

CARMAN-AINSWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Special Board Meeting – Board Candidate Interviews
November 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by President Koegel in the Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building Board Conference Room.

Present: Gary Cousins, La Cracha Handy, James Johnson, Lisa Koegel, Gloria Nealy, Katina Wilborn

Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent McGilvery, Gina Ryan, Bob Hetherton, Detra Fields, Lisa Murphy, and other guests.

CALL TO ORDER

President Koegel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. James Johnson recited the mission, vision, and belief statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

INTERVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY CANDIDATES

President Koegel announced the purpose of this meeting is to interview candidates for the recently vacated Board seat by Ms. Crystal Dahl. President Koegel noted five candidates will be interviewed in Open Session; Board deliberations will also be held in Open Session.

President Koegel summarized the interview process and explained to each applicant, prior to their interview, that a formal appointment is anticipated following the meeting, and that the appointment is temporary and will expire on December 31, 2024. President Koegel clarified that if the candidate selected desires to continue serving on the Carman-Ainsworth Board of Education, it will be necessary to run in the November 2024 Election. Although a brief overview of the election process was shared, it was stated that further information be obtained from the Genesee County Clerk's Office. Each applicant was informed of the Board meeting cycle, expectations, the Board Member Orientation Program, and the Board's commitment to participation in the Michigan Association of School Board's board member certification courses.

The interview consisted of nine prepared questions and an opportunity for each applicant to make additional statements or ask questions. Thirty minutes was scheduled for each interview. The Board candidate interview schedule consisted of one session and then an opportunity for deliberations.

Interview Session

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHEDULED TIME</u>
Shiri Weston	5:30 p.m.
Mary Margaret Gleason Gidcumb	6:00 p.m.
Valerie Royce	6:30 p.m.
William Washington, III	7:00 p.m.
Waymond Beavers	7:30 p.m.

The interview with Ms. Shiri Weston began at 5:34 p.m.

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BOARD RECESS

The Board recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

The interview with Ms. Mary Margaret Gleason Gidcumb began at 5:52 p.m.

BOARD RECESS

The Board recessed at 6:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

The interview with Ms. Valerie Royce began at 6:21 p.m.

BOARD RECESS

The Board recessed at 6:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m.

The interview with Dr. William Washing, III began at 6:41 p.m.

BOARD RECESS

The Board recessed at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

The interview with Mr. Waymond Beavers began at 7:23 p.m.

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

The Board began Open Session deliberations at 7:34 p.m. on the five candidates interviewed.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT

After open discussion, President Koegel polled Board Members for a favorite candidate.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, to recommend consideration of Shiri Weston for appointment to the vacant Board of Education seat effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent McGilvery requested the addition of Resolution Board of Education Vacancy and Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office to the agenda under New Business.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Nealy, that the Board of Education add Resolution Board of Education Vacancy and Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office, to the agenda under New Business, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

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Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023, and the Executive Session Meeting of November 14, 2023, and that they be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Bid Approval – Bleachers for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School

Motion by Nealy, supported by Handy, that the Board of Education approve the base bid proposal from Interkal, LLC, in the amount of \$181,152.00 for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School Gym Bleacher Replacement, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of Purchase – Condensate Collection and Recovery System for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School

Motion by Cousins, supported by Nealy, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Condensate Collection and Recovery System from Johnson & Wood Mechanical Contractors, in the amount of \$195,502.00 per quote, for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Johnson exited the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

BOARD RECESS

The Board recessed at 8:09 p.m. to allow Ms. Shiri Weston time to return to the meeting and reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Resolution Board of Education Vacancy

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Board of Education Vacancy, appointing Shiri Weston to serve as a member of the Board of Education for the term of November 21, 2023, ending on December 31, 2024.

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Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn

Nays: None

Absent: Johnson

Motion unanimously carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office – Shiri Weston Newly Appointed Board of Education Member

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed Board Member, Shiri Weston, by Lisa Murphy, Executive Assistant. Mrs. Weston pledged to faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Member of the Board of Education according to the best of their ability and executed the Acceptance of Office document, as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koegel adjourned the Special Board Meeting at this time 8:32 p.m.

Gary Cousins, Board Secretary