

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF DISTRICT 497, HELD IN THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER,  
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER,  
110 McDONALD DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE**

**June 20, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:31 p.m., Board President Marcel Harmon called to order a special meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of entering executive session.

<b><u>Board Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>SLT Members Present</u></b>
Marcel Harmon, president	David Cunningham, executive director,
Shannon Kimball, vice president	human resources & legal counsel
Jessica Beeson	Julie Boyle, director, communications
Jill Fincher	Janice Dunn, clerk,
Rick Ingram	
Melissa Johnson	<b><u>Others Present</u></b>
Vanessa Sanburn	Joanna Hlavacek
	Terri Johnson
	Steve Jones

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Rick Ingram, the board voted, in a unanimous voice vote, to recess to executive session *to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed*, with David Cunningham, executive director, human resources and legal counsel, invited to be present as needed, and with the board to return to open session in this room at 3 p.m.

Note: Board Member Jessica Beeson entered the meeting room at 1:42 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION**

At 3 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Jessica Beeson, seconded by Vanessa Sanburn, to extend executive session until 4 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION**

At 4 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Melissa Johnson, to extend executive session until 4:30 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION**

At 4:30 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Marcel Harmon, to extend executive session until 4:50 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & EXTENSION**

At 4:50 p.m., the board returned to open session where a motion was made by Vanessa Sanburn, seconded by Jessica Beeson, to extend executive session until 5 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & BREAK**

At 4:57 p.m., the board returned to open session where Board President Harmon declared a break until 5 p.m.

### **MOTION TO HIRE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

At 5 p.m., Jessica Beeson made a motion, seconded by Rick Ingram, to approve the hiring of Dr. Anna Stubblefield as the interim superintendent for Lawrence Public Schools beginning July 1, 2017, and enter into a one-year contract as agreed upon by the Board and Dr. Stubblefield. The motion passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Board President Marcel Harmon read the following statement:

*The Board deliberated today between two very capable and impressive candidates to serve our district's need for an interim superintendent this coming school year, and are pleased to announce Dr. Anna Stubblefield as our top choice.*

*We are confident Anna is the right person to lead our district as we continue focusing on our equity work, personalized learning, and continued district excellence.*

*We appreciate the feedback from the Lawrence Education Association, district administration, and the community, which guided and informed our process.*

*Anna has been a strong leader in our district for nine years, working collaboratively with administrators, teachers, and classified employees to create a culture in which student learning is the focus.*

*We will begin our process to fill the superintendency this fall, concluding that process by February 2018.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:01 p.m., a motion was made by Shannon Kimball, seconded by Melissa Johnson, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Janice E. Dunn  
Clerk, Board of Education