

**WESTERN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 101**

**APRIL 15, 2019  
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**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Julie O'Connor, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:20 p.m., in the Board of Education Office, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the presence of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sarah Coffey, and Dr. Brian Barnhart, Superintendent, and requested a roll call. On roll call, the following answered present: Lisa Garvin, Brett Lettiere, Jeanne Padgett, Julie O'Connor, Jamie Secord, Caitlin Sendaydiego and Todd McLawhorn.

Ms. O'Connor and Dr. Barnhart overviewed the details of the recruitment process for candidates to fill the position of McClure Assistant Principal, which will be vacant beginning in June 2019 as a result of hiring the current McClure Assistant Principal to be the next Principal at Field Park School upon the retirement of Brad Promisel at the end of this (2018-2019) school year. In addition, as a result of the upcoming retirement of the McClure Principal following the 2020-2021 school year, the search for a new Assistant Principal was focused on candidates who have the capabilities and experience to transition into the role of Principal. Dr. Barnhart described the process followed for publicly posting the position, evaluating the 102 applicants to identify nine applicants to be interviewed in person by Drs. Barnhart and Coffey, along with McClure Principal Dan Chick. Through consensus from the three of them, four finalists were selected, and each of the four finalists interviewed last week with representative groups from McClure Staff, McClure Parents, McClure Students, and the District Administrative Team. Feedback from each of those groups was compiled and provided to the Board in advance of tonight's interview.

Mr. Johnny Billingsley entered the meeting at 6:45 pm, and the Board conducted a comprehensive interview that lasted until 7:40 pm. The Board thanked him for attending the meeting, and Mr. Billingsley exited the meeting at 7:45 pm.

The Board discussed the interview, and unanimously agreed that Mr. Billingsly's credentials and "fit" for the position were excellent. The Board discussed with Drs. Barnhart and Coffey the potential terms to be offered to Mr. Billingsly and Drs. Barnhart and Coffey agreed to move forward with a verbal offer of the position to the candidate, and to negotiate within the terms agreed with the Board, and to issue a Letter Of Intent, if mutual agreement on those terms was reached. The Board then discussed its expectation with respect to a

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comprehensive communication plan, including necessary informal communications as well as formal District-wide communications following Board approval expected at next week's Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

At 8:45 pm, Mr. McLawhorn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



Brian T. Barnhart, Ph.D.  
Board of Education Secretary



Julie O'Connor  
Board of Education President