



LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Ypsilanti, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 8, 2025

5:00 p.m.

District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES-SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer LaBombarbe, President
Matthew Bentley, Vice President
Jason Moore, Treasurer
Jennifer Czachorski, Trustee
Alisa Soos, Trustee
JaVon Jason, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan and Barbara Makarewich, Cassandra Coker and Jessica Sieloff

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President LaBombarbe called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present with the exception of Smith.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board and audience members.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

Please fill out the attendance form including your email and phone number. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Comments with respect to the performance of specific district employees are not appropriate during public comment. A list of complete guidelines are listed on the agenda.

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION TABLE DISCUSSION

6.1. Review of Superintendent Applications

As part of the ongoing Superintendent search process, the Lincoln Board of Education Trustees recently engaged in an open-table discussion to identify candidates for the next phase of interviews. During this collaborative session, each Trustee independently presented their top selections for consideration.

Following these individual presentations, all nominations were compiled and the number of votes for each candidate was tallied. The Trustees then engaged in a thoughtful and deliberative conversation, carefully reviewing the qualifications, leadership qualities, and alignment of each top candidate with the district's priorities and values.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 Reviewing a Job Application

It will be necessary to enter Closed Session to discuss Reviewing a Job Application, to return to open session.

A roll call vote was necessary.

Pursuant to Sections 8(1)(f) of the Open Meetings Act, it was moved by Bentley and seconded by Czachorski that we enter Closed Session to discuss Reviewing a Job Application, to return to open session.

Ayes: 6 Czachorski, LaBombarbe, Bentley, Soos, Jason and Moore

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0

Entered Closed Session 5:45pm/Returned to Open Session 6:21pm

Through this process, the Board reached a consensus on which candidates will be invited to participate in individual interviews scheduled for July 15 and 16, 2025. These interviews represent a critical step in selecting a Superintendent who will guide Lincoln Consolidated Schools with vision, integrity, and a commitment to educational excellence.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

- 6:10pm: Melanie Depray Learst, Assistant Superintendent, Westwood Community Schools, MI
- 7:10pm: Dr. Kellie Finnie, Director of Curriculum, State & Federal Programs, Dearborn Heights #7, MI
- 8:20pm: Hal Heard III, Executive Director of High School Education, Plymouth-Canton Schools, MI

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

- 6:10pm: Dr. Kristy Taylor, Vice President of Training, Franworth (prior Western Schools, MI)
- 7:10pm: Barb Leonard, Executive Director of Human Resources, Dexter Community Schools, MI
- 8:20pm: Gregory Smith, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Farmington Public Schools, MI

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bentley and seconded by Czachorski that we adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0