



April 11, 2017

Dear Barron Area School District Stakeholders:

The Barron Area School District Board of Education is beginning the process to search for a new District Administrator and has contracted with *School Exec Connect*, a district administrator search firm, to assist us in the process. Board members want you to be informed of the process that we will be following as we conduct the search. Additionally, we want you to give your input to assist us in making the best selection.

To begin the process, the *School Exec Connect* consultants, Dr. Kenneth (Ken) Dragseth, Dr. Antoinette (Toni) Johns and Dr. David Vick, will meet with board members, school staff, parents, students and community members individually and in focus groups in the next couple of weeks to determine the challenges, strengths of and goals for our district and the characteristics or skills you would like to see in a district administrator. Additionally, our staff and community members will have the opportunity to give confidential written feedback to the consultants via our website linked to a questionnaire in Survey Monkey. Using this information, the Board will develop a profile of the desired skills and characteristics in the next district administrator.

**You may choose to give your confidential feedback to us by accessing the Barron Area School District website at [www.barron.k12.wi.us](http://www.barron.k12.wi.us) ; once there, click the link entitled “Superintendent Search” then click “Superintendent Profile Survey” to complete the Survey form. Please submit your feedback by April 24, 2017.**

The position will be advertised and candidates will be recruited from April 13th, 2017 through May 17th, 2017. On April 20th the Board is holding an open community meeting for anyone who would like to attend in the High School Commons at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to give input for the qualities needed in a District Administrator and to talk about the goals, strengths and challenges for the District. On May 22, 2017 the Board and consultants will meet to review and select candidates to be initially interviewed. The Board will interview four to six recommended candidates on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 beginning at noon. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 the Board will narrow the field to two or three finalists. The next round of individual interviews will occur on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>, if needed. Each candidate will be invited for an all-day interview process including open forums that will be available to staff, students and community members and a final formal Board interview. The Board is asking staff, students and community to provide input into the selection. You will be able to do this by participating in an open question and answer session with each candidate and filling in a feedback sheet (and/or survey) to be shared with the Board. We plan to act on the new district administrator’s contract in June.

Please feel free to contact Toni Johns (612-309-1511), David Vick (847-343-0039), or Ken Dragseth (952-210-2790), if you have any questions regarding the search. We look forward to your assistance in this search process and believe that your input will help us make the best possible choice for your next District Administrator.

Sincerely,

Board of Education, Barron Area School District

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