

Raymond Central Public Schools Board of Education Special Meeting

Friday, May 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM Central

Raymond Central Jr-Sr High School - Mustang Room

1800 West Agnew Road

Raymond, NE 68428-9783

Present: Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitreutz, Cathy Burklund, Dr. Harriet Gould, Bill Lange,

Absent: Lori Springer.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Gould called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence

Roll Call was taken with Lori Springer being absent for her second unexcused absence.

Open Meeting Law

The audience was reminded that the Open Meeting Laws would be followed.

Discussion Items

Resignation of Superintendent - Consider, discuss and take necessary action

Discussion item was the letter of resignation that had been submitted by Dr. Joel to the Board. Discussion was had between members that Dr. Joel is expected to fulfill his current contract through June 30, 2021. Motion by Blanchard, second by Lange that the Board would accept Dr. Joel's letter of resignation taking effect after his current contract is fulfilled on June 30, 2021. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Superintendent Search - Consider, discuss and take all necessary action

Options for next steps for the Board were presented by President Gould. Following discussion it was decided to look into Search Firms to assist RC with the hiring of a new Superintendent. The Board discussed whether to hire an Interim Superintendent for the upcoming school year and then proceed with an extensive search later this fall for a permanent replacement. It was decided that it would be better to look into an Interim Superintendent at the present time. President Gould talked about some possible names of people who are currently doing interim jobs across the state; she also received names of candidates from Dr. Doug Christensen who teaches classes for new Superintendents at Doane University.

Motion by Lange, second by Blanchard to have President Gould contact four entities and ask them to present via Zoom to the Board regarding their search process and costs no later than Wednesday, May 26, 2021. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitreutz, second by Burklund to set a Special Meeting for 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to talk with search firms via Zoom. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Breitreutz, second by Lange. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Dear Board Education-

As you are aware I have been offered the position of superintendent for Fort Dodge Public Schools in Iowa. While it was a difficult decision for my family and not one that we took lightly, we feel like this is an opportunity for us to head back to Iowa.

It has been my greatest honor to serve as superintendent of Raymond Central Public Schools. These four years have gone by fast, however, we got a lot accomplished together. Many thanks to the Board of Education for the support over these years. The future is bright, I wish you the best. My family's heart will always be Mustang.

Wishing you the best in the future,

Dr. Derrick Joel