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Allegan AESA Board sets first round interviews for new Superintendent

The Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (AAESA) School Board has invited four candidates to interview for the position of Superintendent. The invitations were extended during a special board meeting Wednesday night with consultant Gary Rider. Rider is the Regional President of the Michigan Leadership Institute who was selected by the Board to lead the search effort.

During the meeting, Rider presented 13 applicants to the Board. The Board reviewed their resumes, and then Rider facilitated the process to narrow the field to those the Board wanted to invite to interview. The Board also discussed the importance of feedback from parents, students, staff and the community during the process, and began to develop interview questions.

The Board is on pace to move forward with their plan to conduct first round interviews on Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 and second round interviews Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17. AAESA Board President Larry Collier said, “We hope parents, members of the community and staff will attend the interviews. It will be very important for the Board to have their input during the process.”

Rider said he is pleased with the pool of candidates and the four invitees. “The Board was deliberate in their review of the applications and did a great job of coming to consensus on how to proceed,” said Rider. “I have spoken with the first round candidates and they are all very excited about the opportunity to interview with the Allegan AESA Board.”

The public is invited to all interviews and is strongly encouraged to attend. Their feedback after each interview will be valuable to the Board. All interviews will take place in the Allegan AESA Board Room, 310 Thomas Street, Allegan, MI 49010. Below is the first round interview schedule:

Monday, May 9

5:00 p.m. - Scott Smith, Director of Human Resources and Assessment, Hudsonville Public Schools, Hudsonville MI

6:30 p.m. - Craig Haugen, Superintendent, Jefferson Schools, Monroe MI

Tuesday, May 10

5:00 p.m. - William Brown, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Strategic Initiatives, Lenawee ISD, Adrian MI

6:30 p.m. - Dirk Weeldreyer, Superintendent, Fennville Public Schools, Fennville MI