

Green Mountain Unified School District
Board
Tuesday February 13, 2018
CAES, Library
6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

Board: Joseph Fromberger, Marilyn Mahusky, Tonia Fleming, Doug McBride, Jeff Hance, Kathy Muther, Fred Marin, Kate Lamphere, Erin Lamson (arrived 6:17)
Staff: Meg Powden
Other Board Members: Wayne Wheelock,
Public: Rick Alexander, Shawn Cunningham

Ms. Mahusky called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The board introduced themselves.

II. APPROVE AGENDA:

Mr. Marin **moved** to approve the agenda noting that the selection of the principal will need to be in open session if a decision is made. Mr. Hance seconded and the motion to approve the agenda carried with no opposition.

III. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD CHAIR:

Mr. Fromberger noted that at the resignation of the board chair, the vice-chair automatically becomes the board chair, therefore the board needs to have a vice chair appointed.

Mr. Fromberger **moved** to verify and ratify the placement of the vice-chair into the chair position, by electing Ms. Mahusky as the chair until the next reorganizational meeting. Mr. McBride seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR:

There was discussion about whether the board should elect a vice chair. He noted that the annual reorganization of this board will be done after the town meeting. It wouldn't be necessary except that they have a vacancy on the board and they will need to fill that vacancy. Ms. Mahusky explained the change in session law (Act 49) allowing the school board to elect the candidate with the consultation of the select board of the affected town, since this board is a unified union district. This procedure is a new procedure that would be followed between now and July. The discussion was deferred given that it wasn't warned.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Interview GMUHS Principal Position Finalists

The consensus of the board was that they needed to discuss the appointment or employment of a public officer and conduct the interviews of the principal at GMUHS. Ms. Fleming **moved** to enter executive session at 6:17 p.m. inviting Ms. Powden for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public officer because doing so in an open meeting would put the board at a disadvantage. Mr. Fromberger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The board invited in the candidates for the position individually, beginning with Lauren Fierman, then Carl Chambers, followed by Mike Ripley.

The board returned from executive session at 9:49 p.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Selection of GMUHS Principal

Ms. Mahusky noted that the board interviewed all three candidates and deliberated. They considered the comments of the staff, students and community members. Mr. Fromberger **moved** to offer Lauren Fierman a contract to be principal of the Green Mountain High School, with the length of contract and salary to be negotiated by the superintendent. Ms. Muther seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

Mr. Marin **moved** to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. Ms. Lamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes of January 17, 2018 Special Meeting

Mr. Fromberger noted a correction to the minutes under the budget approval. The board approved Mr. Fromberger's motion with Mr. McBride casting an opposing vote. Ms. Fleming also noted a spelling correction in the title—"Commongs" should be "Commons". Mr. Marin **moved** to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting as corrected. Ms. Lamson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Fleming questioned the process for filling the vacancy on the board. They have contacted Chris Leopold for guidance. There is a new session law for a unified union district in which the school board makes the appointment to the board in consultation with the select board in the affected town. They are not required to post the vacancy, but they will post in the school newsletters and will ask the Chester Telegraph to also post the vacancy. There was discussion about whether the appointment was for the balance of the term or if it is until the next election (March 2019). Ms. Mahusky noted that she believed it would be only until the March 2019 election. The candidate will not need a petition, just a letter of interest submitted to the town clerk or the superintendent.

IX. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

The GMUSD board will be meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at CTES.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fromberger **moved** to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Ms. Fleming seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Wilson
Board Recording Secretary