

March 22, 2017

The Johnson City Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 12:00 noon, in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center. The following members were in attendance:

Mr. Timothy Belisle, Chair
Mrs. Kathy Hall, Vice Chair
Mr. Thomas Hager, Jr., Secretary
Mr. John Hunter, II
Mr. Jonathan Kinnick
Dr. Richard Manahan
Mrs. Stacie Torbett
Dr. Richard Bales, Superintendent of Schools

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

- A. Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- B. Purpose of the meeting was to narrow the list of candidates for the position of superintendent.
- C. Belisle noted the process, as adopted by the Board, would be that each board member would vote for two candidates, sign the ballot, and the votes would be read aloud.

2. VOTING

- A. Each board member voted for two candidates and Dr. Bales read the ballots aloud for the record.
 - Kinnick voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. Timbs
 - Dr. Manahan voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. McFall
 - Hager voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. McFall
 - Hunter voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. Wallace
 - Torbett voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. Wallace
 - Hall voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. McFall
 - Belisle voted for Dr. Barnett and Dr. McFall
- B. Discussion
 - Manahan asked if another vote needed to be taken or would the Board go with the top vote getter.
 - Hall stated her preference would be to have a second round of interviews for the top two vote getters.
 - Hunter asked if a vote could be taken to see where everyone stood with regard to the process.

3. MOTIONS

- A. Kinnick made a motion to follow the process and begin negotiations with the top vote getter (not go through another round of interviews). Hunter seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-2 roll call vote (Hager and Hall voted “no” and Hunter, Kinnick, Manahan, Torbett, and Belisle voted “yes”)
- B. Hunter made a motion to initiate negotiations with Dr. Steve Barnett. Torbett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a 7-0 roll call vote.

4. **NEXT STEPS**

- A. Belisle will notify the five candidates and TSBA regarding the decision of the Board.
- B. The Superintendent's Compensation Committee (Hall, Belisle, and Manahan) will meet immediately after this meeting to begin work on a compensation package to present to the full Board for consideration.
- C. The Board will be prepared to begin contract negotiations with Dr. Barnett at its regular meeting on April 3.
- D. Dr. Barnett will assume the position of Superintendent on July 1, 2017.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Belisle expressed appreciation to the board members, principals, and staff for the work that has gone into this process. He thanked Dr. Bentley for making arrangements for the visits and the culinary arts classes at the CTC for the meals they prepared for the candidates and community members.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary