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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00PM prevailing time in the auditorium of Scranton High School, 63 Munchak Way, Scranton, PA 18508.

1.Call To Order - By the Secretary

Secretary Virginia Orr called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call of the meeting by Board Secretary and the reading of the School Code

In accordance with the provisions of the School Code, the members of the Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Scranton will meet in the Auditorium of Scranton High School, 63 Munchak Way, Scranton, PA 18508 on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00PM prevailing time for the purpose of reorganization including the election of President and Vice President.

4. Roll Call – By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Cruz, Dempsey, Fox, Gilmartin, Hume, Malloy, McAndrew, Welby and Yanni.

5. Plaque Presentations

Secretary Virginia Orr presented plaques to outgoing Board Members, Michelle Dempsey, Jim Malloy and Gretchen Welby, for their dedication and service to the Scranton School District.

6. Remarks by Outgoing Officers and Members

Mrs. Michelle Dempsey thanked everyone for allowing her to serve.

Mrs. Gretchen Welby thanked her colleagues and administrators and encouraged future board members to continue the momentum of this board and shun the actions of the past that put the district in disarray and focus on curriculum and educating students.

Mr. Jim Malloy said it's been an interesting and eye opening two years, wished the entire district, especially the children most of all and the teachers, staff and

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administration, and the new board the very best of luck and thanked everyone for allowing him to be of some service the last two years.

Director Fox thanked everyone here this evening, thanked Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Malloy and Mrs. Welby and their amazing families. Ms. Fox thanked the rest of the board, the administrators and Dr. Finan and thanked Director Gilmartin for her knowledge and guidance. Ms. Fox also spoke of her experience in the Scranton School District since 1998 and her commitment to the SSD.

Ms. Gilmartin said it has been an honor to serve in the role as President especially at such a challenging time. Ms. Gilmartin spoke of the three exemplary school directors that are leaving us tonight and shared fond sentiments of Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Malloy and Mrs. Welby. Ms. Gilmartin spoke highly of Director Fox and it has been her pleasure to work alongside her in their roles of President and Vice-President. Ms. Gilmartin thanked the administration, Superintendent, Dr. Finan and Mr. Audi for what they do every day and she is very proud of what they have accomplished these last two years.

At this time Mrs. Orr asked to clarify whether the meeting is being live streamed right now as she received word that the meeting is not being live streamed. Communication between IT and Mrs. Orr revealed that there are IP issues and the meeting is being recorded but not live streamed.

After a brief delay Mr. Audi announced that he reviewed the advertisement for this evening's meeting and the advertisement does not mention live streaming at all, it simply advertises that there will be a live meeting in the auditorium of Scranton High, so he is very confident and comfortable we can proceed, adding that this meeting is being recorded and will be available at a later time. Director Gilmartin noted that they believe the technical issues are weather related.

7. Secretary reads Certificate of Elections

Mrs. Orr announced she has in her possession Certificates of Election for the newly elected board members: Danielle Cheseck, Katie Gilmartin, Ty Holmes and Sean McAndrew and invited them to come forward for their oath.

8. Administration of Oath to new Board Members:

Judge Thomas Munley swore in Director Danielle Cheseck
Solicitor John Audi swore in Director Katie Gilmartin
Judge Thomas Munley swore in Director Ty Holmes
Magistrate Terrence Gallagher swore in Director Sean McAndrew

9. Review List of Qualified and Legally Elected Board Members

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Secretary Virginia Orr now reviewed the list of qualified and legally elected board members:

Danielle Cheseck	2022-2026	Ty Holmes	2022-2026
Sarah Cruz	2019-2023	Ro Hume	2019-2023
Catherine Fox	2019-2023	Sean McAndrew	2022-2026
Katie Gilmartin	2022-2026	Tara Yanni	2019-2023

10. Nomination and Election of Temporary President

Secretary Orr now asked for a motion for temporary President.

Director Gilmartin made a motion to nominate Director Ro Hume as temporary President, seconded by Director McAndrew. Motion passed unanimously on roll call.

