

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
901 WALNUT 6B
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2012**

SPECIAL MEETING — 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors' Board Candidate Review Committee met in a special session on Monday, January 16, 2012, 901 Walnut, 6A; Dick Murphy presiding.

Present: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Murphy
Absent: None

BOARD ACTION ITEM — 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Murphy stated the purpose of this meeting was for the committee to select finalists to fill the position on the Board that was vacated by Patty Link. The Board received 11 applications for the vacant Board position. The committee's charge was to select three individuals from that list to send on to the full Board to be interviewed on January 24.

Ms. Boesen reminded the Committee that one of the applicants does not reside in Des Moines. Mr. Murphy stated that her application will not be considered and Ms. Pat Lantz, General Counsel for the district, will advise the disqualified candidate.

Each member of the committee listed their top three choices for the vacant Board position. Based on the total number of mentions the committee agreed the three finalist candidates would be Joe Jungeward, Shane Schulte and Patricia Wood Young

Mr. Murphy stated interview questions should be the same for each of the finalists and said each Board member had the opportunity to submit questions to be included in the interview process. Each candidate interview will last thirty minutes.

Mr. Murphy compiled a list of nine potential questions to be presented to the candidates and said he will send it to the full Board for further review and input.

Ms. Boesen suggested each candidate be asked how informed they are on the Governor's plan for education reform. The committee agreed that each candidate be questioned on their background in education, and if there is anything in their personal history that could be potentially embarrassing to them or the district.

There was a consensus to call and notify each finalist and to inform those candidates not chosen as finalists by e-mail. Phil Roeder, the district's Director of Board and Community Relations, suggested all of the candidates be notified immediately before the media released that information.

Mr. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.