

Minutes of the South Hadley Superintendent Search Committee
January 8, 2020
6:00PM

Chairwoman Schlachter called the meeting to order at 6:00, noting all members were present with the exception of Tara Cole.

The minutes from the December 18th meeting were accepted unanimously.

During Open Forum, Karla, a new member, asked the Chairwoman to explain the reformatted timeline for the group. Time to plan and execute surveys, focus groups, and gain a solid applicant pool were all discussed.

Andrea Miles was elected the committee's secretary by unanimous vote.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the community surveys. The committee broke up into three groups to discuss questions they'd like to see on a survey. When the group reconvened as a whole, each group shared their questions, as well as ideas for the survey as a whole. It was agreed upon that while the survey will mostly be in digital format, paper copies will be made available at the Senior Center, Town Hall, and the Public Libraries.

The results of the survey will be used to examine what the community is most looking for both in a new superintendent, and also for the school district in South Hadley in the years to come.

Distribution of the survey will include reaching those through (but not limited to): Schools, Recreation Department, Library, Town website/social media/civic ready, Senior Center, Cable TV.

The groups were tasked with work-shopping their questions before the next meeting to come up with a draft survey. The three surveys will be compared and contrasted, then compiled into one survey for distribution.

Scott Beaulieu offered to send out a brief survey to teachers in the district separate from the survey to be compiled and distributed by the group. All members agreed this was a good step to take.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:00PM in the SHHS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.