

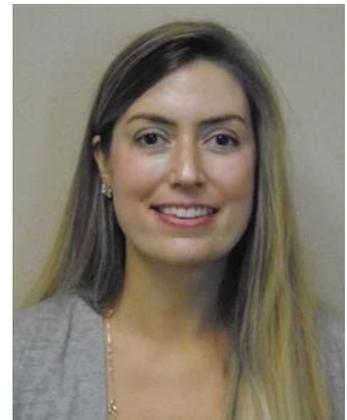


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Middleton School Board will launch superintendent search; Beck will resume Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources role July 1

The Middleton Board of Trustees will begin a search for a new superintendent. Interim Superintendent Kristin Beck will return as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1.

Beck moved into the top spot when then-Superintendent Sherawn Reberry unexpectedly resigned at the end of her first year. The district did not backfill the HR role and Beck has continued to oversee personnel for the current year in addition to fulfilling the superintendent position.



Beck has two graduate degrees from the University of Idaho in educational leadership, and has held a superintendent credential since 2013. She attended the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University for her undergraduate work in elementary education.

Beck was an elementary teacher in the Twin Falls School District for six years before moving into instructional coaching and administration, she has worked in school administration since 2008. Her most closely related work was her tenure at Hansen School District where she served as Superintendent of Schools and Director of Federal Programs from 2012-2018 before relocating to the Treasure Valley. Beck has also worked for Idaho Digital Learning Alliance as a regional administrator and online principal, both full-time and part-time since 2011.

Board Chairman Kirk Adams praised Beck for stepping in last June and leading the district through several difficult challenges including state mandated budget cuts, a successful third attempt at passing a two-year supplemental levy, reworking district policies, launching an online learning option for students and navigating COVID-19 situations.

“Kristin has been a strong superintendent, stepping in and calming the waters, addressing difficult budget decisions that involved deep budget cuts,” Adams said. “She has earned praise from the board, the district leadership team and staff, and we are fortunate that she will remain with the Middleton School District. She will be a valuable resource for the new superintendent. Keeping this team together is very important; seeing success in these trying times is a testament to Kristin’s leadership, our entire team and our community's willingness to partner with us on this journey.”

The superintendent selected for the 2021-22 school year will be the fourth in as many years, but the board will have much more time to interview and hire a new district leader, Adams said.

“I’ve appreciated the dedication and professionalism of each and every person on our leadership team within the district,” Beck said, adding that it has been a team that has functioned with ease despite the immense challenges of this year. The district’s accomplishments since June are a result of collaborative efforts from many with a single focus: What’s best for students and staff.”

Beck credits other district office administrators who were especially instrumental in getting the current school year started after Reberry suddenly quit.

“Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Sanderson, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Lisa Pennington, and Director of Special Services, Sharlea Watkins,

stepped up to help with critical decision making last summer and spent endless hours prepping for a school year that was sure to be unlike any other.”

The Middleton School District will be working with the ISBA to lead the search process for the new superintendent. It is anticipated that Beck’s successor will formally take over July 1.

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