

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024**  
**Report 23-141**

Present: Easlick, Krauss, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Quick, Henne, Webster  
Absent:

President Rick Mowen called the board of Education Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Washington Campus Administration Building, 645 Alger St, Owosso MI 48867.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Participation**

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The following participants addressed the board:

None

**For Action**

President Mowen stated the purpose of the meeting is for the Superintendent Contract, which is at place.

Interim Superintendent Schulte explained the only change to the contract at place is today's date, April 1, 2024 and the calculations based upon an April 1<sup>st</sup> start date instead of March 20<sup>th</sup>. The contract was prepared by attorney Ray Davis on behalf of the Board of Education.

There was discussion in regard to the process of the negotiation of the Superintendent contract and board members had an opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns.

Moved by Easlick, supported by Henne to approve the proposed contract with Mr. Stephen Brooks to fulfill the responsibilities of the Owosso Public Schools Superintendent for a term of three (3)

years commencing April 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027. A roll call vote was conducted by Secretary Krauss: Henne, Webster, Krauss, Easlick, and Mowen voted aye, Ochodnicky and Quick voted nay. Motion passed with five in support and two against.

President Mowen expressed his gratitude to Mr. Brooks. Superintendent Brooks responded he is very excited.

Interim Superintendent Schulte stated with the approval of Superintendent Brooks, he is no longer the Interim Superintendent and left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

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### **Board Comments**

Trustee Henne expressed his gratitude on the passing of the Superintendent contract this evening. He commented, what we are seeing in the market, everything has gone up, including salaries. To acquire and retain good people you have to pay a competitive wage. Owosso does a good job with this with our teachers and staff and again expressed his appreciation.

Trustee Ochodnicky commented, Mr. Brooks I look forward to working with you and your plan for the district and move forward.

Trustee Easlick expressed his gratitude to the board for having a special meeting today and thanked Mr. Schulte and the Board and looking forward to hiring the CFO position.

Treasurer Quick agreed with other board members and commented we need to start working together and move forward.

Secretary Krauss expressed appreciation for everyone's thoughts and expression. It is important to share those thoughts and he respects every one of you for that. Congratulations to Superintendent Brooks.

President Mowen commented he is very appreciative of the Board and appreciates input. Not only did we hire someone that met all of the criteria, we also hired an individual that has been with the district 30 plus years and I do not know how to put a dollar value on that. Again, congratulations to Superintendent Mr. Stephen Brooks.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Krauss, supported by Easlick to adjourn at 5:47 pm.

Minutes recorded by Bev White

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ty W. Krauss", written over a horizontal line.

Ty Krauss, Secretary