

**Upper West Shore School District #33
Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
February 1, 2021 at 5:30 PM
Via Zoom & The Dayton Elementary School**

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Ron Tjaden called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance, was Trustee Ben Adams, Principal Darlene Hartman, Lake Co. Superintendent Carolyn Hall, and Board Clerk/ Business Manager Deb Anderson, other attendees available upon request.

I. TRUSTEE & COMMUNITY COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Board Chair Ron Tjaden read the Board meeting ground rules.
- b. Carrie Ramsey read a letter to the Board regarding her concerns.
- c. Shari Abernathy listed concerns regarding Principal duties & responsibilities.
- d. Karyn Thornton thanked the Board for correcting the oversight from the last meeting and would like to know what the Board expects in a Principal.
- e. Dakota Peterson would like more Board participation in her classroom, along with Curriculum.
- f. Monica Simonson listed concerns regarding Principal duties.
- g. Kari Homola is concerned that the Principal is spread too thin to also handle the Special Ed program.

II. Public Comment on Principal Contract for 21-22 School Year

- a. David Rosenbrock voiced his appreciation of all the effort Dr Hartman put in to help his daughter while she attended Dayton Elementary. He felt Dr. Hartman addressed all of his concerns and followed through with a positive attitude.
- b. Tammy Rosenbrock also reported that she felt Dr. Hartman was very thorough and positive in helping their daughter, and she felt all concerns were addressed.
- c. Dakota Peterson reported she feels that Dr. Hartman has a very difficult job and has been handed more and more, and needs some help. Dakota feels a Special Ed Teacher should be hired to handle the Special Education program.
- d. Dakota Peterson also reported that Dr. Hartman is doing a great job and has always tried to resolve any problems.
- e. Shirlyn Bruckelmyer thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak. She thanked Dr. Hartman for all she does, but she feels she has too many responsibilities.
- f. Tammy Redinger who is a former teacher at Dayton Elementary made note that she never saw a Board member in her classroom. She felt disrespected by Dr. Hartman and now is glad to be working elsewhere.
- g. Holly Pluff – Thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She explained she has attended many school improvement committees, and she shares the concerns regarding the Special Education Program. She doesn't feel her child is getting all the assistance she feels her child requires. She doesn't feel Dr. Hartman can complete all her duties. Holly was also concerned about high teacher turnover, out of date curriculum and school climate.

- h. Amber Slonaker reported that she has always regarded Dayton Elementary as being in the top 5 schools in the area, but she feels something is wrong in Dayton. She asks the Board to listen to the parents in Dayton. She says if her kids don't want to go to school something is wrong.
- i. Karyn Thornton felt time has flown, 2 or 3 years ago parents were allowed to come give public comment at the Principal evaluation. She still feels that there is a need for a Principal but not at the cost of students. KT believes Dr. Hartman has been set up for failure and hasn't been provided the support she needs. KT also stated that Dr. Hartman has always been willing to listen and try her best to remedy a problem, but she is spread too thin. KT doesn't believe Covid is the reason why things are not being completed, and asked the Board if the Sped position will be filled. KT mentioned she met with Superintendent Hall 3 years ago regarding the Reading curriculum and is confused why it hasn't been in place or why not budgeted or planned for. KT feels that Dr. Hartman can lead if allowed to do one job. KT made note that she is tired of excuses about Covid, Unions and funding.
- j. Dr Hartman thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She read a letter to the Board identifying all the success this year. She applauded the students, staff and community. She explained what an Honor it has been to work in Dayton the last 3 years and is looking forward to next year.

III. Board Decision on Principal's Contract.

- a. Board Chair Ron Tjaden asked Trustee Adams if he had any changes regarding the Decision of Principal's contract and Trustee Adams replied No change, he then asked the Board Chair if he had any changes to the Decision regarding the Principal contract, and Board Chair Ron Tjaden had no changes. The decision stands, before adjournment Board Chair Ron Tjaden introduced John Lyons as a candidate for Trustee on the Board.

Motion to Adjourn:

- a. Trustee Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, both Trustee voted AYE the motion passed uncontested.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Ron Tjaden - Board Chair

Deb Anderson—Board Clerk