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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 22, 2026
Library
5:30 p.m. – Regular Session

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, in the Benjamin Foxen Elementary School library.

Members present: Shannon Clay, Thomas Gibbons, Daniella Pearce, Jeania Reasner, Kelly Salas-Ernst.
Absent: none

I. **PUBLIC SESSION:** Mrs. Clay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

II. **Welcome Guests** – Mrs. Clay welcomed Nancy Brownell to the meeting.

III. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Interview prospective candidates for the open board seat due to failure to elect. Nancy Brownell was the only candidate present. She made the following statement: I started coming to board meetings when my grandchildren were enrolled at Blochman. I want to try to get the community more involved with the school. I am an advocate for children. I feel we need to find a way to balance some of the rules and regulations related to public schools. I've been involved with 4-H, FFA, and the Dunlap PTA. I'm interested in other people's opinions and ideas. Mrs. Brownell was then asked the following questions

1. How long have you lived in the community? I have lived in the community my entire life.
2. What do you know about our school district? I know that you have an open policy and accept inter-district transfers. I think this happens because you are in a small school district and can focus on each individual child. Teachers here know each child and their families.
3. What would be your niche or goal as a board member? I would like to get more community members involved with the school.

B. Oral or written input from the public regarding candidates will be considered. There was no input from the public.

IV. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

A. Appointment to fill an open board seat due to failure to elect. The board will appoint Nancy Brownell to fill the open board seat.

MOVED:	**Jeania Reasner**	**SECOND:**	**Kelly Salas-Ernst**

VOTE:

Shannon Clay:	**Aye**	**Jeania Reasner:**	**Aye**
Daniella Pearce:	**Aye**	**Kelly Salas-Ernst:**	**Aye**
Thomas Gibbons:	**Abstain**		

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS

A. Items Proposed for Future Action or Discussion -none

B. There will be a special board meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 to appoint the new board member.

VII. Adjourn

TIME: 5:42 p.m.

MOVED:	**Daniella Pearce**	**SECOND:**	**Jeania Reasner**

VOTE:

Shannon Clay:	**Aye**	**Jeania Reasner:**	**Aye**
Daniella Pearce:	**Aye**	**Kelly Salas-Ernst:**	**Aye**
Thomas Gibbons:	**Aye**		
