

Lenox Public Schools

School Committee

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January 29, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

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I. CALL TO ORDER. Chair, RV; 5:30 pm

II. School Committee Deliberation of Final Candidates for Superintendent.

RV screen shared the letters from candidates in response to the prompt Why Lenox? Why now? ME: After review of application materials and further reflection, I would support March Gosselin as our top candidate. AO: Suggest that the Committee delay decision process to a separate meeting when in this situation in the future. Appreciate having the time to think since then, feel that I am now deciding and not reacting. After reflecting, the candidate who would be the most capable to hit the ground running may very well be Marc Gosselin. CM: Comments also in support of Marc—something special in him that we have seen in no other candidate. Displayed a lot of strong qualities. Savvy and resourceful. Depth of thought and perception. Think Marc is outstanding. RV: These two rose to the forefront with inclusive practices, and are leaders in diversity and equity. FS: My vote is for Beth, she's a good fit, and has community contacts to make my dream come true with vocational studies. I choose to be a good neighbor, if we have someone this good this close to home. I have reached out in north county and Northampton and heard exceptional things. Nothing against Marc. Marc also has a lot to offer. DR: As I said Tuesday, we have two very strong candidates. Regardless of the outcome, I will fully support either one for Superintendency. RM: They are good candidates. I am pleased with what we brought to the table. RV: We should conduct a straw vote at this time. FS: BC ME: MG DR: BC CM: MG RM: MG AO: MG RV: MG

III. Vote.

MOTION by DR and seconded by ME that we make a unanimous vote to offer the candidate our full support going forward. RV: What DR is asking is that the next vote to actually offer the position be unanimous.

ME: aye

DR: aye

CM: aye

RM: aye

AO: aye
FS: reluctantly aye
RV: aye
Approved 7-o.

MOTION by CM and seconded by ME that Marc Gosselin be offered the Superintendency of the Lenox Public Schools subject to the successful negotiation of a contract of employment mutually agreeable to the candidate and the school committee and signed by both parties.

FS: aye
ME: aye
CM: aye
AO: aye
DR: aye
RM: aye
RV: aye
Approved 7-o.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION by ME and seconded by AO to adjourn.

ME: aye
CM: aye
AO: aye
RM: aye
DR: aye
FS: aye
RV: aye
Approved 7-o.

Meeting adjourned 5:58 pm.

Submitted by *Amy Noble Novitsky*.