

Eureka City Schools Board of Education

2100 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (Room 116)

5:00 PM

June 9, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

C. INTERVIEWS | TRUSTEE AREA 5 - ECS GOVERNING BOARD

- (1) Board Determination of Interview Process, Organization, and Interview Questions
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Ollivier, Trustee
- (2) Applicant Interview: Jessica Rebholtz (5:10 p.m.)
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Ollivier, Trustee
- (3) Applicant Interview: Jocelyn Gibbons (5:35 p.m.)
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Ollivier, Trustee
- (4) Applicant Interview: Brian Payton (6:00 p.m.)
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Ollivier, Trustee

D. BOARD RECOGNITION

- (5) Board Recognition of Student Board Member Amaya Watson

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E. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- (6) Possible Action to Make Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Board of Trustees effective on June 19, 2022 (Education Code Section 5091)
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

F. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Title: Applicant Interview: Jessica Rebholtz (5:10 p.m.)

Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

Item: Study Session

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- ▣ CIS - Jessica Rebholtz



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CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Please fill out and return by **Friday, June 3, 2022 (no later than 4:00 pm)** to the Eureka City Schools
District Office - 2100 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501 - Superintendent's Office (Room 108)

Rebholtz Jessica C
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Self Employed No. of Years Residing in District: 6

Do you have children in the District's schools? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, list ages and school(s):

6 years old @ Washington Elementary
7 years old @ Winzler Children's Center

What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

Please see attachment

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

Please see attachment

What could be done to help improve communications and relationships among the board, staff, students, parents, and community?

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What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

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What do you see as the strengths of the Eureka City Schools?

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What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the Eureka City Schools?

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Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them and your level of involvement.

Please see attachment

Other community or business activities?

Please see attachment

Why do you feel you want to be a school board member?

Please see attachment

Jessie Ribick
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What do you see as the basic purpose of public schools?

To educate our children on History, Science, Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Visual & Performing Arts. Overall helps them become the best versions of themselves. To aid today's children in becoming tomorrow's future.

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

To help the school district with a vision, and direct path to doing what is best for our children. All while also listening to the concerns of families and the community.

What could be done to help improve communications and relationships among the board, staff, students, parents, and community?

100% transparency. Asking how can we help you? What are your needs or concerns? Selecting board members that look like the diversity of our community.

What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

The relationship should be one of communication, respect, and trust. I believe these 3 items are critical and necessary.

What do you see as the strengths of the Eureka City Schools?

The ability to quickly adjust and adapt to new circumstances. The relationships it has formed with key members of this small community to make things happen.

What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the Eureka City Schools?

The retention of qualified teachers and staff. Outreach and parent engagement.

Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them and your level of involvement.

Yes, I have been a part of the Parent stakeholder meetings for several months. I'm also an approved volunteer and driver for Washington Elementary. I helped Washington plan their open house and coordinated the ordering of spirit wear for next year. My principal and teachers know I'm always a phone call away for whatever they need from me. I'm also part of the new parent engagement group at Washington elementary. The Otter Romp is a group that was formed after parents wanted to be more involved but did not want the red tape and PTA practices unable to become a PTO we simply became a parent involvement group. Before that, I served as the fundraising VP for Washington PTA. My most recent accomplishment was working with other parents and getting our entire staff at Washington feed for teacher appreciation week,

Other community or business activities?

I have served our community in many ways. I was a Nutrition educator for 8 years teaching, adults and youth in English and Spanish in both Humboldt and Del Norte counties. I was a foster parent for 2 years. In the past, I have been a part of Latino Net, CNAP (County Nutrition Action Partnership) The Jefferson Center, and many more. I volunteer at the Elections office every year and I'm also a Master food preserver. I currently own and operate 2 local businesses. A cleaning company and Humboldt county's 1st WIC only store Parents Nutrition Center.

Why do you feel you want to be a school board member?

I want to be a school board member because we need more parent representation on this board. I'm a firm believer in stepping up or moving out of the way. I want to be an example to more parents that we can have children, full-time job (s), and still be hands-on in our children's schools. I'd also be bringing diversity and a second language that might attract more families and community members to get involved.

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Agenda Title: Applicant Interview: Jocelyn Gibbons (5:35 p.m.)

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Gibbons Jocelyn M
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: N/A Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: Bookkeeper / Homemaker No. of Years Residing in District: 7

Do you have children in the District's schools? Yes ☒ No _____

If yes, list ages and school(s):

8, Grant Elementary
5, Grant Elementary (next year)
1.5, Grant Elementary (4 years!)

What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

To prepare students for college, the workforce
and life in a community. Also, to provide
for social mobility.

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

To provide guidance to the administration
and set the direction of the district by
providing leadership on educational issues.

What could be done to help improve communications and relationships among the board, staff, students, parents, and community?

By having more events where board, staff, students and community intermingle. Get more parents involved and volunteering.

What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

The board makes a recommendation and the administration makes plans to meet that goal/recommendation.

What do you see as the strengths of the Eureka City Schools?

Positive culture, excellent teaching staff, listening to parents.

What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the Eureka City Schools?

