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PRESS RELEASE

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Frankfort School District 157-C April 29, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting

At the Frankfort School District 157-C Board of Education special meeting held on April 29, the meeting was called to order by Board President Christopher McFadden at 7:02 p.m.

During the Public Forum portion of the meeting, Edith Lutz signed up to address the Board with a question related to the Board agenda.

The Board approved the open and closed session minutes of the April 20 regular Board meeting.

The Board approved the employment as presented. The Board took action to promote Grand Prairie Elementary School Assistant Principal, Dr. Sharon Paver-Nepote, to Chelsea Intermediate School Principal effective July 1, 2015. She will replace Kristin Simpkins who has accepted a position as Principal of Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School in District 123. (See separate press release.)

The Board approved the renewal of the Aramark contract as presented.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Education, Board Secretary Edie Adamski acknowledged Christopher McFadden (2011-2015 one term); Patrick Usher (2007-2015 two terms); and Mike Turner (2011-2015 one term) for their service as members of the Board of Education. Mrs. Adamski stated, "They have served faithfully and well as Board members, have elevated the professionalism of staff, administrators and the Board and have unfalteringly given voice to their convictions as they thought they best served the interests of the school they represented. The spirit of friendship and cooperation which characterized them as Board Members will be greatly missed." The Board adopted the Resolution of Appreciation for Christopher McFadden, Patrick Usher and Mike Turner as presented.

The Board accepted the canvass of the Will County Clerk in the form delivered to the Board of Education and the canvassing results will be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. The election results from the Will County Clerk's Office are: Damien Aherne 372, Edie Adamski 588, Edith Lutz 520, Brian Skibinski 425, Kevin Regas 453 and Tom Reidy 599.

Outgoing Board President Christopher McFadden administered the Oath of Office to the Board members elected on April 7, 2015: Edie Adamski, Edith Lutz, Kevin Regas and Tom Reidy. These Board members will each serve a four-year term. Board members Gina Briese, Cari Ann Mills and Dr. Brian Sasso will continue in their positions on the Board for their remaining two-year terms.

The meeting Adjourned Sine Die.

The new Board members were seated, a roll call vote was taken and there was a quorum present.

Dr. Maura Zinni was appointed President Pro Tem to preside over the Board of Education reorganization meeting.

According to Board Policy, officers of the Board will be elected by the members and will serve two-year terms. President Pro Tem Dr. Maura Zinni entertained nominations for Board President to serve for a term of two years. Board member Gina Briese was elected as Board President, Cari Ann Mills was elected as Board Vice President and Edie Adamski was elected as Board Secretary.

Board President Gina Briese appointed members to serve as the Board Liaisons and Hearing Officer. Edie Adamski, with Tom Reidy as alternate, was appointed liaison for Special Education/District 843 Board. Dr. Brian Sasso, with Tom Reidy as alternate, was appointed liaison for Frankfort Township Planning Commission. Kevin Regas was appointed Board of Education Hearing Officer and Edith Lutz was appointed as delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB.)

The Board approved the list of board meeting dates through May 2016 as presented. Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of there being no meeting held in July and the August meeting is moved to one week earlier for hiring of employees prior to the beginning of the school year. Meeting dates include May 20, June 17, August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, 2015, and January 20, February 17, March 23, April 20 and May 18, 2016. This information is also posted on the District website, www.fsd157c.org.

The Board accepted at Prima Facie the policies of the previous Board of Education.

In discussion, Superintendent Dr. Maura Zinni discussed the role of the School Board with the newly-seated Board of Education members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.