breeden's qualifications.

School board members discussed their impressions, both pro and con, of Dr. Bret Jimerson's qualifications.

Barry Watkins moved to approve the use of the specially prepared ballot to determine the candidates to be invited for a second visit. Terry Leve seconded the motion.

Janice Mills asked for direction from Staff Attorney Jason Golden regarding voting, since she had missed Dr. Jimerson's interview. Mr. Golden stated that Mrs. Mills could vote regarding a return visit, even though she had missed his interview.

Chairman Anderson called for a roll call vote on the motion to use the prepared special ballot, with the usual majority of seven affirmative votes needed to invite a candidate to return for a day long visit and second interview.

D'Wayne Greer	Yes	Susan Graham	Yes
Janice Mills	Yes	Pat Anderson	Yes
Janine Moore	Yes	Barry Watkins	Yes
Tim McLaughlin	Yes	Bill Peach	Yes
Gary Anderson	Yes	Mark Gregory	Yes
Terry Leve	Yes	James Bond	Yes

Action: Yes, 12; No, 0; Abstain, 0; Motion Carried.

The ballot listing the three candidates, Terri Breeden, Bryan Blavatt and Bret Jimerson, was distributed to each board member, marked and then returned to Jason Golden, who counted the ballots, assisted by Carol Birdsong. The results were announced: Mr. Blavatt received 1 vote, Dr. Breeden received 10 votes and Dr. Jimerson received 12 votes. Dr. Breeden and Dr. Jimerson would each be invited back to spend one day in the district and have a second interview with the Board on Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 8.

There was discussion about the timing of site visits to the candidates' districts and board members who might be available to make those visits. Dr. Newman suggested ways to make the visits productive.

Chairman Anderson relayed the schedule for the candidates during their return visits to the district. There was also discussion about the second candidate interviews, where the questions would be less structured.

There was then discussion about when to hold a special called board meeting after the second round of interviews. The Board agreed to hold a special called meeting on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carolyn Campbell Conference Room. Mr. Newman expressed reservations about the delay in meeting to determine a finalist.

C. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Patricia B. Anderson, Chairman

Dr. David Heath, Interim Director of Schools