

**FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2022**

A special meeting of the Fairview Area Schools' Board of Education was held Wednesday, May 18, 2022 in the high school media center.

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

Board President Anne Tompkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Alchin, Jon Ford, Janice Handrich, Amber Larrison, Merianne Tappan, Anne Tompkins, and Herb Trader

ABSENT: None

II. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved by Board consensus.

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Superintendent / 6-12 Principal Candidate Round Two Interviews

The Board interviewed Amy Clouse from 5:05 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. and Dr. George Pena from 6:48 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.. Each candidate was asked a set of personalized questions and was then given the opportunity to ask questions of the Board and to share any additional information.

The Board took a brief break from 8:12 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

V. Public Comments

The Board heard comments from Troy Ross, Becky Carley, April Evans, and Olivia Yoder.

VI. Determination of Candidate Preference

The Board discussed each candidate and relayed information gathered during reference checks. Each Board member was polled to determine by yes or no vote whether to consider hiring each of the two candidates.

Candidate #1 – Dr. Geroge Pena

Alchin:	No	Ford:	No
Handrich:	No	Tappan:	No
Trader:	No	Tompkins:	No
Larrison:	No		

Candidate #2 – Amy Clouse

Alchin:	Yes	Ford:	Yes
Handrich:	No	Tompkins:	No
Trader:	No	Tappan:	No
Larrison:	No		

Since a majority vote in the affirmative was not reached for either candidate, a Superintendent was not hired at this time. President Tompkins asked the Board if they would like to re-post the position. The ayes were 5 (Handrich, Trader, Larrison, Tappan, and Tompkins) and the nays were 2 (Alchin, Ford). The position will be reposted.

VI. Determination of Candidate Preference, (Con't.)

The Board discussed the possibility of retaining the services of MASB to help with the Superintendent search. Many school districts have had success using these services.

Trader/Handrich That the Board research the cost of MASB Superintendent Search services.

Ayes – 2, Nays – 5 (Handrich, Alchin, Tappan, Ford, Larrison)

VI. Authorization for Negotiations Meetings – Item dismissed

VII. Set Date for Negotiations Meeting – Item dismissed

VIII. Closing Public Comments

The Board heard comments from Troy Ross, Bobbi Ross, and Kami Winton.

IX. Board Comments

Mike Alchin expressed frustration and disappointment in the way the superintendent search was conducted and the fact that the Board is still without a new Superintendent despite Mr. Lake submitting his retirement letter back in January.

President Tompkins adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Merianne Tappan, Board Secretary