

**NO: IX
Minutes of the
Board of School Directors
DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hershey, PA 17033**

December 6, 2010

Re-Organization Meeting

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A re-organization meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, December 6, 2010, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Brian Jackson, Solicitor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present:

Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Donna Cronin
Dr. Henry Donahue
Dr. Mary Beth Hagan
Mr. Christopher Morelli
Dr. William Parrish
Mr. John Gräb
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Superintendent:

Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary:

Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor:

Mr. Brian Jackson

Student Representative:

Not Present

Press:

Mr. Nick Malawskey THE PATRIOT-NEWS
Ms. Tiffany Iriana

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, and Joseph McFarland.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Sharon S. Cin, Alan R. Malkoff, Honey Royer, Hayden Royer, Julie A. Neal, Bruce Hancock, Chris Barrett, Megan G. Hulse, Brad Dorrance, Carol Fricke, Linda V. Lehrian.

1.03 Flag Salute

Mr. Gräb led those gathered in the Salute to the American Flag.

1.04 Announcement of Executive Session

Dr. Parrish: I will make a brief last announcement as outgoing President that the Board did meet tonight in Executive Session to discuss matters of legal issues and personnel. We'll move forward and turn things over to Brian Jackson for election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2.01 Election of Temporary President

Brian Jackson: The first point of business for tonight's meeting in accordance with the School Code is to appoint a Temporary President, so I will accept nominations for the position of Temporary President. The Temporary President will conduct the initial portion of this meeting and the election of the President in accordance with Sections 4.402 and Sections 4.404 of the School Code. With that, do we have any nominations for the position of Temporary President?

Dr. Cronin: I'll nominate John Gräb.

Mr. Jackson: Dr. Cronin nominating Mr. Gräb. Second by Dr. Parrish. Are there any other nominations? Any discussion? Hearing no further nominations and there being no discussion, the nominations are closed and Mr. Rineer, if you would do a roll call vote on the election of our Temporary President.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes.

2.02 Election of President

Mr. Gräb: I will accept nominations for the position of President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Sheffey: I'd like to nominate Hank Donahue.

Mr. Gräb: Ellen Sheffey moves that Hank Donahue be nominated for the position of President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Hagan: Second.

Mr. Gräb: Are there any other nominations? Is there any discussion? Having no further nominations, the nominations are closed. Mr. Rineer, this is a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes	Gräb – Abstain	Parrish – Yes
Cronin – Abstain	Hagan – Yes	Sheffey – Yes
Donahue – Yes	Morelli – Yes	Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Abstentions.

Mr. Gräb: Congratulations, Dr. Donahue.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you, first of all. Thank you for that show of confidence. I will try to do the best I can.

2.03 Election of Vice-President

Dr. Donahue: We'll open the floor for nominations for Vice President for the incoming year.

Dr. Cronin: I'd like to nominate Chris Morelli.

Dr. Parrish: I'll second that.

Dr. Donahue: Any other nominations? Any discussion? Okay, we'll close nominations and take a roll call vote. Mr. Rineer?

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes	Gräb – Yes	Parrish – Yes
Cronin – Yes	Hagan – Yes	Sheffey – Yes
Donahue – Yes	Morelli – Yes	Stover - Yes

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Dr. Donahue: Congratulations Mr. Morelli.

Mr. Morelli: Thank you, Dr. Donahue and thanks to everyone else for your confidence.

2.04 Authorization of Signature Change for Newly Elected President

Dr. Donahue: May I have a motion of the Derry Township School District Board of School Directors to approve the revision of the signature authorization on file with designated depositories to include the signature of its newly elected President?

Mr. Gräb: So moved.

Dr. Parrish: Second.

Dr. Donahue: This is a roll call vote, Mr. Rineer.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Yes
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

9 Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

3.01 Other Business

Dr. Donahue: At this time, is there any other business?

None.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

4.01 Board President's Remarks

Dr. Donahue: The appointment of delegates and committee members will occur at the January 10, 2011 School Board meeting. Until that time, the current appointments will be in effect. We'll do it the way we did it last year, we'll send out a list and all Board members will write down their requested committee spots and the Executive Council together will try to fit people in where they can best serve the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

5.01 Adjournment

Dr. Donahue: The Derry Township School District Board of Directors meeting will follow this meeting after a brief intermission.

Mr. Gräb moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Cronin and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members.

Dr. Donahue: Before we leave though, I'd like to take this moment to recognize somebody who has been incredibly important to this School District for many many years and that's the retiring Superintendent, Lin Brewer. When I first met Lin, I thought, I'm not sure how to put this, but that she was a little rough around the edges. She may be difficult to work with, but I came to realize very very quickly that Lin is an extremely strong leader. Not because of her education, which is considerable, and not because of her experience, but rather because of the deep emotional feelings she has for the people that she works with, both on the Board, but especially her administrative staff and her students. This is the sign of a really really strong leadership. You have to have the intelligence and you have to have the experience, but you have to have the strong interpersonal skills that are required to lead. Lin clearly has these abilities, so I've actually worked, I'll be personal, I've worked with a lot of really strong leaders in academics – deans and presidents of universities, and I'd have to say Lin Brewer is one of the strongest leaders I've ever worked with over a 20 year period. Do we have the presentation? I'd like to take this opportunity to, first, thank Lin, and then present her with a little token of our appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the January 10, 2011 meeting

Dr. Henry Donahue
President of the Board

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