

June 17, 2020

Board members approve one-year contract for Beck; accept trustee resignations to trigger process to fill vacancies



Middleton School District trustees agreed Tuesday night to offer Interim Superintendent Kristin Beck a one-year contract for the coming school year. The one year contract will supersede and suspend Beck's current two-year assistant superintendent contract while she fulfills the role of superintendent for the 20-21 school year. That vote came after a brief executive session. Trustee Derek Moore was appointed to negotiate the contract.

During the meeting, Board Chairman Kirk Adams thanked Beck for stepping up at this time.

"I thank you and all the team. I think if we look at where we are right now, over last year, we're actually in a pretty good place," Adams said. "We have a team assembled and we're going forward."

"I agree," Moore said. "I have the utmost confidence in Kristin as our superintendent going forward, as well as her team, and our team to get us where we need to be for this upcoming year."

Trustee Aleisha McConkie concurred.

"Kristin's very qualified to move our district forward. We've seen in the last two weeks tons of forward movement. They're working on policy, which we haven't done for a year. They're taking on hard conversations about the budget." McConkie said. "She (Beck) is a great team player and she's working well with all of her administrators, and I think that she's in the best place to move our district forward this next year."

Trustees accepted the June 11 resignations of trustees Briggs Miller, Zone 3, and Marianne Blackwell, Zone 4, declared the vacancies and set a tentative schedule to

accept applications, interview candidates and swear in the two members who are selected.

- The vacancies will be posted at msd134.org and published in the Idaho Press Legals section. Candidates must be a citizen and resident of the zone they wish to represent.
- The descriptions of the [trustee zones](#) and [trustee map](#) are posted.
- Idaho School Boards Association training for current trustees will be held July 7 in Middleton. The training is open to the public, including anyone interested in applying for one of the two vacancies. Time and location have not been determined.
- Applications will be accepted through July 17, but trustees indicated the deadline would be extended if there is not an adequate candidate pool.
- Letters of Intent should be emailed to [Board Clerk Gina Corrigan](#).
- Interviews with the candidates will be set for the week of July 20.
- The goal is to swear in new trustees at the August 10th board meeting or September 14th board meeting if needed.
- State Code requires that trustees be sworn in 90 days after the vacancies have been declared.

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The Middleton School District Budget Hearing will be 6 pm, June 29.