Academics and preparing students for college. I think students need to be taught more science, math, music, art and dance (elementary). Also, need to do a better job at recruiting parents as volunteers.

Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them and your level of involvement.

Yes, PTA as VP Membership. I also write the PTA newsletter, organize the math challenge and have successfully been awarded grants of \$750 for school supplies.

Other community or business activities?

Yes, I am a girl scout troop leader. My husband is a local business owner (Gibbons Glass).

Why do you feel you want to be a school board member?

I am a parent, I was a teacher, and I understand how the school system operates. I think ECS can do better at educating our students.

Joelyn Gibbons

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AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Title: Applicant Interview: Brian Payton (6:00 p.m.)

Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

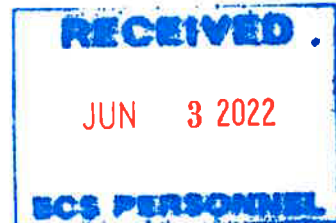
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Payton Brian _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Business Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: In Home Supportive Services No. of Years Residing in District: 25+ years

Do you have children in the District's schools? Yes X No _____

If yes, list ages and school(s):
Isaiah Payton 18 Eureka High
Rider Payton 13 Winship Middle School

What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?
Please see Attached sheet

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?
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What could be done to help improve communications and relationships among the board, staff, students, parents, and community?

What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

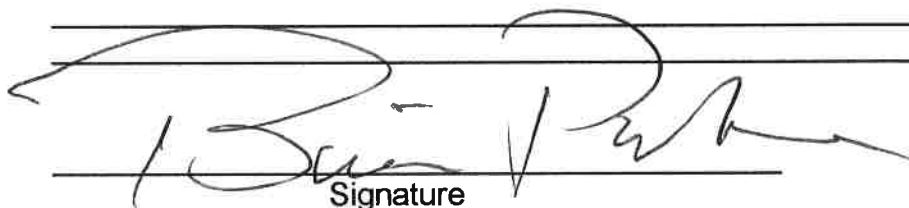
What do you see as the strengths of the Eureka City Schools?

What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the Eureka City Schools?

Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them and your level of involvement.

Other community or business activities?

Why do you feel you want to be a school board member?


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Date

Brian Payton Candidate Information Sheet

What do you see as the basic purpose of the public school?

The purpose of a public school is to serve the community by providing a quality education that helps children fulfill their diverse potential.

What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

The role of the school board is to ensure that the district is providing the education it is promising the community. The board is there to ensure transparency and maintain a positive school climate while upholding the district purpose.

What could be done to help improve communications and relationships among the board, staff, students, parents, and community?

- Board meetings need to be broadcast to the community each meeting via YouTube. COVID has shown that in order to communicate effectively to all of the community in these difficult times, this needs to happen. Public comment however will still be an in-person requirement unless we are under lockdown orders. This will allow staff, parents, students and community members to hear discussion and comment about what is going on in the district.
- There currently is a student involved from the high school that gives input during the board meeting. Her input gives the student perspective. Discussion about the importance of a teacher representative that would work in the same capacity as the student, would bring the teacher perspective. I believe it would be a valuable discussion among the board to consider this.
- Create a link on the district website that addresses parents Frequently Asked Questions. This can provide guidance and steps needed to navigate through worries, conflicts and potential issues that can end up at the school board meeting. Schools Boards need to be inviting and feel approachable to parents to cultivate positive relationships.

What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

There is a level of trust needed from bottom to top and top to bottom. There needs to be assurance that administration from school sites is transparent with district administration and district administration is transparent with the board. This trust cultivates a working relationship that when guidance and support is needed from the board, they can fulfill this duty wholeheartedly in confidence.

What do you see as the strengths of Eureka City Schools?

Strengths: Recognition of student achievements
Excellence in implementation of PBIS and Restorative Circles
Career Technical Education
Dedicated Staff
Indian Education Program
Marshall Family Resources

Ability to navigate through COVID as well as teacher shortage without compromising quality education

Winship model for SDC education classes providing education that meets the needs of each student individually

What do you see as the areas most needing improvement in the Eureka City Schools?

Areas in need of improvement:

Special Education Department- more opportunities to join mainstream activities and sports, models similar to the Winship model implemented in all distinct schools needs to happen. The current model is not enough. Identification of students who now have large gaps due to COVID and the struggle is interfering with success.

Lack of mental health services. More grants and funding needed to provide support for all students. ACES in our community are high. School Psychologists and counselors are needed full time at each school site.

Community Cultural Relationships

Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? Please list them and your level of involvement.

Current Vice President of Winship PTSA- Fundraising for 8th Grade Dinner Dance. Personal brought in nearly \$2000 worth of donations. Cash and raffle items

Other community or business activities?

Member of the South Eureka Neighborhood Alliance. Actively fundraise, involvement in planning and putting on events, monitor of their social media page, as well as communication liaison to ECS District Superintendent.

Active union member of SEIU local 2015

Past board member- North Coast Children's Services- Head Start-

Past Vice President- Head Start Policy Council

Why do you feel you want to be a school board member?

I want to make a positive impact in my community. The betterment of children in our community who are struggling due to all kinds of circumstances. To make a difference, be involved and learn.



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