

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governor Appointments Panel held in the Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 29 June 2012.

PRESENT: Mr D L Brazier (Chairman), Ms S J Carey, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley and Mr R Tolputt

OFFICERS: Mrs L Lissimore (Acting Governor Services Manager), Ms T Gimber (School Governance Officer) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

6. Minutes - 27 April 2012

(Item A3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2012 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

7. Proposed dates of meetings in 2013

(Item A4)

The Panel agreed the following meeting dates in 2013:-

Friday, 8 February 2013;
Friday, 26 April 2013;
Friday, 28 June 2013;
Friday, 4 October 2013; and
Friday, 22 November 2013.

8. Authority Governors for Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Kent

(Item B1)

(1) The Panel agreed to the re-appointment of Mr D Stanley to the governing body of Briary Primary School as he had been appointed by the Panel in 1996 as an exception to Guideline (d) and had since then continued to serve with distinction.

(2) The panel agreed to the re-appointment of Mr K Young to the governing body of Sandwich Infant School on the understanding that he would continue to absent himself from any discussion of that School's school meals contract.

(3) The Panel agreed to re-appoint Mrs S Murdoch to the governing body of Laddingford St Mary's CE Primary School until September 2012 to enable the School to appoint her as a Co-opted Governor if it amended its Constitution.

(4) The Panel agreed to the re-appointment of Mrs S Andrews to the governing body of Speldhurst CE (VA) Primary School as her attendance record was only marginally below that required, whilst the governing body itself had written a strong letter of support.

- (5) RESOLVED the appointments of Authority Governors in Primary, Secondary, Special Schools, Pupil Referral Units, the Pool of Additional Governors and the nominations to non-Authority Academies be agreed as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes.

9. New School Governor Constitution Regulations
(Item B2)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) approval be given to the process for appointments set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report (commencing in September 2012); and
- (b) the process be reviewed by the Panel in September 2013.

EXEMPT ITEMS

(Open access to Minutes)

The panel resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public for the following business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of the Act.

10. Request for the removal of an Authority Governor
(Item C1)

(1) The Interim Manager of Governor Services reported the circumstances that had led her to request the removal of an Authority Governor. She explained in detail her view that due to his refusal as Chairman of the Governing Body to carry out proper legal processes (or to permit others to carry out these processes in his stead), he was preventing the School from acting in accordance with its agreed legal responsibilities; and that his actions had created a stalemate in securing good leadership for the School during a period of significant change.

- (2) RESOLVED that the Governor in question be removed from his position as an Authority Governor for his failure to follow the necessary legal processes at the School.