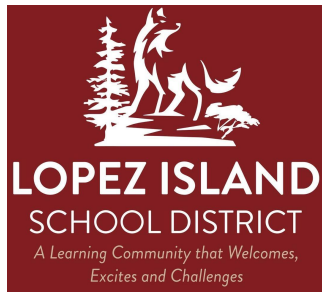


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
August 30, 2023
Library Media Center
4:00 pm

Special Board Meeting Minutes

A Special Board Meeting is an open public meeting, and public attendance is welcome.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

*Directors present: Chair Carrier, Vice-Chair Guenther, R.O'Connell, K.Taylor, M. Price-Morris
Staff present: S.Jones, J.Hammond*

Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

S.Jones, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Malia Price-Morris, appointed Board Director for position #1.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Vice-Chair Gunther led the flag salute. Chair Carrier gave the land acknowledgement.

*Due to disruptions from the public, Chair Carrier recessed the meeting at 4:05 pm for 10 minutes.
Chair Carrier reconvened the meeting at 4:12 pm.*

III. APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SUPERINTENDENT:

*Vice-Chair Guenther read a Board statement to the public. A copy was entered into the record. **Director Guenther moved to approve the settlement agreement with Superintendent Murray. Director O'Connell seconded. No Discussion. Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstain. The Settlement Agreement was approved.***

Vice-Chair Guenther moved to authorize Board Chair Kelli Carrier to execute the agreement on behalf of the board directors. No discussion. Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstain

IV. SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT:

As per RCW 28A.330.200 Employment of superintendent—Superintendent's qualifications, general powers, term, contract renewal, a board member can assume responsibility for superintendent.

Vice-Chair Guenther moved to pass a resolution to transfer the authority of superintendent to Chair Kelli Carrier until an official superintendent is sworn in. This resolution number is number 22/23-10.

*Discussion: Question: What is needed to transfer to Principal Martin? Contract, transferring of accounts and OSPI paperwork. Vice-Chair Guenther led a roll call vote: **KT-yes, RO-yes, KC-yes, DG-yes MPM-abstain.***

Resolution 22/23-10 Transfer of Superintendent Authority to Board Chair was adopted (Vote: 4, 0, 1).

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Guether moved to adjourn. No discussion.

Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm.

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has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Superintendent, 86 School Rd., Lopez Island, WA 98261, 360.468.2202.

Board Statement read at 8/30/23 Special Board Meeting:

The board met today to discuss accepting the Separation and Release Agreement between Ed Murray and the Lopez Island School District. Mr. Murray's resignation is effective Aug. 31, 2023. The final agreement states that Mr. Murray will receive sixty thousand dollars and will be released of all duties and claims after his resignation date.

Our next steps forward will include having our principal, Dr. Martha Martin, be our Interim Superintendent, as well as, the K-12 Principal while we undergo the Search Process for a new Superintendent. We are very thankful for her willingness to serve in that role.

After approval of this agreement tonight, in accordance with RCW 28A.330.200 the Board will appoint Board Chair, Kelli Carrier to be acting Superintendent until we are able to have Martha officially in the position. Which we expect to happen very soon.

In the coming weeks, the Board will be appointing a committee of stakeholders to carry out the search and selection of the next superintendent. This is a very important time for our School District. Our plan is to come together as a team to support Martha, and use this time wisely to have a thorough and thoughtful search process.

Thank you for your attention and patience with this difficult issue. Please reach out to the Board with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lopez Island School Board