



LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 16, 2025
5:00 p.m.
District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES-SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction
Paula Robinette,

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan and Barbara Makarewich, Cassandra Coker, Jessica Sieloff, Kathya Marine, Shaheen Eisenstein, Laura Carl, Sarah Vollmer, Kyla Gurganus, Natalie Brown, Akesha Moore, Gillia Williams, Jamie Lehto, Jeanette Spivey, Krystl Tittyung, Brianna Jones, Ted Samuelson, Mike Weathers, Sonja Williams and Dianne Vargo

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President LaBombarbe called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present.

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.

Board recessed for dinner at 5:15pm to return to open session at 6:01pm

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH-FIRST ROUND INTERVIEWS

Each candidate participating in the first round of interviews was asked a standardized set of fourteen questions by the Lincoln Consolidated Schools Board of Education. Interviews were scheduled for a duration of 50 minutes per candidate.

At the conclusion of the questioning, each candidate was afforded the opportunity to ask a question of the Board.

Following the final interview on the second evening, July 16, 2025, the Board of Education will convene to deliberate and determine which candidates will be invited to advance to the second round of interviews, scheduled for July 22, 2025.

- 6.1 Dr. Kristy Taylor, Vice President of Training, Franworth (prior Western Schools, MI)
- 6.2 Barb Leonard, Executive Director of Human Resources, Dexter Community Schools, MI
- 6.3 Gregory Smith, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Farmington Public Schools, MI

The following three candidates will move on to round two

- 6:10pm: Melanie Depray Learst, Assistant Superintendent, Westwood Community Schools, MI
- 7:20pm: Gregory Smith, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Farmington Public Schools, MI
- 8:20pm: Hal Heard III, Executive Director of High School Education, Plymouth-Canton Schools, MI

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Czachorski and seconded by Bentley that we adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion carried 7-0