



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
4:30 pm Tuesday, September 10th, 2024
Via Zoom

Trustees Present: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, Sigrid Sheie
Trustees Absent: Jasmine Dahlquist, Katie Brubaker
Others Present: Matthew Driessen, Freyja Erikson, Linda Hall

Special Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Heather Burgad called the meeting to order at 4:34pm and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda

III. Action: Hire of Angela Brunner as a 1.0 FTE Certified Extended Resource Teacher, with a matrix placement of Step 1 Lane 1. (Annual salary of \$36,700).

Superintendent Driessen introduced Linda Hall, SPED Director. Mrs. Hall expressed her gratitude to the board and the DeSmet community for helping her feel welcome for her first two weeks.

There was a discussion regarding the apparent need for a second teacher to oversee the Extended Resource portion of the SPED Department due to the severity of the cases and number of students receiving services. There had previously been concerns about hiring another teacher to fill what is anticipated to be a temporary need, but after discussion with the union and transparency with the candidates, it was agreed that the position would tentatively be available for two years, after which, the new Extended Resource Teacher would be welcome to apply for any open certified positions. Mr. Driessen indicated that Angela Brunner is aware of this information, and still interested in the position.

A motion was made first by Synthia Wendell and seconded by Sigrid Sheie to hire Angela Brunner as a 1.0 FTE Certified Extended Resource Teacher, with a matrix placement of Step 1 Lane 1 and annual salary of \$36,700. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

Monday, September 16th

V. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda

VI. Adjourn

A unanimous motion to adjourn was made at 4:45pm, and the meeting was closed.