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## K-12 EDUCATION

# Macaluso named D60 interim supt. Board wants her to select a mentor/coach

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Tagged the sole finalist for interim superintendent of Pueblo City Schools (D60), Charlotte Macaluso was unanimously appointed to the position during a special board of education meeting Monday.

“We appreciate you stepping up,” Board President Phyllis Sanchez told Macaluso. “We are very pleased with all of the things that you have done” since being named acting superintendent.

“This pretty much says that you are here for the year.”

Sanchez then offered to Macaluso a “mentor or coach, someone that you would choose, and I’m sure that Colorado Association of School Executives and Col-

orado Association of School Boards and other organizations would have names of folks who do that sort of thing.”

This mentor would work with Macaluso and her team in a “professional development” role to ensure successful navigation through a critical year for the district.

Board member Barb Clementi noted that the mentoring proposal “is not just something that we put together here for this situation. It happens across the state and the nation.

“That’s not any kind of reflection on anything at all.”

Sanchez also said that the board has “every intention” of going forward with the search for a full-time super-

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intendent this fall. The district has not, however, contracted with any organization to facilitate the search, Sanchez said. Macaluso, who will be paid \$160,000 as interim superintendent, told the board, "Thank you for the faith and confidence you place in me to engage in this work."

Filling the position that Macaluso once occupied — interim

executive director of continuous improvement and innovation — will be Karen Ortiz, who formerly served as the district's interim executive director of elementary education.

Eric DeCesaro, formerly interim director of curriculum, is now interim executive director of elementary education.

Citing Ortiz's extensive experience, Maca-

luso said the continuous improvement and innovation leader will play "a critical role for our district as we move forth with the innovation zone, the priority improvement of our district and turnaround work."

And with DeCesaro's appointment, Macaluso stressed the importance of "ensuring that we have the right people in the right positions to

continue the work that we've started."

Also appointed was the district's new director of technology, Zachary Mather, formerly of Durango School District 9-R.

Prior to the personnel appointments, the board met in closed-door executive session for more than an hour.

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