

**Easton Board of Education
Redding Board of Education
Region 9 Board of Education**

**Joint Boards of Education Special Meeting
October 16, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Easton Board of Education: Treidel, Allan (arrived 6:50), Katz, Underberger

Redding Board of Education: Lewson, Gaspar, Joyce-Kirk, Miller, Goldberg
(arrived 6:50)

Region 9 Board of Education: Stone (departed at 7:30), Gombos (arrived 6:50),
Lewis, Poltrack, Pemberton, Neidenbach

Administration: Fossbender

Public: 1 member of the public.

Mr. Lewson called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm in room B109 of Joel Barlow High School.

Mr. Lewson reported a quorum for the Redding Board.

Mr. Stone reported a quorum for the Region 9 Board.

Mr. Treidel reported a quorum for the Easton Board.

Public Comment:

Christina Rao, Redding resident and teacher at JBHS, thanked all three boards for the open and inclusive superintendent selection process that the boards implemented. She commented that she had attended the on-site visit that day and was highly impressed with Dr. Michael Cicchetti and strongly supported Dr. Cicchetti's candidacy for superintendent.

Motion: Move to Executive Session to Discuss/Interview a Candidate for the Position of Superintendent of the Easton, Redding, and Region 9 School Districts. Gaspar, Joyce.

Easton: Approved. Unanimous.

Redding: Approved. Unanimous.

Region 9: Approved. Unanimous.

The boards went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The boards returned from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Cicchetti and his wife and son joined the audience.

Motion: To hire Dr. Michael Cicchetti as Superintendent of the Easton, Redding, and Region 9 School Districts, contingent upon the successful completion of an employment contract. Lewis, Gombos.

Easton: Approved. Unanimous.
Redding: Approved. Unanimous.
Region 9: Approved. Unanimous.

Dr. Cicchetti thanked the boards for their support and explained how excited and committed he was to the three districts. He explained that the site visit, as well as other meetings with community members, faculty, staff and students, had impressed him greatly and as a result he was eager to begin work to further the accomplishments of the three districts.

Mr. Lewson, on behalf of the three boards of education, congratulated Dr. Cicchetti and expressed support and expectation that the districts had found the best candidate for the position. Mr. Lewson also expressed the boards' deep and heartfelt thanks to Dr. Fossbender for his great service to Redding and Easton and for his commitment to help in the transition. He noted that there would be future events to celebrate the retirement and achievements of Dr. Fossbender.

Motion: Move to adjourn. Lewis, Gombos.
Easton: Approved. Unanimous.
Redding: Approved. Unanimous.
Region 9: Approved. Unanimous.

Mr. Lewson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Miller
Acting Secretary, Redding Board of Education