

**Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703**

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a Special Meeting on February 15, 2017 in rooms 223 and 221 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

Board Members Present

Peggy Kinkade
Cheri Helt
Julie Craig
Andy High *left at 7:00 p.m.*
Nori Juba
Stuart Young
Ron Gallinat

Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. by Chair Kinkade for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Zone 7 position. Kinkade thanked applicants for being available tonight and reviewed the interview process for the Zone 7 appointment. Each candidate will spend 3-4 minutes with each board member and discuss the two questions provided ahead of time:

1. The “why” – specifically, why do you want to serve on the Bend-La Pine School Board, and what are three things you’d like to accomplish or your three goals as a board member?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Bend-La Pine School District?

Kinkade said the board will look to narrow down the 26 applicants* to five or fewer finalists who will be invited for a second interview. A regular board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017 and the agenda includes a discussion on the Zone 7 appointment, at that time the board anticipates announcing finalists. Kinkade encouraged applicants, if not selected to fill the position, to continue or seek ways to be engaged in the schools. Kinkade shared the same message with the 4:15 p.m. group and the 5:20 p.m. group.

Candidates present for the 4:15-5:15 p.m. interview:

- Megan Michell
- Melissa Barnes Dholakia
- Bill Brant
- Diane Doroski
- Carrie Douglass
- Alison Hohengarten
- Amber Keyser
- Allen Light
- Rick Olegario
- Judy Steigler
- Jon Vollers
- Baruch Zeichner – via conference call
- Kate Lew – via conference call

Candidates present for the 5:20-6:20 p.m. interview:

- Ken Archer
- Laura Boehme
- John Gilmore
- Amanda Gow
- Nicole Hough
- Ken Johnson
- Jason Kropf
- Keith Leitz
- Matthew Murphy
- Troy Reinhart
- David Rosen
- Bonnie Walker

*Terri Mucha withdrew her application prior to the interviews February 15, 2017. Cornileius McCormick will be interviewed in the same fashion on February 16, 2017 prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting. McCormick’s application was misplaced via email, however, was submitted prior to the application deadline.

At 6:20 p.m. the board took a short break, and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Teaching and Learning Department to discuss interviews and narrow candidates to a final interview pool. Discussion ensued

regarding the interview process, candidate responses, and Andy High noted that he still may advocate for the Zone 7 position to be filled through the election process rather than by appointment.

Chair Kinkade asked each board member to indicate their top candidates, five at most. Seven candidates rose to the top of the pool and board members discussed each candidate's qualifications, interview responses and how many to offer finalists interviews to; ranging from as many as seven to as few as two. From this discussion board members agreed to interview four finalists.

Board members agreed to make the announcement of finalists during the Zone 7 discussion at the February 16, 2017 board meeting. After the board meeting, all candidates will be notified via email and Carrie Douglass, Rick Olegario, Laura Boehme and Melissa Barnes Dohlakia (in no particular order) will be offered 30 minute interviews on February 27, 2017. Chair Kinkade will work with board members to refine finalist interview questions

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Wilson
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