

**Des Moines Public Schools
Board of Directors' Special Session
February 21, 2013, 5:25 p.m.
901 Walnut Street
Minutes**

The Board of Directors met in special session on Thursday, February 21, 2013, 5:25 p.m. at 901 Walnut Street to review applications for the position of superintendent. Dick Murphy presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy
Absent: Sweeney

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Boesen. The chair took a roll call vote:

Aye: Caldwell-Johnson, Boesen, Jongewaard, Elsbernd, Howard, Murphy
Nay: None
Motion carried 6-0.

The board met in closed session from 5:27 p.m. until moving back into special session at 10:14 p.m.

A motion to authorize Ray and Associates, the district's superintendent search consultant, to extend invitations to six applicants to interview for the position of superintendent of the Des Moines Public Schools was moved by Mr. Howard and seconded by Ms. Elsbernd. The chair took a roll-call vote:

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Murphy
Nay: None
Pass: Caldwell-Johnson, Jongewaard
Motion carried 4-0-2.

The board then reviewed a draft list of interview questions prepared by Ray and Associates and refined them to a final list. The interview process was reviewed. The five most common questions asked by interviewees will be compiled by Ray and Associates and provided to the board members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.