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Board Decision Unanimous on Superintendent Decision

The Pittsburgh Board of Education has chosen its next Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Anthony Hamlet, current Director of School Improvement for West Palm Beach Public Schools, Florida. Under the guidance of Dr. Brian Perkins of the Perkins Consulting Group in New Haven, CT, the Board has unanimously agreed to take Dr. Hamlet to the legislative session on May 18 for a vote.

After months of a meticulously planned process, the board reached this decision in late April and has successfully negotiated a compensation package for Dr. Hamlet inclusive of evaluation criteria and performance incentives. According to the board consultant, Dr. Brian Perkins, "This package is fair and appropriate for the level of experience and expertise of Dr. Hamlet. Further, it is a salary competitive with comparable districts across the U.S."

Dr. Hamlet is a native of Palm Beach County and is a product of the West Palm Beach Public School system. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Miami where he was a starting defensive end. Dr. Hamlet received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1992. His achievements on the gridiron led him to a brief tenure as a professional football player with the Seattle Seahawks and the Indianapolis Colts. After leaving the NFL, Dr. Hamlet began his career in the service of children and families in the state of Florida.

The start of Dr. Hamlet's career in education began with his work as a case manager and behavioral specialist with a county mental health unit. From there, he has held positions of teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, Principal and district administrator in a variety of school settings – urban and suburban. He has worked in affluent and high poverty districts. He has worked in high achievement and failing school contexts. He has been responsible for the transformation of dozens of schools in his career and is especially adept at providing leadership in very challenging educational settings.

Dr. Hamlet's is the recipient of five Principal of the Year Awards in the State of Florida from various organizations, including the State Department of Education. According to Debra Robinson, Board member of West Palm Beach County Schools, "Dr. Hamlet is the consummate professional. I have watched him since he first became a principal and have been inspired by his ability to reach children and work with adults. He will be greatly

missed in the district.” His former area superintendent, Rodney Montgomery described him as an “incredibly talented leader” who was going to make a substantial mark on public education.

Dr. Hamlet will serve as a consultant to the board starting June 1 and will start a five-year contract beginning July 1. “I am honored and humbled to serve the Pittsburgh community. “This begins the path to a school district organized around the principals of high expectations, servant leadership and equity and excellence in education”, stated Dr. Hamlet. Dr. Hamlet received his Master’s in k-12 administration and supervision and his Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

The press conference and brief introduction of Dr. Hamlet to the Pittsburgh community took place on May 18, 2016 at the board of education administration offices at 2pm.

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