

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

December 5, 2016

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 5, 2016, in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School.

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Moorhead that Mr. Remely be elected temporary president.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mrs. Mary Birks, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Lawrence Lebowitz,  
Mr. William Moorhead, Mrs. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Daniel Remely, Mr. Michael  
Riemer, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer

Absent: None

ATTENDING

Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Peters, Solicitor, Mrs. Cissy Bowman,  
Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Marybeth Irvin

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Cooper that Mrs. Birks be nominated for president to serve for one year.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Olbrich, Remely,  
Riemer, Strotmeyer  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mrs. Birks assumed the chair at this time.

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Olbrich that Mr. Moorhead be nominated for vice-president to serve for one year.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Olbrich, Remely,  
Riemer, Strotmeyer  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Moorhead assumed the office at this time.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One resident spoke before the Board about the following:

Questioned if any other firm was consider as solicitor

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer that the Mt. Lebanon Board of School Directors adopts the following dates for regular monthly meetings in 2017 to be held in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School: January 16, February 27, March 20, April 18, May 22, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 11. Other open meetings of the Board will be held on the following dates in 2017 in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon School High School: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 3, May 15, June 12, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 4 (Reorganization Meeting).

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Olbrich, Remely, Riemer, Strotmeyer  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Olbrich, Remely, Riemer, Strotmeyer  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Cooper that the Board appoints Daniel Remely to serve as a member and Hugh Beal as an alternate of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Committee for a three-year term beginning December, 2016.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Olbrich, Remely, Riemer, Strotmeyer  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Fifteen residents spoke before the Board about the following:

- No discussion on selection of President; not an open government
- Parking situation at Main Entrance Drive; there is not parking issue
- Traffic Board’s motion is discriminatory
- Students should organize to stand up for their rights
- Swastika issue at Mellon
- Anti-Semitism in schools and community
- Response from District in issues is generic
- Racial slurs at Jefferson
- Diversity curriculum should be implemented
- Anti-Semitic remarks in school
- Schools should educate; don’t leave it up to parents
- Responsibility of schools to communicate to students
- Students at JMS were not told to respect
- Requested that the principal have a school assembly on zero tolerance
- Experiences discrimination in school
- Situation at JMS should have been handle like threats in the high school are handled

“Kill All Jews” club goes above and beyond any symbols written  
School should teach tolerance  
District can do better  
Racism and anti-Semitic in community; diversity should be addressed  
Zero tolerance punishment should be noted  
Mt. Lebanon should be a leader in the state on tolerance  
Need a more diversified staff  
Lay out what zero tolerance means  
This is an opportunity to create an environment of diversity in the classroom  
Proactive engagement creates community  
Community needs to support District to education moral values  
Hate is not acceptable; Mt. Lebanon has a history of racism  
Need a link on website to resources on how to talk to children about racism and anti-Semitism  
Need a link to talk to other parents  
Inclusion should be taught in schools

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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