

From: Phil Lager plager@scappoose.k12.or.us
Subject: Re: Questions for you
Date: April 10, 2019 at 4:51 PM
To: nthill@spotlightnews.net

I'm not sure what part is confusing. You were in the executive session. I can not speak to any matters that transpired within that executive session. Frankly speaking, I feel you are insinuating controversy, where none exists. I believe 100% in transparency, we as a board, take executive session very seriously. When we convene in executive session, we stick to the topic outlined in our notice and we protect the people and circumstances required by law under the use of executive session.

I am sorry if I am not more helpful.

Regards,

Phil

On Mon, Apr 8, 2019 at 11:05 AM <nthill@spotlightnews.net> wrote:

Hi Phil,

I guess I'm not sure how the school board has come to the conclusion to offer a contract to Tim Porter in closed session. I am familiar with the Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual, and page 169, states "A decision to *negotiate* with a "first choice" candidate, with salary and other conditions of employment remaining unsettled, is not a final decision. **A decision to formally offer the position to one candidate is a final decision, even before acceptance.**" (https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/public_records_and_meetings_manual.pdf — I have added the bold emphasis).

In the press release from the school district, which I see is now dated April 1 that was release April 5, the district announced that "Dr. Timothy L. Porter has been selected ..."

Can you explain how selecting and announcing this candidate is not a formal offer, which would constitute as a decision even before it has been accepted by the candidate?

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On Apr 6, 2019, at 6:36 PM, Phil Lager <plager@scappoose.k12.or.us> wrote:

There has not been any votes taken. We will make a decision in our open meeting on Monday night whether or not to approve a contract between Mr. Porter and the district. The process we followed is clearly allowed in the Oregon Attorney Generals Minutes and Meetings manual, which I assume you are very familiar with. I hope that helps.

Regards,

Phil Lager

On Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at 8:11 PM <nthill@spotlightnews.net> wrote:

Hi Phil,

Can you tell me when the board decided on it's final selection for superintendent? Was the March 25 executive session the last meeting the full school board had? The board making a decision to select Tim Porter is a final decision and should be made in public session, but if I recall the March 25 meeting, which was the last meeting where a public session would've been held, the board did not make any decisions in an open/public session. I just want to understand the decision making and when that was done.

Thanks!

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