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**PROGRESS REPORT ON SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF/IOWA BRAILLE AND SIGHT SAVING SCHOOL**

**Actions Requested:** Consider approval of the actions listed below.

1. Ratify the search committee membership as outlined below;
2. Ratify the agreement with Ray and Associates, Inc., to assist in the search;
3. Receive the report on activities to date from Regent Carroll;

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the December 2013 meeting, the Board took several actions to initiate the search for the next superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. Rose Vasquez, former Regent, was appointed chair of the search committee, and Regent Carroll will represent the Board on the committee. Executive Director Donley and Chief Academic Officer Gonzalez will serve as ex-officio members.

Per direction from the Board in December, the following individuals have been named to the search committee:

Dana Cheek	Parent
John Cool	Iowa School for the Deaf – Assistant Administrator
Barb Guy	Department of Education – Director of Special Education
Kenda Jochimsen	Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation – Bureau Chief
Kate Kasal	Iowa School for the Deaf - Faculty
Theresa Legg	Deaf Services Commission of Iowa
Dixie Meyer	Parent
Kathy Miller	Iowa School for the Deaf - Staff
Brook Nolin	Parent
Doug Penno	Keystone AEA – Director of Special Education
Susan Rolinger	Parent
Karrie Schloemer	Iowa Educational Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired (IESBVI) - Faculty
Richard Sorey	Iowa Department of the Blind -- Director
Gwen Woodward	Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) – Regional Director, West

The first meeting of the search committee is scheduled for Friday, February 7, at noon at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel.

A Request for Qualifications was issued on December 9, 2013, for a search firm to assist in the search. Upon review of the four responses, Ray and Associates, Inc., from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was selected. The firm has been involved in numerous searches nationally and in Iowa for k-12 administrators. Representatives of the search firm will meet with the committee on February 7.

To order to glean as much information as possible from faculty and staff at the two special schools and their communities a public forum was held on the ISD campus on January 13. Rose Vasquez, chair of the committee, attended the forum along with Patrick Clancy, Regent Carroll, Bob Donley and Diana Gonzalez. Approximately 50 individuals were in attendance with 12 speaking. The forum on the IBSSS campus was scheduled for January 16 but was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for January 22. There will be a number of ICN sites available also on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The forums have been recorded, and many participants from the ISD forum provided written copies of their remarks which will be provided to the committee.

Individuals wishing to make comments concerning the search may do so through a link on the Board's website. All comments received will be provided to the committee.

Regent Carroll will provide an update at the February meeting.