

THE GOVERNING BODY OF ROBERTTOWN CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

Minutes of a special meeting of the Governing Body held at 5.00 pm at the school on Friday, 12 April 2024.

PRESENT

Mrs M Hoole (Chair), Mrs C Cockerill, Ms V Farrell, Mr J Pickles, Rev S Wallace-Jones, Mrs L Wood.

In Attendance

Dr J Padgett (Meeting Clerk)
Mr H Rowan (Kirklees Learning Partner)

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CONSENT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E Bolt (consent), Mr G Bentley (consent), Ms K Hydes (consent), Mrs S Goodall (consent) and Mrs S Laycock-Smith (consent).

There were no declarations of interest.

90. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEAD TEACHER

Mr Pickles informed Governors that the Selection Panel had identified a clear favourite and their recommendation was to offer the position of Head Teacher to Miss Laura Horsfall. Miss Horsfall gave a superior presentation which was strong in the areas of collective worship, pupil voice and the curriculum. Miss Horsfall's interview was clear and concise and demonstrated to the selection panel that she would give strong strategic leadership whilst also listening to staff.

Rev Wallace-Jones had liked Miss Horsfall's presentation which demonstrated the importance of Roberttown as a church school. Rev Wallace-Jones had also liked how Miss Horsfall had spoken with the children which was described as 'warmly'.

The Chair was happy with the Selection Panel's recommendation and believed Miss Horsfall was a good fit for the role and looked forward to working with her and the other Governors.

Governors thanked Mr Pickles and the Selection Panel for their hard work.

Q: Is Miss Horsfall currently a deputy head teacher?

A: Miss Horsfall is currently the head teacher at a smaller primary school.

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RESOLVED: That Governors approve the thorough recruitment process and accept the recommendation of the Selection Panel to appoint Miss Laura Horsfall to the role of Head Teacher. **DELETED – Minute 92 refers**

The meeting was paused at 5.20pm to allow Mr Pickles to contact Miss Horsfall so she could be offered the position.

The meeting resumed at 5.25pm.

Mr Pickles informed Governors that Miss Horsfall had accepted the offer of the position and was delighted with the news. The offer was conditional until all the necessary checks had been completed. Mr Pickles would inform Mrs Laycock-Smith (Headteacher) of the news. The wider staff group would also be informed and asked not to share the news as it was still confidential.

The other candidate was informed that they had been unsuccessful and that feedback would be provided.

91. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

92. AGENDA, MINUTES AND RELATED PAPERS – SCHOOL COPY

RESOLVED: That paragraphs 6 and 7 and the final sentence of the Resolution in Minute 90 be excluded from the copy to be made available to the school, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting closed at 5:30 pm.