

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING
Administration Building
November 26, 2024**

President Pearl called the SPECIAL meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present: Members Aquino, Gura, Pearl, Sobah and Wojtowicz
Absent: None
Also, Present: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Blanchard, Dr. Brosky, Mr. Kava, Mr. Sibley, Ms. Licari, Mr. Atkins, Ms. Monnier-White and Ms. Adlam

MOTION #11/15/24 – Moved by Member Sobah and supported by Member Aquino to appoint an Acting Secretary for tonight’s meeting. **Yes all, motion carried.**

Mr. Christopher Gura appointed Acting Secretary, Board of Education

Roll Call taken.

MOTION #11/16/24 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino to approve the agenda. **Yes all, motion carried.**

From the Community - None

Board of Education Vacancy (1) – Board Vacancy Interviews

- Board President Pearl welcomed all the candidates for interim board vacancy (1) and explained the interviewing process.
- Mr. Pearl explained the process regarding the oath of office.
- All six candidates were interviewed by the Board of Education using pre-approved questions and rotating the order the questions were asked.

Board of Education Vacancy (1) – Board of Education Appointment

- The Board of Education discussed amongst each other and came to the consensus that they were ready to appoint one of the six candidates to the interim Board of Education Vacancy (1).
- Board of Education members commented on the following:
 - Member Aquino indicated all six people did a great job interviewing and had great qualifications. Ms. Aquino indicated she supports diversity and therefore, Ms. Talitha Mahome is who she selects.
 - Member Sobah agrees these qualified candidates were great and after reviewing all the applications and going through the interviews, his decision is to select Ms. Talitha Mahome.
 - Member Wojtowicz thanked everyone that applied and felt the top candidates should be the top two vote getters during the November election. Mr. Wojtowicz selects Mr. Terry Prince.

- Member Gura indicated it was not an easy process and having to appear before the Board of Education panel for interviewing was difficult and felt all the candidates did a great job. Mr. Gura supported Ms. Talitha Mahome. Mr. Pearl appreciate the efforts of those that applied.
- Mr. Pearl felt these were six terrific candidates, and he supports Ms. Talitha Mahome.

After discussion by the Board of Education, by a majority of the votes, Ms. Talitha Mahome will be appointed to fill the interim Board of Education vacancy (1).

Mr. Pearl encouraged all applicants to stay involved with the community.

MOTION #11/17/24 – Moved by Member Pearl and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Talitha Mahome to fill this Board of Education vacancy until the November 3, 2026 election has been held and certified, and a newly elected individual has been sworn in to fill the remainder of the position term.

Roll Call taken.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Wojtowicz, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Sobah, yes; Member Pearl, yes and Member Gura, yes.

Motion carried.

Board of Education Vacancy (2) – Appoint Committee to Review Candidate Resume and Questionnaires submitted for Board of Education Vacancy (2)

- Discussion by Board of Education about interim Board of Vacancy (2) and the process to fill the vacancy.
- Letters of intent are due back to the district by December 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- Board will have a SPECIAL Board of Education meeting on December 5, 2024 to determine which candidates will be selected for an interview.

Of and By Board Members

- Member Gura thanked everyone again for submitting their names and showing interest in being a part of Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education.
- Member Pearl thanked everyone who applied and attending the meeting.

MOTION #11/18/24 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Sobah to adjourn the meeting. **Yes all, motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Gura, Acting Secretary
Chippewa Valley Schools