

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

June 2, 2020

Members of the State Board of Public School Education met via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 for a special meeting. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brian Duchscherer at 2:10 PM. The following State Board members were in attendance virtually for the meeting:

Ms. Maria Effertz Hanson

Mr. Josh Johnson

Dr. Steve Holen

Mr. Jeff Fastnacht

Ms. Sonia Meehl

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Dr. Brian Duchscherer

Also present: Allyson Hicks, Alice Johnson, Lucia Jacobson, Doris Griffin

The special meeting was called to address one agenda item: Consideration of materials and appointment of school board members pursuant to NDCC §15.1-09-05 for the Oberon School District.

Dr. Duchscherer called on Allyson Hicks to provide background information as to the reason the special meeting was called. Ms. Hicks informed the board that Governor Burgum had suspended four of the five board members of the Oberon Public School Board under NDCC §54-10-15. The relevancy to the State Board of Public School Education is that under NDCC §15.1-09-05 since four of the five members are suspended, the local board no longer has a quorum. This statute in North Dakota Century Code tasks the State Board with appointing members to the Oberon board to make a quorum. Those appointed members, along with the remaining board member, Doris Griffin, will then choose 2 additional members to make up a full board. Once that has happened, the two members appointed by the State Board will resign their posts and the remaining members of the Oberon Board will select two members to fill those vacancies so as to again have a full board.

Two applications for the Oberon Board were received by the deadline and were reviewed by the State Board. The two applicants that the State Board reviewed were Sharon Mudgett and Matthew Friesen.

Superintendent Baesler made a motion to accept the applications of Ms. Mudgett and Mr. Friesen and appoint them as members of the Oberon Public School Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meehl.

Results of roll call vote:

Ms. Meehl – yes

Mr. Johnson – yes

Mr. Fastnacht – yes

Ms. Effertz Hanson – yes

Dr. Holen – yes

Superintendent Baesler – yes

Dr. Duchscherer – yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020

There being no other business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.