

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 22, 2023**

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened in a combined board session at 5:00 pm on Monday, May 22, 2023 in Room 215 at Days Creek Charter School.

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Rex Fuller, John Boling, Rebekah Sawyer, Clint Thompson, Laura Stufflebeam, Valerie Anderson, and Charlie Sawyer

Charter Board Members: Diane Swingley, Matt Giles, Joanne Gordon, David Brown, and Anna Rickards

Staff/Patrons: Brian Arp, Karen Sowers, Brian Jenks, Cheryl Silva, Jim Silva, and Rob McCallum

Breakthrough: Rob Hess And Cathy Horwitz

Board Secretary: Leah Giles

**1) Call to Order and Welcome:** R. Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3) Approval of the Agenda:**

Charter:

Motion: M. Giles moved to approve the agenda with no changes or additions.

Second: A. Rickards

Discussion: There was no discussion

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** D. Swingley, M. Giles, J. Gordon, D. Brown, and Anna Rickards

**MOTION PASSES**

District:

Motion: C. Thompson moved to approve the agenda with no changes or additions.

Second: R. Sawyer

Discussion: There was no discussion

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** R. Fuller, R. Sawyer, C. Sawyer, V. Anderson, J. Boling, L. Stufflebeam and C. Thompson

**MOTION PASSES**

**4) Approval to Move into Executive Session with BreakThrough Consulting, Rob Hess and Cathy Hurowitz**

- R. Fuller read the Executive Session ORS to the room

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The school boards will meet in executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. The executive session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a) which allows the board to meet in executive session for this purpose. All members of the audience are asked to leave the room. No decision will be made in the executive session. At the end of the executive session, the Board will return to open session.*

Motion: M. Giles made a motion to enter into executive session for the above purpose at 5:25pm

Second: A. Rickards

Discussion: None

**VOTING IN FAVOR:**

Charter Board: D. Swingley, M. Giles, J. Gordon, A. Rickards and D. Brown

**MOTION PASSES**

Motion: V. Anderson made a motion to enter into executive session for the above purpose at 5:28pm

Second: L. Stufflebeam

Discussion: None

VOTING IN FAVOR:

District Board: R. Fuller, R. Sawyer, C. Thompson, C. Sawyer, L. Stufflebeam, V. Anderson, and J.

Boling

**MOTION PASSES**

## **5) The Board ended Executive Session and returned to Regular Session: 8:42pm**

### **6) Action Item: Superintendent/Executive Director/Principal Decision:**

Charter Board:

Motion: M. Giles made a motion that it is the Charter Boards' recommendation to move forward with the hiring process of Michael Carter as the superintendent/principal/executive director, pending the vetting of the legal summaries, and dossier pertaining to past lawsuits and complaints.

Second: A. Rickards

Discussion: None

VOTING IN FAVOR:

Charter Board: D. Swingley, M. Giles, J. Gordon, A. Rickards and David Brown

**MOTION PASSES**

District Board:

Motion: C. Thompson made a motion to move forward with the Charter Boards recommendation of hiring Michael Carter for the superintendent/principal/executive director position pending the vetting of the legal summaries and dossier pertaining to the past lawsuits and complaints against him.

Second: R. Sawyer

Discussion: C. Sawyer wanted to know who would be responsible to get the documents stated above. He wanted to make sure that the correct documents were going to be received and exactly what the board was looking for. Rob Hess let the board know that he will get the documents. He will have the school's lawyer talk with Michael's lawyer so we can get official court documents. The board also discussed getting another meeting scheduled to discuss the documents and make a final decision.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

District Board: R. Sawyer, C. Thompson, C. Sawyer, L. Stufflebeam, V. Anderson, and J. Boling

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

District Board: R. Fuller

**MOTION PASSES**

- C. Sawyer informed the room that his vote is contingent on the results of the vetting process and really needs the documents in order to make a final decision moving forward.
- It was discussed on whether or not the hiring committee needed to be at the next meeting. The boards let them know they did not have to be there and that if they have more input they can let a board member know and that board member can report at the next board meeting. Nothing was set officially, but the members have fulfilled their duties. Most of the boards and members want the committee members to be there at the next meeting.
- Another meeting date was discussed for the hiring process of Michael Carter pending documents. The board decided on Weds, May 31st, 2023 at 6:30pm

## **7) Announcements: None**

## **8) Adjournment:**

Charter:

Motion: A. Rickards moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm

Second: M. Giles

Discussion: There was no discussion

*VOTING IN FAVOR:* D. Swingley, M.Giles, J. Gordon, D. Brown, and Anna Rickards

***MOTION PASSES***

District:

Motion: C. Sawyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm.

Second: V. Anderson

Discussion: There was no discussion

*VOTING IN FAVOR:* R. Fuller, R. Sawyer, C. Sawyer, V. Anderson, J. Boling, L. Stufflebeam and C. Thompson

***MOTION PASSES***

Dated this May 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Leah Giles/Board Secretary

**Next Regular Board Meeting June 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm**