

Port Townsend School District No. 50
1610 Blaine Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Board of Directors
Special Joint Board Meeting
with Chimacum School District Board of Directors
February 24, 2021
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Port Townsend School District Board of Directors Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and roll call was taken. PRESENT BY ZOOM: Port Townsend Directors – Nathanael O'Hara, Jennifer James-Wilson, Doug Ross, Jeff Taylor and Connie Welch. Chimacum Directors – Dr. Kristina Mayer, Tami Robocker, Sarah Martin, Mickey Nagy and Kathryn Lamka.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chimacum School District Chair Dr. Kristina Mayer.

Dr. Kristina Mayer provided an overview of the agenda. Tami Robocker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Connie Welch seconded; motion carried. (10-0)

Recess to Executive Session

The Boards recessed to separate executive sessions at 5:03 PM to discuss the qualifications of applicants for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The executive sessions are estimated to last approximately 15 minutes with possible action to follow in open session.

Resume Public Meeting

The open public meeting resumed at 5:18 PM.

Selection of New Superintendents

Kristina Mayer asked for a motion to select a candidate as the new superintendent for Chimacum School District. Mickey Nagy made a motion to select Dr. Scott Mauk as the next superintendent of Chimacum School District; Kathryn Lamka seconded; motion carried. (5-0)

Tami Robocker said she is very excited and ready to move forward. Kathryn Lamka said the more the Board learns about Dr. Mauk, the happier they are with their decision. Kristina Mayer is enthused that Dr. Mauk will support and refine current district efforts. She said he is an instructional leader concerned with social emotional learning who cares about adults and kids.

Nathanael O'Hara thanked the Chimacum Board for participating in the joint superintendent search. He enjoyed and appreciated the process and looks forward to future collaborations between the new superintendents and the districts. O'Hara also thanked Hank Harris and his team at Human Capital Enterprises for providing a great experience and getting to know the districts and communities.

Kristina Mayer agreed with O'Hara's comments and expressed appreciation to Jennifer James-Wilson and O'Hara for their leadership and open communication. She looks forward to future collaborative opportunities. She thanked Harris for supporting the collaborative search idea and for finding exceptional candidates.

Nathanael O'Hara asked for a motion to select a candidate as the new superintendent for Port Townsend School District. Jennifer James-Wilson made a motion to select Linda Rosenbury as the next superintendent of Port Townsend School District; Connie Welch seconded. The vote was by roll call:

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Jennifer James-Wilson: aye
Doug Ross: aye
Jeff Taylor: aye
Connie Welch: aye
Nathanael O'Hara: aye

Connie Welch expressed excitement about Rosenbury's instructional leadership and her commitment to education, kids, and learning. Jennifer James-Wilson shared part of Rosenbury's application cover letter that explained her desire to return to a small community. James-Wilson looks forward to Rosenbury's leadership in teaching and learning and taking care of students. Nathanael O'Hara has enjoyed his conversations with Rosenbury and said she quickly rose to the top of the candidate pool. He also said the community feedback strongly supported Rosenbury.

Kristina Mayer said the Boards feel that the new superintendents will make a good team in future district collaborative efforts. She also said the Boards look forward to all that the superintendents will bring to the county and the districts.

Introduction of New Superintendents

Dr. Scott Mauk said he is thrilled to join Chimacum School District and the community. He and his wife Maggie look forward to moving to the community and his grown sons Sawyer and Sage look forward to coming home to a new home. He shares and hopes to learn more about the District's aspirations and is ready to lead the work in achieving them. Dr. Mauk is excited to meet and get to know all staff members and especially wants to meet and support the students. He thanked both boards and Hank Harris for their support and the unique joint search process. He feels that Linda Rosenbury and he will work well together for the benefit of kids and the community. Dr. Mauk also looks forward to learning from Dr. David Engle, Interim Chimacum School District Superintendent. The Board welcomed Dr. Mauk's wife Maggie.

Linda Rosenbury said meeting the dedicated staff, students, and community members of Port Townsend and Chimacum and learning about the work being done in the districts inspires her. She is happy to be here and wishes it could be an in-person meeting. Rosenbury and her partner Matt look forward to moving to Port Townsend in the near future. She is thrilled to join the team and start the work of the District. She acknowledged the challenge of recovering from the pandemic, and is confident Dr. Mauk and she will work together to provide positive academic and social emotional outcomes for all students in the community. Rosenbury thanked Jennifer James-Wilson for sharing a portion of her cover letter because she is excited for the extra-curricular activities available in the area. She feels that she fits in here and is thankful for this opportunity.

Jennifer James-Wilson expressed appreciation to Hank Harris and his team, both Boards and the community stakeholders for supporting and contributing to the joint search process.

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Hank Harris congratulated both Boards on their superintendent selections. He said his team was honored to be part of the unique collaborative search. Harris is eager to see the work of the districts and plans to visit the community soon. Kristina Mayer thanked Harris's team members Erin Prince and Barbara Young for their contributions.

Nathanael O'Hara thanked the large number of participants in the Zoom meeting and said this is a big moment for the communities.

Adjournment

Jeff Taylor made a motion to adjourn; Mickey Nagy seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathanael O'Hara

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Board Chair