

**Lehigh Area School District**  
 Lehigh, Pennsylvania  
 Reorganization Meeting of School Board Agenda  
 Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 7:00PM



**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Call to Order**

**III. Roll Call**

	Present	Absent
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Joseph Surrige, Business Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney Eric Filer, Solicitor	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Also Present:*

Barb Bowes, Fred Kemmerer, Brian Shaner, Autumn Abelovsky, Beth White, Gloria Bowman, and Susan Salerno.

**IV. Courtesy of the Floor**

B. Bowes questioned if the entire County is switching, in regards to the Homestead/Farmstead mailing agreement. J. Cleaver explained that he believed the County does use Berkheimer and this is just for Berkheimer to do the mailing for the District. B. Bowes had asked who had done it in the past. J. Cleaver said Berkheimer had done it in the past; however, since this is an agreement, the Board would need to approve it. B. Bowes said there was no motion regarding switching to them to print the District's community property taxes. J. Cleaver said it is the same process, but since it is an agreement from them, it is being brought to the Board for approval. B. Bowes asked when the District switched to Berkheimer for printing the property taxes and if that was an agreement from Berkheimer. J. Cleaver said he is not 100% sure and would have to double check on that. B. Bowes was wondering what it cost the District before and if it was a different amount. J. Cleaver said he was told that it was the same and he was bringing it to the Board because it was an agreement to be approved. He mentioned that the agreements are usually reviewed by the Business Department; however, with the situation of not having a Business Administrator onsite and full-time, yet, he wanted to bring it to the Board, for their attention. B. Bowes thanked J. Cleaver for his information.

D. Bradley made a public comment in regards to the election of officers during the Reorganization. He wanted to recognize what he believed to be disqualifying actions of L. Stern, S. Holland and W. Wentz which should be effectively reviewed because of the failure to comply with PA school code according to the Auditor General. He said they allowed subordinate staff to sign a contract that cost the District \$3 million as well as a stipend to the subordinate staff member that did not benefit the community. He believed they are not qualified to hold a position and felt they should tender their resignation and apologize for their actions to the community. He said the District has had students arrested due to lack of supervision and the District is in debt and has gone off of a financial cliff. He said L. Stern, S. Holland and W. Wentz should be disqualified from holding any office position because they can not steer this train straight since they lack the moral standard of honoring their own oath. He said when it comes down to discussing N. Foeller's past actions as Treasurer and R. Spinelli's, he will get to them, if they wish to hold any position in office. He said the public should have a right to speak.

**V. Election of Temporary President**

A. Current Vice President, R. Spinelli, by prior practice, presided and opened nominations for Temporary President. R. Spinelli called for nominations for Temporary President. W. Wentz nominated N. Foeller for Temporary President. S. Holland seconded the motion.

R. Spinelli called for other nominations.

D. Bradley nominated W. Wentz for Temporary President. W. Wentz declined.  
 D. Bradley nominated S. Holland for Temporary President. S. Holland declined.

There were no other nominations.

**(1) MOTION** by L. Stern, **SECONDED** by N. Foeller to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 2 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**(2) MOTION** by W. Wentz, **SECONDED** by N. Foeller to elect N. Foeller, as Temporary President.

D. Bradley wanted a ruling on whether this needed a public comment because it is a new item, since the name is added to the motion, it then makes it complete. He asked Atty. Filer if it would make a new motion according to the Sunshine Act since it began as a blank motion. Atty. Filer stated that the public had an opportunity to comment on who they wanted as Temporary President and B. Bowes is the only one who submitted any comment in advance of the meeting and no one raised their hands to speak during Public Comment. D. Bradley said that it does not work that way because it is now a new motion on the floor. He explained that if that was the case you can place a whole agenda with blanks to be filled in and then block the public from speaking on it. He said it is clear in the Sunshine Act and the Board is trying to elect this evil person, N. Foeller, to a temporary official position and the public should have the right to speak. Atty. Filer said the public already had the right to speak. D. Bradley stated that he would start the Public Comment. He said N. Foeller, in contradiction to the office of the Auditor General and past adjudicated matters of legal authority for the release of financial records, has taken action against the community in regards to the release of legally committed public financial records. He believes he is not fit for office or a Board seat. He said N. Foeller also stated that some of the PA School Codes are obsolete. He said as Treasurer, N. Foeller allowed his signature to be a rubber stamp to be applied to the checks that he does not see. He asked if N. Foeller ever acquired a corporate surety bond. He stated N. Foeller would be responsible to do that; however, he could not locate in the minutes where the Board accepted his surety bond. He said N. Foeller had played loose with the PA school code and the responsibilities that he swore as an oath to the people. He feels that N. Foeller thinks he is above the law and should not hold an office. He said N. Foeller allowed the subordinate administration to create Treasurer Reports, or not create the Treasurer's Report for the review by the Board. He explained that the Board has a responsibility to be the checks and balances in this government. He said politicians have a mandated responsibility to the community and he believed that N. Foeller did not take that responsibility seriously and should not have the ability to hold any office, even temporarily, and should resign to allow someone who respects the office to serve the people.

