



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Lopez Island School District #144  
April 12, 2023  
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4:00 PM  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

*Directors present: Chair Carrier, Vice-Chair Guenther, Director Rabel, Director Taylor, Director O'Connell. Staff present: Superintendent Murray.*

*Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. A quorum was present.*

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

*Vice-Chair Guenther led the flag salute and Chair Carrier read the land acknowledgement.*

III. REQUEST TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote):

A. Items for Discussion in Executive Session

1. RCW 42.30.110 (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

B. Time allotted to Executive Session: 2 hours

*Director O'Connell made a motion to enter an executive session.*

*Vice-Chair Guenther led the roll call vote: KC- yes, DG-yes, SR-yes, KT-yes, RO-yes*

*Chair Carrier excused the board to Executive Session at 4:04 pm. The board is expected to reconvene by 6:00 pm.*

IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

*Chair Carrier reconvened the meeting at 5:29 pm.*

V. REQUEST FOR ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED:

*Director O'Connell made a motion to rescind the vote to offer Superintendent Murray a new 3-year contract that was approved at the March 22, 2023, regular board meeting. Vice Chair Guenther led the roll call vote: KC-Yes, SR-Yes, KT-Yes, RO-Yes, and DG-Yes.*

*Director Rabel made a motion to terminate Superintendent Murray's employment at the end of his current contract term on June 30, 2024. Vice Chair Guenther led the roll call vote: KC-Yes, SR-Yes, KT-Yes, RO-Yes, and DG-Yes.*

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

*Director Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Chair Carrier asked if there was any discussion.*

*Superintendent Murray spoke in opposition to the board's actions coming out of executive session. He stated that he believes the board's vote on March 22, 2023, to extend his contract is still a binding*

*agreement that can only be voided if he refuses to accept the new contract. Murray added that the subsequent vote to end his employment upon the expiration of his current contract, makes his position as superintendent extremely challenging in the face of the major decisions that have to be made for the future of the district.*

*Chair Carrier then called for a vote to adjourn the meeting. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.*

*Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.*

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