At this time Director McAndrew made a motion that elections are held by the method used in the past in order of nomination. Director Holmes seconded the motion.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Gilmartin believes they have used the script they have before them which lays out the process. Director Hume said it is noted in the script that unless there is a motion to proceed differently; Mr. Audi said there is a motion on the floor so they need to vote on that. Mr. McAndrew made a motion for a friendly amendment to move that they elect officers by the order of the names that are nominated. Motion for friendly amendment duly passed 8-0.

The original motion passed with six (6) affirmative and two (2) negative. Directors Fox and Gilmartin voted in the negative.

11. Nomination and Election of President

Director Gilmartin made a motion to nominate Director Catherine Fox as President. Director Cruz seconded.

Director McAndrew made a motion to nominate Director Tara Yanni as President. Director Cheseck seconded.

No further nominations; nominations closed.

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Motion to elect Director Fox as President failed with four (4) affirmative and four (4) negative. Directors Cheseck, Holmes, McAndrew and Yanni voted in the negative.

Motion to elect Director Yanni as President passed with five (5) affirmative and three (3) negative. Directors Cruz, Fox and Gilmartin voted in the negative.

12. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Director Holmes made a motion to elect Director Ro Hume as Vice-President, Director McAndrew seconded. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and (1) negative. Director Cruz voted in the negative.

13. Swearing in of President

Solicitor Audi now swore in Director Yanni as President of the Scranton School Board.

14. Swearing in of Vice President

Solicitor Audi swore in Director Ro Hume as Vice-President of the Scranton School Board.

15. New President will call for a Roll Call of New Board

Present: Directors Cheseck, Cruz, Fox, Gilmartin, Holmes, Hume, McAndrew and President Yanni.

16. Remarks by Incoming President/Vice President

Director Yanni said she is grateful for this board's confidence in her ability to take on this leadership role and she will strive to do her best in this position for the community, the faculty, administration and the students. Mrs. Yanni thanked Director Gilmartin and Director Fox for the leadership they have shown the district over the past two years through some very difficult times and Ms. Gilmartin's knowledge and professionalism has carried this board through many difficult meetings and some incredibly complex situations and they are all grateful for the personal sacrifices that she has made for this district and the students. Mrs. Yanni thanked Ms. Gilmartin from the bottom of her heart. Mrs. Yanni welcomed new board members and thanked them and Ms. Gilmartin and Mr. McAndrew for stepping up and running for election as it is not an easy thing to do. Mrs. Yanni thanked Superintendent McTiernan and her administration and Dr. Finan; it is Mrs. Yanni's goal to work alongside all of them and she feels they have made great strides in the past two years and although there are more challenges she feels that together they can do it.

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Director Hume congratulated President Yanni and thanked her colleagues for their trust in her to be the Vice-President, she believes they can all work together and continue the progress that's been made over the last two turbulent years. Ms. Hume gave heartfelt thanks to Ms. Gilmartin for her leadership adding that it is easy to lead when prosperity is there and the last two years and thanked Ms. Gilmartin for the preparation, laying of the ground work, tough decisions that had to be made and her leadership through those times. Director Hume hopes the next two years will be the rebuilding and progress that they can make to get the district well on its way to being out of recovery but they could not have done that without Ms. Gilmartin's leadership and tough decisions. Ms. Hume is honored to serve with all of her colleagues and welcomed the new board members Director Holmes and Director Chesesk.

17. Motion to Adopt Book of Rules

Director McAndrew made a motion to adopt the School Board Book of Rules, seconded by Director Cruz; motion duly passed 8-0.

18. Motion to Adopt Principles of Governance and Leadership

Director Gilmartin made a motion to adopt the PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership, Director McAndrew seconded; motion duly passed 8-0.

A motion to amend the agenda to add and accept the resignation of Director Gilmartin's two year seat was made by Director McAndrew; seconded by Director Hume and passed unanimously on roll call.

A motion to accept the resignation of Director Gilmartin's two year School Director seat was made by Director McAndrew, seconded by Director Cruz and passed unanimously on roll call.

19. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director McAndrew, seconded by Director Holmes and the meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.

By: _____