A discussion ensued about whether the public should be able to comment on this motion. F. Kemmerer said he appreciates what each is saying about public comment. He said if the general public assumes that any member could be placed in any office it would not be feasible for the two-minute comment limit; therefore he believed that the courtesy should be for when the time comes for discussion for that particular nominee. B. Bowes stated that when the name is inserted into the motion it is changed; therefore, it became a new motion so the public has a right to comment.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 3 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**VI. Election of President**

- A. The Temporary President, N. Foeller, presided and called for nominations for President.

W. Wentz nominated L. Stern for President. S. Holland seconded the motion.

D. Bradley nominated J. Beers for President. R. Beltz seconded the motion.

D. Bradley nominated R. Spinelli for President. R. Spinelli declined but J. Beers seconded the motion.

**(1) MOTION** by W. Wentz, **SECONDED** by R. Spinelli to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The Board discussed how they would vote on the motions of nominations for President. They decided to do three separate roll call votes. D. Bradley wanted to open the floor for public comment. L. Stern said there must be a motion and a second before the public can speak. D. Bradley wanted to go to each Board Member to see who they wanted to vote for.

(2) MOTION by W. Wentz, SECONDED by R. Spinelli to elect L. Stern, as President.

F. Kemmerer agrees that the whole process would be void if everyone had an equal vote; however, he did not know how L. Stern would want to be President again after how much he has taken in the last few years. He applauded L. Stern if he wanted to do it, but felt the other two would be perfectly fine, as well. B. Shaner wanted clarification on how the voting process would go with the three nominations. N. Foeller said they can go through all three roll call votes. He said the Board members can vote yes for the one they wish to vote for and no for the others. B. Shaner asked if the process was different last year. N. Foeller said he did not remember and asked L. Stern if it was different. L. Stern said it was; however, we were not virtual at that time and we also received complaints on that voting process. He said the roll call vote would determine who each member would vote for. B. Bowes asked who decided to vote in this manner. N. Foeller said as acting Temporary President, the decision would be his and that is how he chose to proceed. B. Bowes asked why N. Foeller had to ask L. Stern how to do the vote. N. Foeller said so he can follow the proper procedure. B. Bowes felt that L. Stern's opinion did not matter since he was not the President at the time and N. Foeller was Temporary President. She asked that they just follow the rules. N. Foeller said he asked L. Stern since he is far more familiar with the procedure of running the meeting since had been president for many years. D. Bradley felt it was a Board of five members blocking all common sense. He said L. Stern's wife works for the District and the Superintendent is her boss, who is the subordinate to L. Stern. He said it is a personal attack on the character of the members in office making decisions and acting on their behalf as government politicians. He said they are evil in what they are doing and they are snowballing the community into debt and have encumbered the community. A. Abelovsky said she works with the borough council and they take the nominations and vote one by one. She stated if the first person they vote on gets the majority of the vote, then they do not vote on the rest. She recommended having public comments open on all of the nominees and not one by one.

