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Board of Trustees  
Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Lincoln Campus and via Microsoft Teams  
5:30 p.m.

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## MINUTES

### ATTENDEES

*Trustees    Others*

Jennifer McKee Vice Chair	Rex Weltz, Superintendent
Luke Muszkiewicz, Trustee	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Terry Beaver, Trustee	Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director
Kay Satre, Trustee	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent 6-12
	Jane Shawn, HEA President
	Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager
	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
	Jeff Hindoien, Guest of the Public
	Megan Michelotti, Guest of the Public

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair Jennifer McKee called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

#### II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The trustees reviewed the agenda, and no changes were made.

### III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Item for Action

##### 1. Appoint a Trustee To Vacant Trustee Position

Background:

Pursuant to 20-3-309, MCA, whenever a trustee position becomes vacant, the remaining members of the trustees shall declare the position vacant and shall appoint, in writing within 60 days, a competent person as a successor. If the trustees do not make the appointment within the 60-day period, the county superintendent shall appoint, in writing, a competent person as a successor.

Considerations:

- Trustee Lois Fitzpatrick's untimely passing created a vacant trustee position, and the Board of Trustees declared the position vacant at the April 11, 2023, board meeting.
- The District provided notice of the vacancy to the public.
- Individuals interested in filling the vacancy were asked to submit applications.
- The appointed individual will be administered the oath and seated on the Board at a special board meeting on May 16th.
- The term of office is one (1) year.
- One application was received from Jeff Hindoien.
- The District Clerk verified that Mr. Hindoien is a qualified elector of the District.

Superintendent recommendation:

Appoint Jeff Hindoien to the vacant trustee position.

Board Vice Chair Jennifer McKee commented. "At this point I would entertain a motion to appoint Jeff Hindoien to the vacant trustee position."

Motion: Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to appoint Jeff Hindoien to the vacant trustee position. Trustee Terry Beaver seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 4-0 motion carries unanimously.

**V. BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz stated that it was very difficult to lose Trustee Lois Fitzpatrick and her loss has been felt by everyone on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Muszkiewicz stated that he could not think of a better person than Jeff Hindoien to fill this vacancy on the board. Jeff Hindoien has previously served as a Helena Public Schools Trustee and is an expert in educational law, and state education budget issues, and has years of experience working with public school districts. Board Vice Chair Jennifer McKee stated that Jeff Hindoien has a long history of successful public service at almost every level in Montana and even at the national level, and she is so thankful that he will be serving as a Trustee on the board.

There were no further board comments.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Candice Delvaux, Recording Secretary Date