

THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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July 15, 2009
Inn at Gig Harbor
Gig Harbor, Washington

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Vice-Chair Warren Smith, Mr. Bob Hughes, Ms. Phyllis Bunker Frank, Dr. Steve Dal Porto

Staff Attending: Ms. Edie Harding, Ms. Loy McColm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Smith.

The elected Board members met in a special meeting at the Inn at Gig Harbor to prepare a process for appointing the new Board member to replace Mr. Steve Floyd in Region Three.

The committee members decided on the following process for the elections process:

Ms. McColm will prepare an application for posting on the SBE Web site. The application will also be sent out to various stakeholders. Questions to be included on the application form are as follows:

1. Why are you applying to be a member of the State Board of Education?
2. What relevant experience do you have working with children and young adults?
3. What would you do to improve education today? (500 word limit)

In addition, information will be requested on whether an applicant has been a school board member or convicted of a felony against children or young adults.

Three references will be requested from applicants, which will be called before the face to face interviews. The deadline for submitting applications to Ms. McColm is COB August 19. Materials will be sent to the Committee members no later than 9:00 a.m. on August 20 for them to rank their top five to eight candidates. The members decided on five questions for the finalists and interviews will be scheduled for August 25 at the OSPI building in Olympia. The final announcement will be made on or before September 3, 2009.

The candidate selected for the Region Three position, if interested, will be required to run again in 2010 for a one year term and again in 2011 for the four year term. The criteria for those who apply are as follows:

RCW 28A.305.021 specifies the following for candidates for elected positions to the Board. I have highlighted the main criteria (note the appointed positions by the Governor do not have to follow these restrictions).

RCW 28A.305.021

Election of board members — Restrictions.

The election of state board of education members by school directors and private school board members shall be conducted by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the members of the state board who begin serving on January 1, 2006, and thereafter.

(1) The superintendent shall adopt rules for the conduct of elections, which shall include, but need not be limited to: The definition of the eastern Washington and western Washington geographic regions of the state for the purpose of determining board member positions; the weighting of votes cast by the number of students in the school director's school district or board member's private school; election and dispute resolution procedures; the process for filling vacancies; and election timelines. The election timeline shall include calling for elections no later than the twenty-fifth of August, and notification of the election results no later than the fifteenth of December.

(2) State board member positions one and two shall be filled by residents of the eastern Washington region and positions three, four, and five shall be filled by residents of the western Washington region. **(In this case it will be someone from the Western region)**

(3) A school director shall be eligible to vote only for a candidate for each position in the geographic region within which the school director resides.

(4) Initial terms of the individuals elected by the school directors shall be for terms of two to four years in length as follows: Two members, one from eastern Washington and one from western Washington, shall be elected to two-year terms; two members, one from eastern Washington and one from western Washington, shall be elected to four-year terms; and one member from western Washington shall be elected to a three-year term. The term of the private school member shall be two years. All terms shall expire on the second Monday of January of the applicable year.

(5) No person employed in any public or private school, college, university, or other educational institution or any educational service district superintendent's office or in the office of the superintendent of public instruction is eligible for membership on the state board of education. No member of a board of directors of a local school district or private school may continue to serve in that capacity after having been elected to the state board. **(Thus candidates cannot be serving as any of these after their election to the position; however, this does not apply to Governor appointees).**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Warren Smith at 2:30 p.m.