

**SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**April 25, 2017**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by the Chairman, Lisa Kearns with the *pledge to our flag*. The School District No. 2. Trustees present to constitute a quorum were:

*Lisa Kearns, Chairman*

*Scott Griffin, Trustee*

*Jonette Johannsen, Vice-Chairman*

*James Nagy, Trustee*

*Lisa Samsal, Trustee*

Guests and staff in attendance were:

*Christina Barbachano, Superintendent*

*See attached list*

*Dan Nau, K-6 Principal*

*Peggy Tobin, Business Manager*

2. **APPROVE/REVISE/AMEND AGENDA** Action 1  
Jonette moved to accept agenda as written. Scott seconded the motion and with no discussion it passed unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA** – No public comments Discussion
4. **INTERVIEW INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE**  
The board interviewed George Linthicum for the position of Superintendent/7-12 Principal. The attached list of questions was asked.
5. **PUBLIC INPUT ON CANDIDATE**  
Shannon asked if this was the only candidate. Lisa K. said that she had received four names from MTSBA and all dropped out except Mr. Linthicum. Phil asked for a definition of “interim”. Lisa K. answered one year and that the position would be opened up for a full search in December. Kris asked if we have called references, and Lisa K. said not yet as they just received references tonight. Annie asked what some of the priorities are for the interim and Lisa K. said that the board hasn’t had a working session. There was discussion regarding George’s resume and it was pointed out that he has been an interim for a long time. Kim requested as both a member of the community & the staff that the board do due diligence and make phone calls prior to hiring. Lisa K. assured her that they were planning to do that. Kim also asked what happens if we don’t have anyone by June 30<sup>th</sup> and the answer was that we would then be under the county superintendent. Val said she thought the candidate seemed like a good problem solver. Another comment (Sarah Brown) was that she liked his approach to discipline. Scott said that they have received 12 letters of recommendation. Christina said that she had contact with George when she was in Ronan and he was still at Arlee at various meetings and conferences. Scott reiterated what was said when the board made their decision to look for an interim instead of a full search, and it still made a lot of sense to him to move forward with that decision. Amanda Nix had called a friend in Simms (Ray Hahn) and he said he would go back to education for George and that he was a great guy. Amanda really respects Ray’s opinion and he provided a glowing review. Stacey pointed out that we don’t want to lose George either if he takes something else while we deliberate. Annie agreed that her question was probably more appropriate when the position is opened up in December. Lisa K. said that everyone wants to do what’s best for the school and confirmed that there would not be action following the executive session.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discuss Candidate**  
The board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40pm. Executive Session ended at 10:01pm.

7. POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION- no action taken

Action 2

8. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 16, 2017

9. ADJOURN

Action 3

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. The motion was seconded by 10:05pm and passed unanimously.

Jonette Johannsen  
JONETTE JOHANNSEN, CHAIRMAN

Peggy Tobin  
PEGGY TOBIN, CLERK

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GUEST LIST  
PLEASE SIGN IN!!

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jamie Hauschultz	Stacy Ko
Archa Dunk	
Jamie Dunk	
Shannon Dunk	
Jodi Griffin	
Kris Ry	
Nate Aschim	
Alex Aschim	
Deana Barsness	
Val Malsine	
Elizabeth Smith	
Kim Block	
Janna Tomshack	
Alinda Mx	
Jeff Mx	
Bill Mx	
Michael	
Erica Bo	

# Superintendent Interview Questions

## 2017

1. Tell us about yourself and why you would like to be the next Superintendent/High School principal in Sunburst?
2. What are three leadership qualities you possess that will make you successful in this position?
3. What is your passion in education that you would like to see replicated here?
4. How do you see yourself fitting into a small community that is new to you?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself as a disciplinarian and why?
6. Tell us about a time that you have had to manage a difficult and complex financial and budget situation?
7. What are your thoughts concerning technology and how would you like to see it integrated into your school?
8. How do you resolve conflict between students, staff, or parents? Explain a time when you have dealt with a difficult situation and how you resolved the situation.
9. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself as a communicator and how would you plan to communicate with students, your staff, the board, and the community?
10. Tell us about a time that you had to work with your Board to solve a difficult problem? What was the difference in the roles you and the Board played?
11. How would you involve the professional staff in the decision making process?
12. In a previous administrative position, what strategies did you employ to bring about change in your school or district and how successful were you in both the process and the outcome?
13. Why are you the best candidate for this position?
14. Do you have any questions for us?