

Leeds Public School Board
Special Meeting
April 3, 2019

UNOFFICIAL minutes of the Leeds Public School District Board, to be read and approved at the next REGULAR meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

Present: Randy Gunderson, Tyson Follman, DeShawn Tofsrud, Elem Principal Roger Jensen, Superintendent Michael Silverman, and Business Manager Maria Dunlap

Absent: Kim Nelsen and Jeff Jacobson

Visitors: Teri Johnson, Robyn Eberle, Callie Parslow, Jana Darling, Bill Sullivan, Chris Bubach, Matt Swanson, Janel McGarvey, Jody McGarvey, and 3 students.

Mr. Silverman reported on English applicants and recommended hiring Julie Worsham.

DeShawn Tofsrud moved to offer Ms. Worsham a contract for 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by Tyson Follman and approved by DeShawn Tofsrud, Tyson Follman and Randy Gunderson.

The meeting was recessed until 7:00 p.m.

Joining the meeting were: Ms. Lisa Smith, Legal Counsel for Leeds Public School Board, Mr. Eugene Benner, teacher, and teacher representatives: Mr. Mike Geiermann, NDU Legal Counsel, and Mr. Dana Hillius, NDU Representative.

Mr. Mike Geiermann requested an open hearing for the non-renewal.

Tyson Follman moved to move into executive session under NDCC 15.1-15-06 to contemplate the nonrenewal of Eugene Benner's contract for reasons for failure to meet the requirements of his contract including issues in classroom management, professional conduct, and proficiency as a teacher reflecting on his ability, competence and qualifications as outlined in his performance appraisals, classroom observations and formal personnel file that have not improved to an acceptable level to maintain employment. Motion was seconded by DeShawn Tofsrud and approved by Randy Gunderson, Tyson Follman and DeShawn Tofsrud.

All visitors were asked to leave the room.

Hearing moved into executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Hearing will continue on April 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Attest: Maria Dunlap, Business Manager