

MINUTES OF THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE
JCPS SUPERINTENDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017, 3:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, VANHOOSE

Members Present:

Chris Brady, JCBOE Chairman
Karin Bennett, Parent elected by PTA presidents
Julie Cummings, Principal
Sue Foster, President JCAESP-AFSCME
Beth Fuller, Teacher
Yvette Gentry – Minority Parent representative
Brent McKim – Teacher

Also Present:

Frank Mellen – JCBOE General Counsel
Angela Gilpin – JCBOE Assistant Secretary
Beth Friedman – Project Manager

Mr. Brady opened the meeting, & the members of the Screening Committee introduced themselves. He then explained why they would be holding an Executive Session, per KRS 61.810(1)(f), excluding the press. Mr. McKim made a motion to hold an Executive Session, & Ms. Cummings seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted. The few members of the press that were present then left the room.

[Minutes of the Executive Session are contained in a separate document that is exempt from disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Law]

The press that were present were asked to come back into the room. Mr. Brady announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Mellen talked about legal issues and statutes regarding the superintendent position and search.

Ms. Gentry inquired as to who the two teachers are on the Committee. Mr. McKim explained that he is a JCPS teacher in addition to being the president of JCTA. His assignment as a JCPS teacher is service at JCTA.

Ms. Friedman, project manager, explained her role in the screening process, and made reference to the advertisements and postings that have been made in various publications.

Mr. Brady believes that everyone on the Committee should have an equal voice, so he does not want to be chairperson. Neither Ms. Foster nor Mr. McKim want to be the chair. Mr. Mellen stated that there is no legal requirement to have a chairperson of the screening committee. Ms. Cummings stated that she would be glad to serve as the chairperson.

Mr. Brady brought up scheduling the next meeting of the Screening Committee. He believes that it should meet one-two times before the end of the year. Mr. Mellen stated that it would take Ms. Friedman a couple days to get all the applicants' materials together to present to the Committee. It was decided that she would both email and provide hard copies of those materials to all Committee members at the next meeting.

Ms. Foster asked if the Committee should meet to go over the questions that they would ask the candidates. Mr. Brady stated a concern over telegraphing questions before meeting with the applicants. Mr. McKim stated that prior screening committee members each brought their own questions to the interviews, and that there were no discussions about them in advance. Ms. Gentry believes that they must be consistent with the questions, and that the same questions should be posed to each candidate.

The next meeting of the JCPS Superintendent Screening Committee will be held Friday, December 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at VanHoose.

A motion was made by Ms. Cummings to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Ms. Bennett, and was unanimously adopted. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Friedman, Project Manager