

DECEMBER 21, 2018
WILMETTE, IL
SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Friday, December 21, 2018, at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Rd., Wilmette, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with President Mark Steen presiding.

Members Present: Mark Steen, Jon Cesaretti, Tracy Kearney, Frank Panzica,
 Alice Schaff, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Ellen Sternweiler

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ray Lechner, Heather Glowacki, Ellen Crispino, Katie Lee, Romy
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President Steen explained the recent process that lead to choosing the new superintendent. He said the Board gathered input from staff and community members about traits and characteristics the new superintendent should possess. He said the search firm received 39 applicants for the position, of which were eight were chosen for first round interviews. The Board interviewed two final candidates. The stakeholder committee provided feedback on the two final candidates. President Steen thanked the Board members, staff, and all of the volunteers for their hard work and contributions to the process.

President Steen announced and welcomed Dr. Kari Cremascoli as the new District 39 Superintendent. He cited Dr. Cremascoli's extraordinary experience, enthusiasm, and successful track record as superintendent of Downers Grove District 58 as just a few of her many attributes.

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaff, to approve the new superintendent's contract.

Mr. Panzica said District 39 has had a very good superintendent for a long period of time. He expressed his excitement in welcoming and working with Dr. Cremascoli. Mrs. Schaff also welcomed Dr. Cremascoli and thanked Dr. Lechner for his many years of leadership.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting "yea" – Jon Cesaretti, Tracy Kearney, Frank Panzica, Alice Schaff, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Ellen Sternweiler, Mark Steen; voting "nay" – none; absent – none:
Motion Carried.

Dr. Cremascoli expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve District 39 and was honored and privileged for the opportunity to work with staff, students, and the administrative team. She thanked Dr. Lechner for his legacy in the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Being no further business, Mrs. Schaff moved, seconded by Mr. Panzica, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by **General Consent**.

President

Secretary