

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2024**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

President Christenson called the Special Meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Present: Members Christenson, Kehoe, McCain, Picard, Sidhu, and Westra

Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. Monica L. Merritt, Superintendent of Schools  
 Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent of Student & Family Engagement  
 Mr. Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
 Ms. Bethany Rayl, Chief Academic and Innovation Officer  
 Mr. Abdul Madyun, Chief Human Resource Officer  
 Ms. Carly Rays, Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotion

Others Present: Ms. Diane Robertson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

President Christenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Action Item #25-10-19:** It was moved by Kehoe and seconded by Member Sidhu to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, McCain, Picard, Sidhu, and Westra

Nays: None

The motion was carried 6-0

**Citizens' Comments**

- Mr. Michael Woodyard spoke about a judicial candidate endorsement made by an announcer at a recent Plymouth High School football game.

**Special Meeting Topic**

**School Board Candidate Interviews**

Nine (9) candidates were interviewed for the Board of Education Trustee vacancy to replace Trustee Shawn Wilson, whose resignation was effective September 9, 2024.

<b>Board Member Votes</b>							
<b>Candidates</b>	Member Christenson	Member Kehoe	Member McCain	Member Picard	Member Sidhu	Member Westra	<b>TOTALS</b>
Myla Harris			2				2
Hachem Ossieran	2	1				2	5
Rockland Johnson		2	1	2	2		7
Aamina Ahmed	3	3	3		3	3	15
Nagwa Ali					1	1	2
Paul Luskin				1			1
Darlene Hider							0
Gabriel Jim	1			3			4
Christine Tervo							0

Based on the tally of votes (3 points for first choice, 2 points for second choice, and 1 point for third choice), the following three (3) candidates with the most votes, as noted above, were selected to participate in the second-round interviews immediately following:

Hachem Ossieran  
 Rockland Johnson  
 Aamina Ahmed

**Final Round School Board Candidate Interviews**

The Board of Education interviewed the three (3) finalists to fill the vacant Board Trustee position. Each candidate answered the same set of questions. Based on the tally of votes (2 points for first choice and 1 point for second choice), **Aamina Ahmed scored the highest points.**

Board Member Votes							
Candidates	Member Christenson	Member Kehoe	Member McCoin	Member Picard	Member Sidhu	Member Westra	TOTALS
Hachem Ossieran						1	1
Rockland Johnson	1	1	1	2	1		6
Aamina Ahmed	2	2	2	1	2	2	11

**The highest points scored = 11 for candidate Aamina Ahmed, as noted above**

President Christenson expressed appreciation to all the candidates who interviewed and encouraged everyone to stay engaged with the district by serving on committees, volunteering, or attending Board meetings.

**Action Item #25-10-20:** It was moved by Member Kehoe and seconded by Member McCoin to Approve a Resolution to Appoint Aamina Ahmed to the vacant School Board Trustee seat (First and Final Reading).

Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, McCoin, Picard, Sidhu, and Westra  
 Nays: None  
 The motion was carried 6-0

**Adjournment**

President Christenson adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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 Judy Westra  
 Secretary, Board of Education

\*Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on 10-8-24/dr