

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 SPECIAL/REORGANIZATION MEETING

The December special/reorganization meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Mrs. Redner called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mr. Kannan, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Redner, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Wachspress and Mr. Waldorf.

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Dorsey, Dr. Dunar, Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. Millward, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Rarrick, Mr. Rodgers.

Administrator Absent: Mrs. Spack.

Others Present: Mr. Cooper, Student Representative and Mr. Clarke, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Miss Camara, Student Representative.

A. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

A nomination was made by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that Mr. Schwartz be elected temporary president of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors to preside for the nomination and election of a new president.

B. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The County Board of Elections has certified the elections of Nancy Lawson, Christine Toy-Dragoni, Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf. In compliance with Article IV, Section 402 of the Public School code, Mr. Rodgers, Board Secretary, read aloud the certificates of election for newly elected and reelected members.

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Schwartz called upon The Honorable Jan Vislosky to administer the oath of office to Nancy Lawson, Christine Toy-Dragoni, Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf.

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D. BOARD MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr. Schwartz announced the Pennsbury Board of School Directors membership list for the coming year and invited members to offer necessary corrections. There were no corrections to the list. The members are: T.R.Kannan; Nancy Lawson; John Palmer; Jacqueline Redner; Gary Sanderson; Christian Schwartz; Christine Toy-Dragoni; Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Schwartz opened the floor to public comment at 7:57 p.m. The following people came forward and public comment was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Isaac Stephens, Lower Makefield Township	Cheating
Frank Carr, Falls Township	Employee and New Pensions
Robert Abrams, Lower Makefield Township	Welcome New Board Members; Salaries; Payroll; Raises; NY Times Article

Mr. Rodgers addressed public comment regarding the Pennwood Project costs and union issues relating to the teachers and other bargaining groups related to pensions.

Dr. Gretzula responded to public comment regarding student test scores and student cheating using technology.

E. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

A nomination was made by Mr. Kannan, seconded by Mr. Palmer that Mrs. Redner be elected President of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors for a term of office to expire at the reorganization meeting to be held in December 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Kannan to close nominations.

Vote polled on the nominations:

Mr. Kannan	-Aye	Mr. Schwartz	-Aye
Mrs. Lawson	-Aye	Mrs. Toy-Dragoni	-Aye
Mr. Palmer	-Aye	Mrs. Wachspress	-Nay
Mr. Sanderson	-Nay	Mr. Waldorf	-Aye
		Mrs. Redner	-Aye

The nomination of Mrs. Redner was approved 7 – 2 – 0.

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F. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

A nomination was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Wachspress that Mr. Kannan be elected Vice President of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors for a term of office to expire at the reorganization meeting to be held in December 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to close nominations.

Vote polled on the nomination:

Mr. Kannan	-Aye	Mr. Schwartz	-Aye
Mrs. Lawson	-Aye	Mrs. Toy-Dragoni	-Aye
Mr. Palmer	-Aye	Mrs. Wachspress	-Aye
Mr. Sanderson	-Aye	Mr. Waldorf	-Aye
		Mrs. Redner	-Aye

The nomination of Mr. Kannan was approved 9 – 0 – 0.

G. ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

A nomination was made by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Waldorf that Mr. Schwartz be elected Assistant Secretary of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors for a term of office to expire at the reorganization meeting to be held in December 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr. Waldorf to close nominations.

Vote polled on the nomination:

Mr. Kannan	-Aye	Mr. Schwartz	-Aye
Mrs. Lawson	-Aye	Mrs. Toy-Dragoni	-Aye
Mr. Palmer	-Aye	Mrs. Wachspress	-Aye
Mr. Sanderson	-Aye	Mr. Waldorf	-Aye
		Mrs. Redner	-Aye

The nomination of Mr. Schwartz was approved 9 – 0 – 0.

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H. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Redner announced that Board Committee Appointments will be announced at the December 21, 2017 meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Sanderson congratulated all Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Redner opened the floor to second public comment at 8:25 p.m. No one came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Wachspres and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Rodgers
Board Secretary