THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Special Meeting - June 12, 2003

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The School Board of St. Lucie County held a special meeting in the School Board Room on June 12, 2003 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

 PRESENT: DR. JOHN CARVELLI, Chairman

 Member Residing in District No. 3

 MS. CAROL A. HILSON, Vice Chairman

 Member Residing in District No. 2

 DR. SAMUEL S. GAINES

 Member Residing in District No. 5

 MRS. KATHRYN HENSLEY

 Member Residing in District No. 4

 DR. JUDI MILLER

 Member Residing in District No. 1

 ALSO PRESENT: MR. JIM HUGE, Superintendent Search Consultant

 MR. DANIEL B. HARRELL, School Board Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Chairman Carvelli called the meeting to order. The Board had conducted two interviews during the day of June 12th with two potential candidates for superintendent, namely, Mr. Michael J. Lannon and Mr. E. Wayne Gent. Individual board members also interviewed each candidate separately. During the same day, several groups interviewed each candidate, including a collection of members from CTA/CU and CWA, members of the District Advisory Council, and staff members. Later, in the afternoon and early evening, members of the community were invited to concurrent “meet the candidate” sessions with Mr. Lannon and Mr. Gent. Each person in every group was asked to complete a candidate response sheet. The sheets were collected, copied, and distributed to each School Board members for review.

As board members took time to read the response sheets, Dr. Carvelli clarified that he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest with regard to his employment. Mr. Gent was his immediate supervisor. See Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers on file for the record in accordance with Section 286.012 Florida Statutes.

Mr. Jim Huge, superintendent search consultant, asked the other four board members to write the name of the candidate they chose for superintendent on a piece of paper. Each board member then signed their name to the paper (ballot), and handed them to Mr. Huge. Mr. Huge tallied the votes and announced that all four members had written down Mr. Michael Lannon’s name as their first choice.

Mr. Huge asked the Board if it wished to do a site visit since that was originally mentioned during discussion about the search process. The Board had also indicated early on that it wanted to have the new superintendent in place as soon as possible and wanted to begin contract negotiation at the same time. Dr. Miller noted that this search was handled a little differently from last time--board members did a site visit before the Board voted. last time. Mr. Huge pointed out that the difference this time was the search was limited to Florida. This time, the Board had asked Mr. Huge to do an extensive investigation on all candidates and he had already done that. A site visit at this point would be a reconfirmation of what the Board already knew.

 Action: There was a motion to proceed with contract negotiations

(with Mr. Michael Lannon), and to forego the site visit at

this time (Hensley/Miller/Carried 4-0; Dr. Carvelli abstained

as previously stated above).

Board members commented individually on how well they thought both candidates had handled the interview process. Attorney Harrell answered questions about negotiations and the creation of a contract document. The district’s labor attorney, Mr. Dave Richeson, had created a contract that was used with prior superintendents in the past and that document had not required few amendments. By Board consensus, Mr. Harrell was asked to contact Mr. Richeson to begin contract negotiations (with Mr. Michael Lannon).

Dr. Miller mentioned the need for an interim superintendent during the month of July.

 Acton: There was a motion to appoint Mrs. Sandra G. Wolfe

 as interim superintendent for the period of time it would

 take (the month of July 2003) for Mr. Lannon to begin

 as full time superintendent (Miller/Hensley/Carried 5-0).

Board members thanked everyone for their support and interest in the superintendent search process. Discussion ended and Chairman Carvelli adjourned the special June 12, 2003 meeting at approximately 7:36 p.m.