N. Foeller asked if any member of the public would like to comment on any of the three nominees moving forward. B. Bowes felt they needed new blood in the presidency. B. Shaner agreed with B. Bowes, and said he can see from the Auditor General's report that things are not going well and need to be shaken up. He believed J. Beers has shown courage, integrity and honesty throughout and would be a great president. F. Kemmerer stated although he believed that J. Beers would do a fine job, he appreciated how R. Spinelli is steadfast with her thoughts and with standing up to D. Bradley. He believed change would not be a bad thing. B. White agreed that there needed to be changes. She said she did not know why L. Stern would want to be President of the Board again. She questioned why only the School Board Members are only allowed to vote and why the public does not have a say on the Board Member offices. N. Foeller said the nine Board Members (five and four in alternating years) are elected into office by the community and the Board Members elect the offices of the Board on a yearly basis. B. White did not understand why it is just the Board Members that elect those members into offices on a yearly basis. Atty. Filer said it is written in School Code to elect that way. D. Bradley said it could be amended by the will of the Board and there is an LASD policy that we listen to the stakeholders. He believed all of the stakeholders should have been

polled. He mentioned that L. Stern is in court right now for several offenses. Atty. Filer said they were due to lawsuits filed by D. Bradley. D. Bradley mentioned all the things he believed L. Stern did not do correctly and the five Board Members rubber stamping the administration, including with Transportation. R. Spinelli asked N. Foeller to call the vote since D. Bradley was being repetitious. She said D. Bradley had nothing new to say, that the public has heard this before and that he thinks they are all evil, rubber stampers. She said this Board has the right to elect its own leadership and the majority rules. She said it was time to call the vote.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

(3) MOTION by R. Beltz, SECONDED by G. Maholick to elect J. Beers, as President.

D. Bradley asked L. Stern and N. Foeller to resign. He said N. Foeller has a responsibility to the public to let them speak and change the people on this Board. He mentioned that the District is hundreds of millions of dollars in debt and a \$3 million contract was signed and a stipend was given and the Board did nothing about it and now there is no money for transportation. He said the people have the right to speak from the \$3 million dollars that was taken from them in taxes with no benefit to them in the community. He asked W. Wentz and S. Holland how they did not do their job.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	0	X	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	0	0	X
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	0	X	0	0

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 5 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 1

(4) MOTION by D. Bradley, SECONDED by R. Beltz to elect R. Spinelli as President.

D. Bradley stated that R. Spinelli has taken action against the community in regards to the release of legally permitted public financial records and it should disqualify her from holding a public office or being an officer of the Board. He said she is a stamper and uses the five authorities to block the public from having access to their government and is loose with the PA School Code. He mentioned that she has responsibilities that she swore to the people, by oath, but spits in the face of people when she fails to apply the law. He feels that she thinks she is above the law and she allows the subordinate administration to create the budget where transportation was removed and removes the checks and balances that the people mandated to be applied. He believed that not only should she not have the responsibility of an officer but should resign as a Board Member and allow someone else the chance to serve the people. He then removed his motion. Atty. Filer reminded D. Bradley that he was the one to nominate her for the office. D. Bradley said that after he listened to the public and listened to her rant and cackle, he changed his mind. N. Foeller stated none of those things happened between the time D. Bradley nominated R. Spinelli and D. Bradley made his comment. D. Bradley said he cannot let evil continue to rule. R. Spinelli said she is glad that D. Bradley cannot move forward with the motion, because she did not want to have the position in the first place.

N. Foeller stated that L. Stern had been elected as President, at this time, and he would assume the Chair.

## **VII. Election of Vice President**

A. The President L. Stern presided and called for nominations for Vice President.

R. Spinelli nominated N. Foeller for Vice President. W. Wentz seconded the motion.

R. Spinelli stated that N. Foeller is the only one on the Board with children in the School and believed he had a stake here, which needed representation. L. Stern called for other nominations.

(1) MOTION by W. Wentz, SECONDED by N. Foeller to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**(2) MOTION** by S. Holland, **SECONDED** by W. Wentz to elect Nathan Foeller, as Vice President.

R. Spinelli mentioned that N. Foeller would need to resign as Treasurer.

D. Bradley stated that N. Foeller had taken a stance against the community regarding the release of legally permitted public financial records and to take such a stance, in his opinion, is completely evil. He mentioned that N. Foeller had stated that some PA School Codes are obsolete, yet had failed to determine which ones in a public meeting. He believed that if N. Foeller was not going to honor his oath and serve the people and not follow the District policies, then he should not be a member of this Board, or be an officer of the community. He said N. Foeller allows the subordinate administration to complete the Treasurer's Report, which negates the benefits of a second review of District funds. He repeated the information about the \$3 million contract being signed by an administrator that was not reviewed by the Board. He felt they should not allow or consider N. Foeller as a seatholder of the Board. He thought that N. Foeller should leave the Board since he was a disgrace.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**VIII. President L. Stern stated the appointments of the following positions would remain the same as the previous year:**

- A. **Negotiations/Personnel Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- B. **Budget/Finance Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- C. **Building and Grounds Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- D. **Policy Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- E. **Wellness Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- F. **Leighton Memorial Library Board** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- G. **Athletic Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- H. **Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- I. **Advisory Committee of Title I** (December 2020 to December 2021)
- J. **Academic Affairs Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)

D. Bradley opposed L. Stern's idea to continue with the appointments on the positions because he wished to have public comment on the Committee Members. He believed L. Stern was silencing the public and that he should not be on any of the Committees, because according to code, L. Stern should participate in the meeting but not as a member of the meeting. L. Stern thanked D. Bradley for his comment. D. Bradley said there needed to be a motion and he did not consent to this. L. Stern said that he was not looking to have a consent agenda item on this. He said they will remain as they are because they are appointments by the President. D. Bradley said some of the Committees have not met in three years. He felt there was a problem that was being shoved under the rug. L. Stern said these are the President's appointments and if someone had an interest in one of the committees to let him know and he would consider it. He explained that these are appointments made by the President.

**IX. President L. Stern conducted the election of the following positions:**

- A. **Carbon Career & Technical Institute Representative to Joint Operating Committee** (December 2020 to December 2021)

President L. Stern called for nominations.

L. Stern nominated N. Foeller to remain with CCTI. R. Spinelli seconded the motion.

L. Stern asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

MOTION by R. Spinelli, SECONDED by W. Wentz to close nominations and elect N. Foeller as Carbon Career & Technical Institute Representative to Joint Operating Committee.

D. Bradley continued to say that L. Stern did not have the right to appoint members to committees. Atty. Filer stated the Board Policy specifically states that the President has the right to appoint members to the committees.

B. Bowes asked for the Board Agenda to be advanced.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**B. Carbon Career & Technical Institute Alternate Representative to Joint Operating Committee (December 2020 to December 2021)**

President L. Stern called for nominations.

W. Wentz nominated S. Holland to remain with CCTI. R. Spinelli seconded the motion.

L. Stern asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

MOTION by W. Wentz , SECONDED by N. Foeller to close nominations and elect S. Holland as Carbon Career & Technical Institute Alternate Representative to Joint Operating Committee.

D. Bradley stated that S. Holland failed to follow PA School Code and did not do his job. He said \$3 million was spent by the subordinate administration without proper review from this Board and did not receive any benefit from those funds taken. He stated a stipend was paid with taxpayers money for the person that signed the contract and this public servant failed this community to do his job. He believed that S. Holland should not have any authority, by any means, on this Board. He also mentioned that S. Holland was on the Athletic Committee where there were injured students and he did nothing. He said emails were written to the Board and nothing was done to protect the students. He said S. Holland has not provided a service to the community for decades. He mentioned that S. Holland stated that he did not have the Feasibility Study, did not read it, and still voted on it. He did not believe he should have a position of authority on the Board. He mentioned there was over \$100 million in debt and grievances from their own staff members because of negotiation techniques, failures to meet the budget and failures to provide transportation and safety for the students. He asked when it would end. R. Spinelli said it ends now because we need to move on.

B. Bowes asked if S. Holland is elected as an alternate, if he would actually read anything that is necessary, because she felt he had not done so in the past. B. Shaner asked for an answer to the question. D. Bradley asked for an answer. Atty. Filer stated S. Holland had no requirement to answer that question.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**X. Board Meeting and Committee Meeting Dates (Items A-F) taken as a consent agenda by the recommendation of President L. Stern.**

- A. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 School Board Meetings. (Enc. 1)
- B. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 Policy Committee Meetings. (Enc. 2)
- C. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 Building & Grounds Committee Meetings. (Enc. 3)
- D. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 Finance Committee Meetings. (Enc. 4)
- E. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 Athletics Committee Meetings. (Enc. 5)
- F. To approve and advertise the attached dates for the 2021 Academic Affairs Committee Meetings. (Enc. 6)

D. Bradley stated that nowhere in the meeting does it show that when you cancel the public's opportunity to have access to their government, that you would have a postponement date. He did not believe in cancelling a meeting without postponing it. He said there were numerous cancellations over the last three years and felt this was wrong. R. Spinelli said they are not silencing the community, they are just silencing him because they need to get work done and that is why the committees are the way they are. D. Bradley asked to add to the bottom of the meeting information that meetings will not be cancelled only postponed. L. Stern stated that there was not even a motion on the floor.

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by R. Spinelli to approve items A-F as a consent Agenda.

G. Bowman questioned whether the Academic Committee Meeting dates could be reevaluated to increase the conversation about Academics in the District and hopefully meet monthly. D. Bradley agreed and asked to add January and February meetings to those as well. D. Bradley went on to say how G. Bowman was involved with the Board when the Auditor General Report was done. He said she may want to elaborate on some of the things she may want to apologize for. B. Bowes thought a motion was passed to change all Committee Meetings to meet once per month. L. Stern believed Policy Meetings were adjusted to meet each month and he said he would consider G. Bowman's request. B. Shaner asked how many Committee Meetings were cancelled. J. Cleaver said probably less than five out of all of them. B. Shaner asked if they could check with the Committee heads to see if meetings were cancelled. He felt the Committee Meetings were very important and asked the Board to consider not cancelling meetings and only rescheduling them. R. Spinelli added that it had been an unusual year, due to the pandemic, and a lot of the meetings that were scheduled in March and April did not happen due to the shut down. D. Bradley said that was false and that meetings were cancelled frequently. L. Stern thanked D. Bradley for his continued comments, but felt his comments were inaccurate.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**XI. New Business**

- A. MOTION by R. Spinelli , SECONDED by W. Wentz to approve the Homestead/Farmstead Application Mailing Agreement with BerkOne and the Lehigh Area School District, for the 2020-2021 school year. At a cost not to exceed \$0.37 per mailing. Funded through the Business Office. (Enc. 7)

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

L. Stern mentioned that he hoped that people do take the application to heart and file for the Homestead/Farmstead application. D. Bradley felt the motion was inaccurate saying it has a cost not to exceed \$0.37 per mailing and the agreement listed other fees associated with this service. J. Cleaver explained that the District is agreeing to the mailing cost, only, and not accepting the additional services which are associated with those other fees.

- B.** MOTION by W. Wentz, SECONDED by N. Foeller to approve exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax per the attached list. (Enc. 8)

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - 0 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

**C Election of Treasurer**

D. Bradley said there is a new business item. He explained that since N. Foeller has been elected as Vice President then the Board would need to fill the opening for Treasurer. He asked to nominate a Treasurer that would actually follow and comply with the current listing of PA School Code. R. Spinelli said they first needed to accept N. Foeller's resignation. D. Bradley said they do not and N. Foeller already did since he does not have the right to do both positions. L. Stern asked for D. Bradley to give N. Foeller the opportunity to gracefully resign. D. Bradley asked for him to resign as a Board Member. J. Cleaver asked D. Bradley to please stop the inappropriate comments.

The President L. Stern presided and called for nominations for Treasurer.

W. Wentz nominated R. Spinelli for Treasurer. N. Foeller seconded the motion.

J. Beers nominated D. Bradley for Treasurer. G. Maholick seconded the motion.

D. Bradley stated how he was unsure if R. Spinelli would be qualified to be Treasurer. He asked if she can confirm that she has the ability, before they vote on the nomination. R. Spinelli said she has an accounting degree, she has worked in Accounts Payable, Payroll, payment of bills, all sorts of things for about 30 years. She said she has a Real Estate license, an extremely high IQ and everyone who knows her, knows that she is honest, except for D. Bradley, which she did not consider to be any type of problem. She said she pays her taxes, all of them, all of the time and on time. She stated how she has a good credit rating and does not owe anyone money. She asked what else he would like to know. D. Bradley said it would be fair to know whether or not she knew her responsibilities as Treasurer and what that office entailed under the PA School Code. She said she knew more about that than D. Bradley did. D. Bradley called her a liar and asked her to prove it. L. Stern told D. Bradley that the Board did not appreciate the derogatory terms he used for other Board Members.

L. Stern asked for any other nominations for Treasurer. There were none.

**(1) MOTION** by N. Foeller, **SECONDED** by L. Stern to close nominations for Treasurer. L. Stern asked for Public Comment on both nominees for Treasurer.

B. Bowes said she would like to see the accounts reconciled prior to the report being made, with proof of reconciliation because she believed that is needed. L. Stern said there will be two motions to vote for Treasurer.

**(2) MOTION** by J. Beers, **SECONDED** by G. Maholick to elect D. Bradley as Treasurer.

D. Bradley said he would ensure, not only comply with PA School Code and the responsibilities of Treasurer, but he would also make sure that the District would not be provided with the authorization to use his signature on any check that he had not seen. He believed the bank statements should be provided to every Board Member, as required by law, and every community member and be reconciled, as required by law. He believed that every tax dollar collected and every tax dollar dispersed should be accounted for and presented to the public that the Board represents and the subordinate administration complies with the law. He believed that R. Spinelli would not do those things.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	0	X	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	0	X	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	0	X	0	0

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 5 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

(3) MOTION by W. Wentz, SECONDED by S. Holland to elect R. Spinelli as Treasurer.

D. Bradley felt R. Spinelli did not understand her responsibility to do the job as Treasurer. He repeated his concerns as stated earlier throughout the meeting and his concerns with the signatures being used on the checks. He called it evil.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

(3) MOTION by D. Bradley to have a Special Board Meeting to review the Auditor General's Report. He felt it was being pushed over and ignored and no changes had taken place with this Reorganization Meeting. He felt the District was at the verge of being taken over by the State and then tax assessments would go through the roof. He asked for a Special Meeting to review the Auditor General's Report. G. Maholick seconded the motion. L. Stern explained that this meeting was advertised as a Reorganization Meeting, only, and this topic would be discussed at the January 25, 2021 Board Meeting. D. Bradley said there was a motion and a second. L. Stern said he was not recognizing the motion since the Meeting was advertised as a Reorganization Meeting, only. J. Cleaver said he would be electing to violate the Sunshine Law. Atty. Filer agreed and said the additional motions on the agenda were already advertised, as listed.

## **XII Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment**

B. Bowes wanted to respond to B. White on her question about how the reorganization elections take place. She said the public elects a representative government, so when you elect someone to be on the floor, you are electing them to be your representative and vote in your name. That would be why the Board elects the officers of the Board. She stated that the only say the public has, is when you go to the polls and elect someone to represent you.

B. Shaner stated that the Board could use a few lessons on the benefit of the diversity of thought. He felt that the officers were just shuffled around and felt it was embarrassing. He questioned how many people were currently in the meeting. J. Cleaver said he believes 35 in the public plus another 11 with Board members and administration. B. Shaner asked if they were currently allowing sports with spectators, indoors. J. Cleaver said, at this point, spectators are at a limited basis, based off of the reduced capacity recommendations by the Governor. B. Shaner asked what the numbers were that we would be limited to for indoor sports. J. Cleaver said he believes it is for 25%, which he believes would be 70 for the High School Gym and believes it was 120 for the Elementary. He said he is not aware of the Middle School. B. Shaner asked if the capacity for the Zoom meeting is 100. J. Cleaver mentioned how the District was now able to get more than 100 viewers. B. Shaner asked when we would be able to begin with in-person meetings at the Elementary Gym or have cameras turned on for the meeting. He believed there is a lot of transparency that needs to be shown by this Board. He believed that if they could send their children to school, and have indoor sports, then they should have in-person Board Meetings or have the cameras turned on. He asked when they would resume in-person meetings and who makes that determination. J. Cleaver said the majority of the Board can make that decision on how the Board Meeting can be held. He said to avoid violations, they would need to limit the amount of public that wish to attend if it is more than the reduced capacity level. B. Shaner hoped that one of the Board Members would make a motion to bring the Board Meetings to back in-person or to have the cameras turned on.

S. Salerno suggested that if they do go back to in-person meetings, if they could also hold a Zoom option for people who are limiting where they go and who they are around.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Next regular scheduled Board Meeting is proposed for January 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

A. MOTION by R. Spinelli, SECONDED by S. Holland to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Treasurer	X	0	0	0
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	0	0	0
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	0	0	0
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	0	0	X	0
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Vice President	X	0	0	0
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	0	0	0
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	0	X	0	0
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	0	0	0

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 0

TIME: 8:55 PM