

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 7, 2017

The annual meeting for reorganization of the Board of School Directors of the Mt. Lebanon School District, as provided for in the School Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017, in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School.

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Cooper that Mr. Lebowitz be elected temporary president.

Mr. Lebowitz called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certificates of Election for the newly elected and reelected board members were presented. Mr. Riemer won both a four-year and a two-year term, choosing to accept the four-year term. Judge Terrence McVerry administered the Oath of Office to Elaine L. Cappucci, Aviva E. Diamond, Michael J. Riemer, and Stephen J. Strotmeyer. The members took their places at the board table.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci, Mr. William Cooper, Dr. Aviva Diamond,
Mr. Larry Lebowitz, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Michael Riemer, Dr. Stephen
Strotmeyer
Absent: None

ATTENDING

Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Peterson, Solicitor
Central Staff: Mrs. Cecile Bowman

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Strotmeyer that Mr. Riemer be nominated as president to serve for one year.

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Cappucci that Mr. Lebowitz be nominated as president to serve for one year.

ROLL CALL: For Riemer: Beal, Diamond, Olbrich, Riemer, Strotmeyer
For Lebowitz: Cappucci, Cooper, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED FOR RIEMER

Mr. Riemer assumed the office at this time.

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Beal that Mrs. Olbrich be nominated as vice-president to serve for one year.

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Cappucci that Mr. Cooper be nominated as vice-president to serve for one year.

ROLL CALL: For Olbrich: Beal, Diamond, Olbrich, Riemer, Strotmeyer
For Cooper: Cappucci, Cooper, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED FOR OLBRICH

Mrs. Olbrich assumed the office at this time.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One resident spoke before the Board about the following:

Asked about the books held by members as they were being sworn in

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Cooper that the Mt. Lebanon Board of School Directors adopts the Mt. Lebanon Board of School Directors adopts the following dates for regular monthly meetings in 2018 to be held in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School: January 15, February 26, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 10. Other open meetings of the Board will be held on the following dates in 2018 in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, August 13, September 11, October 8, November 12, and December 3 (Reorganization Meeting).

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Lebowitz, Olbrich, Riemer, Strotmeyer

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Beal to table the motion to appoint Thomas P. Peterson School Board Solicitor for one year.

After discussion by the Board on the motion, a vote was taken.

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Beal to table the motion to appoint Thomas P. Peterson School Board Solicitor for one year.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Lebowitz, Olbrich, Riemer, Strotmeyer

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Cappucci that Thomas P. Peterson be appointed School Board Solicitor for one year.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Lebowitz, Olbrich, Riemer, Strotmeyer

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Four residents spoke before the Board about the following:

Wants the solicitor position put out to bid

Believed it was inappropriate that Mr. Peterson had the reorganization policy

Suggested putting the solicitor position on the agenda in six months

Rescheduling of school for the special election in March

Mellon math scores could affect real estate values; please work to get math scores up

Appreciated the openness of the meeting

Believes there were games going on behind the scenes; both interesting and insulting

New members need to learn the rules
There are reasons policies are in place
When you change the agenda during the meeting you are creating a kangaroo court
Everyone needs to follow the rules

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Cooper and seconded by Lebowitz that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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