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District 157-C April 26, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Frankfort School District 157-C Special Board of Education meeting of April 26, 2017 was called to order by Board President Gina Briese at 7:00 p.m. The roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the Open and Closed Session minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2017.

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Education, President Gina Briese acknowledged outgoing Board Members Dr. Brian Sasso (2013-2017 one term) and Mike Turner (2015-2017 unexpired term and one term 2011-2015) for their service as members of the Board of Education. The Board passed a Resolution of Appreciation for both outgoing Board members. Superintendent Dr. Maura Zinni also acknowledged Dr. Sasso and Mr. Turner, stating, "Thank you for tirelessly supporting the Mission of District 157-C." She commended actions taken during their tenure including approving \$3.1 million in tax abatement, passing two teacher contracts, approving the 21st Century Continuous Learning Plan and widening the net to include more students in advanced courses. She continued, "You always provided thoughtful guidance. Mike's experience as an attorney and Brian's as a medical doctor served the Board well. You were always focused on the future of each child in the district and we thank you."

The Board took action to accept the canvass of the vote for the April 4, 2017 election for members of the Board of Education of Frankfort Community Consolidated School District 157-C as prepared by the Will County Clerk's Office. The canvass results showed candidates Brett Cosich 2,652 votes, Gina Briese 2,700 votes and Chris R. McFadden 2,775 votes. The canvass results will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

Board Secretary, Edie Adamski administered the Oath of Office to Gina Briese, Brett Cosich and Christopher McFadden elected April 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.

The meeting of the new Board of Education was called to order and a quorum was present.

The Board took action to elect Dr. Zinni President Pro Tem to preside over the Board of Education reorganization.

According to Board Policy, Officers of the Board will be elected by the members and serve two-year terms. President Pro Tem Dr. Zinni entertained nominations for President for a term of two years. Gina Briese was the only member nominated and therefore was elected President. The meeting was turned over to President Briese to seek nominations for Vice President for a term of two years. Tom Reidy was the only member nominated and therefore was elected Vice President. President Briese asked for nominations for Secretary for a term of two years. Edie Adamski was the only member nominated and therefore was elected Secretary.

Board President Gina Briese appointed members to serve as the following liaisons. Edie Adamski will serve as Special Education/843 Board liaison which serves on the Governing Board for Lincoln-Way Area Special Education, Brett Cosich will serve as the liaison for the Frankfort Township Planning Commission, Kevin Regas will serve as the Board of Education Hearing Officer, Edith Lutz will serve on the District Insurance Committee, and Tom Reidy will serve as the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) delegate.

The Board reviewed and approved the Board meeting dates through May 2018 as presented. The Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office at 10482 W. Nebraska Street in Frankfort, IL. The meeting dates are May 17, June 21, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20, 2017 and January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16, 2018. This information will also be posted on the District website, www.fsd157c.org.

The Board accepted Prima Facie the policies of the previous Board of Education.

In discussion, Dr. Maura Zinni invited outgoing Board Members Brian Sasso and Mike Turner to use their experience on the Board to discuss the "Role of the School Board" for the new Board members. Mr. Turner stated, "As you do this, keep in mind that you are representing the community and not yourself. Be professional, but don't be shy. Voice your thoughts and come to a decision around the table. Come prepared and if you feel strongly about something, voice it and talk about it. The kids' education should lead the way in decisions made in caveat with the taxpayer's money. Find the right balance. Our community is very supportive of our schools and community and go to great lengths for them." Dr. Sasso congratulated everyone joining the Board. He said "This is a balance of the education of the students, quality teachers and protecting the taxpayers' money. The Board is not a rubber stamp and sincere debate is a good thing. It is better if everybody gets involved. Be flexible in your decisions." Dr. Sasso also said that hiring Dr. Zinni as superintendent was probably the best decision he has seen during his tenure on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next regular District 157-C Board of Education meeting will be held on May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Prairie Elementary School, 10480 West Nebraska Street, in Frankfort, Illinois.