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Dysart Governing Board appointment finalists

DYSART SCHOOLS - The Dysart Unified School District engaged in a process outlined by the Maricopa County Superintendent to fill a Governing Board vacancy resulting from the resignation of April Butler. To determine a slate of three nominees that would best fill the open governing board seat, the district utilized *The Nomination Procedures and Processes for Appointment of School Governing Board Members* by the Maricopa County Superintendent of School's process to guide the work of the district in accomplishing the task.

Eleven community members expressed interest in receiving an information packet about the process, with a total of five people ultimately submitting all required documentation and completing the District level steps for nominees. The District used an expanded Collaboration Team with individuals representing the voices of stakeholder groups from across the District to complete the vetting process. The team consisted of the members required to participate as outlined in the Maricopa County Superintendent of School's process including: Governing Board President, Jennifer Tanner; Superintendent, Dr. Gail Pletnick; Dysart teacher representative, Nikki Frye. The District also added the following representatives to the Collaboration Team: building administrator representative, Karen Winterstein, support staff representative, Virginia Nesbitt and parent representative, Beth Simek.

On September 29, 2011, the Collaboration Team met to review the candidate materials and utilized the consensus process to identify three nominees to be forwarded to the Maricopa County Superintendent for consideration. The slate of nominees include: Gerald Eynon, Patrick Lukasavich, and Larry Cox.

To continue the process, all three candidates will attend a Maricopa County Superintendent Nominee Seminar on October 15, 2011. The County Superintendent of Schools will continue the nominee process and advise the District of his decision for the board appointment. A date for the appointment has not yet been established.