

SPECIAL CALL MEETING APPOINTMENT TO FILL BOARD VACANCY MARCH 12, 2003

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for a Special Call Session, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in the Jim Hester Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said school district. President Susan Low called the meeting to order 6:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Susan Low; Directors Richard Clewell, Alan Guard, Steve Hunter, Dan Portes, and Larry Roberson.

President Low welcomed the candidates and guests to the meeting. She explained the process that would be followed that was similar to the one used for the last board member appointment in December. Since the Board does not have specific procedures established in policy, we can follow the custom previously used by our past Boards.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

President Low reviewed the rules established for the interview process and setting 15 minutes for endorsements per candidate on the first round in order to hear from each of the seven candidates in a reasonable amount of time. The Board was asked to adopt the five rules for the interview process.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board adopt the rules for the interview process. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, Clewell, Hunter, Portes, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the rules for interviews will be included with the minutes of record.)

NOMINATION PROCESS

President Low reviewed the rules established for the nomination process. The Board was asked to adopt the three rules for the nomination process.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board adopt the rules established for the nomination process, as previously outlined. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Roberson, Guard, Clewell, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the rules for nomination will be included with the minutes of record.)

VOTING PROCESS

President Low reviewed the rules established for the voting process. The Board was asked to adopt the rules for the voting process.

MOTION: Director Portes moved the Board adopt the rules established for the voting process as just presented. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Portes, Guard, Clewell, Hunter, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the rules for voting will be included with the minutes of record.)

TELLERS APPOINTED

President Low appointed two tellers who would collect and tally the votes for the appointment. Dr. Jim Blanche and Mr. Tom Voorhees were appointed to this temporary position. (Because of a schedule conflict, Mr. Voorhees left, so President Low appointed Ms. Jackie Bostic to be the second teller.)

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES

A. Each candidate was allowed three minutes to make opening statements to the Board during the first part of the interview section. The candidates were taken in alphabetical order as follows:

1. Samuel Richard Bailey, 2216 North Ohio Avenue, Davenport
2. Bonnie Beechum, 1210 Brown Street, Davenport
3. LaMark J. Combs, 2632 North Clark Street, Davenport
4. Miriam Fox, 1901 West 16th Street, Davenport
5. Manuel Alejandro Garcia, 614 Brown Street, Davenport, IA
6. Katie Hanson, 2915 Emerald Drive, Davenport, IA
7. Donna M. Lindberg, 313 West Mayne Street, Blue Grass, IA

President Low thanked people for coming forward to help the Board through this process of public speaking and questions. Mrs. Low said she was impressed by the qualifications of all the candidates, and she thanked them for their willingness to serve our District and the children.

B. Time was allowed for a variety of questions from board members to individual candidates or to the group of candidates for their responses.

RECESS

President Low called a brief recess from 7:30 PM to 7:40 PM prior to the endorsements and voting. The rules showed the Board agreed to not discuss their votes during the recess period.

ENDORSEMENTS

C. Time was allowed for endorsements of the candidates from members of the public. The names of the candidates were drawn in random order instead of using the alphabetic system for the endorsements. It was left up to the individual candidates to decide whether to have anyone come forward to make an endorsement or not to have people come forward to speak during this time. Each candidate's name was drawn and 15 minutes was allowed per candidate for his or her endorsements. The order of the endorsements were taken as follows: Bonnie Beechum, LaMark Combs, Miriam Fox, Katie Hanson, Samuel Richard Bailey, Donna Lindberg, and Manuel Alejandro Garcia.

President Low clarified the appointment was for the rest of the 2002-03 year until the next election in September 2003. Then there will be a regular election for a two-year term to fill out the remainder of Anne Losasso's term until 2005. The Board was only allowed to appoint someone until the next election, and the Board was not anticipating another special call election prior to the second Tuesday in September. President Low appreciated the number of people who came forward to apply for this position. She said this would be a difficult decision for the Board because everyone was so well qualified. However, the Board was charged with this responsibility of making an appointment within a 30-day time frame, and only one person could be selected. President Low told the candidates not to be discouraged if they were not chosen, because all of them would be an asset to the Board. There will be four positions open for the September election, so they may want to consider this option. Please take advantage of achieving your goal through the election process also.

NOMINATIONS #1

President Low asked each board member for nominations. They responded with the following names:

- Director Clewell nominated Bonnie Beechum
- Director Roberson nominated LaMark Combs
- Director Hunter nominated Manuel Alejandro Garcia
- Director Guard nominated Miriam Fox
- Director Portes nominated Katie Hanson
- Director Low nominated Samuel Richard Bailey

There were no further nominations so President Low declared the nominations closed.

VOTING #1

Board members were asked to make their vote by written ballot. The appointed tellers were asked to collect the ballots and to tally the votes. Dr. Blanche read the vote tally as follows:

Bonnie Beechum	1 vote
LaMark Combs	1 vote
Miriam Fox	1 vote
Samuel Richard Bailey	0 votes
Manuel Alejandro Garcia	0 votes
Katie Hanson	3 votes

President Low announced no candidate received the required majority of four votes, so a second vote would be held with the same process used for round two.

NOMINATIONS #2

President Low asked for nominations.

- Director Portes nominated Katie Hanson
- Director Guard nominated Miriam Fox
- Director Roberson nominated Bonnie Beechum

There were no further nominations so President Low declared the nominations closed.

VOTING #2

Board members were asked to make their vote by written ballot. The appointed tellers were asked to collect the ballots and to tally the votes. Dr. Blanche read the vote tally as follows with one candidate receiving the majority of votes as necessary:

Katie Hanson	4 votes
Miriam Fox	1 vote
Bonnie Beechum	1 vote

President Low declared Katie Hanson has been appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Anne Losasso and will serve until the next regular election in September 2003.

OATH OF OFFICE

President Low administered the required oath of office to Director Katie Hanson. (A signed and notarized copy of the oath will be included with the minutes of record.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board adjourn. Director Portes seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: All ayes.

President Low declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary