

**Hesperia Community Schools
Board of Education
July 12, 2021
Special Work Session**

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Board President Al Daniels called the work session/special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center for the purpose of conducting second interviews to hire the Middle School/ High School Principal.

Board Members Present: Broton, Kraus, Rumsey, Daniels, Maynard, Allen and Good

Board Members Absent: None

All present took the pledge.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Discussion

Bryan Mey, Superintendent briefly discussed how the interviews would be conducted. Comment sheets were available around the room and on every chair for members of the community to comment on the candidates. They were to be turned into the Superintendent by noon the following day. All candidates were to be asked the same series of questions and given the same time frame to do so. They were given the remaining time after completing the questions to ask questions of the board or give a general statement.

Candidate 1. David Hardenberg

Interview started at 6:05. Interview ended at 6:58

He answered all interview questions. Made a closing statement that he believed he could contribute to the school, bring innovation, increase academic growth, and would be focused on student needs.

Candidate 2, Denise Short

Interview started at 7:00. Interview ended at 7:59

She answered all interview questions. She made a closing statement that she appreciated the support of the district and she would always try her best. She also stated that she would be present and visible, and that she wants what is best for the community and the district.

Public Comment

Wendy Tozer- Supports the hiring of Denise Short and believes as an internal candidate she would not have a learning curve to learn the staff and students, and would fit in well in the Elementary.

Nancy Blount- She cautioned the district during the first round of interviews not to take the easy route. She has some concerns surrounding this position.

Courtney Niblick- She feels that Denise is a strong candidate and that she is invested in the district.

Amy Fairchild- Supports hiring of Denise Short because she is trained in trauma and knows that is a key part of the districts success.

Mona Vanblargan- Supports hiring of Denise Short. She references the School Improvement plan, specifically the area in which the district stated that they want to keep administrators, and build leadership from within the district.

Patti Bartolini- Supports Denise Short as the next Elementary Principal because she is open to learning, and she is invested in the district.

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Audrey Fosburg- Supports hiring Denise Short. She was glad the board went this far in the interview process, it increased her confidence in the candidate's ability to do the job.

At the end of public comment it was stated that Mr. Mey will read all comments and provide recommendations and feedback to the board within the week.

The board dismissed to recess at 8:15 pm
The board returned from recess at 8:25 pm

Adjournment

Motion by Kraus supported by Maynard to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing Elementary Principal candidates.

The meeting adjourned to closed session by roll call Vote at 8:27 p.m. Maynard: aye; Rumsey: aye; Broton: aye; Good: aye; Allen: aye; Kraus: Aye; and Daniels: aye.

The work session/special work session adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Michelle Allen, Secretary

Al Daniels, Board President