DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 4, 2019 Board Re-Organization Meeting Minutes (Revised)

The reorganization meeting of the Danville Area School Board was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at the Danville Primary School, Room A215. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Mrs. Edmeads asked that we take time in the moment of silence for the tragic loss of our student and the Gordon family.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Mrs. Christina Fish, Dr. Yohannes Getachew and Dr. Victor Marks were present.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

A temporary president must be elected by and from "holdover board members". Holdover board members are those who are continuing their terms of office and excludes any members who were newly elected or re-elected in the November 2019 election. The purpose of electing a temporary president is to run the meeting until the election of a new board president.

The holdover board members for this meeting are:
Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Mrs. Christina Fish, Dr. Yohannes Getachew and Dr. Victor Marks

1. Open the floor for nominations for temporary president. No seconds are necessary. The nominations are:

   Nominee 1 _____Bonnie Edmeads_____

   Nominee 2 _____

   Nominee 3 _____

Bonnie Edmeads was nominated by Victor Marks to serve as temporary president to process the election of the President for 2020.
Victor Marks made a motion to close the nominations for temporary president. The election of Bonnie Edmeads as temporary president was affirmed by a show of hands. (4)

Reading of the Certificates of Election

Mrs. Edmeads read the names of the members newly elected and re-elected in the November 2019 election to four-year terms as School Directors of the Danville Area School District as follows: Derl L. Reichard, Jennifer Gurski, Dawn Koons-Gill, Kyle Gordon and Chris Huron. All Board members were elected to a four-year term.

Oath of Office Administered to all Board Members

Magisterial District Judge, Marvin Shrawder, administered the following oath:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity."

You all have, attached to the agenda, a list of all of the qualified, legally elected or appointed members of the Board of School Directors for the year now beginning. Does anyone see any errors or inaccuracies in the list? Does anyone desire that the list be read aloud?

- Bonnie Edmeads
- Christina Fish
- Yohannes Getachew
- Victor Marks
- Derl L. Reichard
- Jennifer Gurski
- **Dawn Koons-Gill – Was not present and did not take the oath**
- Kyle Gordon
- Chris Huron

8 Board Members present

Election of Board President

A board president must be elected by the new constituted board.

1. Open the floor for nominations for president. No seconds are necessary. The nominations are:

Nominee 1 _____Victor Marks_____

Nominee 2 _____Bonnie Edmeads_____

Nominee 3 _____

Jennifer Gurski nominated Victor Marks for board president for 2020.
Victor Marks nominated Bonnie Edmeads for board president for 2020.
Victor Marks respectfully declined the nomination.
Derl Reichard made a motion to close the nominations for board president.
Bonnie Edmeads was elected as board president for 2020 by a show of hands after 2 tie votes. (5-3)

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ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Election of Board Vice-President

A board vice president must be elected by the new constituted board.

1. Open the floor for nominations for vice-president. No seconds are necessary.
   The nominations are:

   Nominee 1 _____Derl Reichard_____

   Nominee 2 _____Victor Marks_____

   Nominee 3 _____

Bonnie Edmeads nominated Derl Reichard for board vice president for 2020.
Christina Fish nominated Victor Marks for board vice president for 2020.
Jennifer Gurski made a motion to close the nominations for board vice president.
Victor Marks was elected as board vice president for 2020 by a show of hands. (5-3)

The elected president begins presiding over the meeting upon election.

APPROVE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020

Motion: (To have 2 Board Meetings per month)
A motion was made by Mrs. Christina Fish to approve the Board Meeting Calendar to hold 2 board meetings per month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyle Gordon.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 8 – Yes – Mrs. Christina Fish, Dr. Yohannes Getachew, Dr. Victor Marks, Mr. Kyle Gordon, Dr. Jennifer Gurski, Mr. Chris Huron, Mr. Derl Reichard and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads; 0 – No.

Motion: (To approve advertising meeting dates and locations)
A motion was made to advertise meeting dates and locations by Mr. Derl Reichard and seconded by Mrs. Christina Fish.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 8 – Yes – Mrs. Christina Fish, Dr. Yohannes Getachew, Dr. Victor Marks, Mr. Kyle Gordon, Dr. Jennifer Gurski, Mr. Chris Huron, Mr. Derl Reichard and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads; 0 – No.

Dr. Gurski had asked that we table the committees until there was a full board present. Dr. Boyle explained that there is some urgency in establishing the committees and we should put in place what we can even if we need to revisit them at a later date.

The Board held a very brief 5 minute informational session at 7:25 returning at 7:30.

Upon returning Mrs. Edmeads asked Mrs. Ely to explain the Vo-Tech committee to the new board members. Mrs. Ely explained the duties and time obligations involved in serving on the Vo-Tech committee and continued on with the same for the other committees. Mrs. Fish inquired as to why we do not have a Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Brookhart explained that our curriculum plan is part of our comprehensive plan. Mrs. Fish asked if we could combine the curriculum plan so that the committee could continue after the comprehensive plan is set. Dr. Boyle said that anything specific to curriculum is brought to the board as a whole. “Curriculum” was added to the Comprehensive Planning Committee and is now titled Curriculum/Comprehensive Planning Committee. Dr. Marks had questions about the Wellness Committee. Dr. Boyle said that at this time no board members were part of the committee although they would be a welcome addition.
After most of the committees were established, Mrs. Fish brought up the importance of having someone serve on the Vo-Tech Board at this critical time of decision making involving the extensive renovations at the facility. Mrs. Ely and Dr. Boyle also explained the importance of having a representative from the district so we have a voice and also someone to bring information back to our own board. We have 2 voting seats for Vo-Tech. Dr. Boyle again explained how important it is for us to have someone at the December 17 meeting where we would use our votes. Benton has pulled out of the project and Southern Columbia has still not committed. Danville has the highest market value of all sending school districts so we pay the highest percentage of construction cost. Dr. Boyle explained that it is imperative that we have our 2 votes at the Vo-Tech table even if we need to revisit the representatives at a later date. Attorney Beard explained that it is imperative that someone asks who will be there to review construction documents. There was much discussion on how critical the Vo-Tech project is and how important it is for our district to have representation present. Dr. Victor Marks and Mr. Chris Huron agreed to go to the December 17 Vo-Tech meeting and temporarily represent the district at Vo-Tech.

- Vo-Tech – Victor Marks (Temporary), Chris Huron (Temporary)
- Head Start – Derl Reichard
- Earned Income Tax – Currently Business Manager, Bobbi Ely
- CSIU – Yohannes Getachew
- CS Trust – Christina Fish
- Finance Committee – Christina Fish, Jennifer Gurski, Yohannes Getachew
- Athletic/Activities Committee – Bonnie Edmeads, Kyle Gordon, Victor Marks, Jennifer Gurski
- Project Committee – Chris Huron, Bonnie Edmeads, Kyle Gordon, Victor Marks
- Negotiations – Bonnie Edmeads, Christina Fish, **REVISIT**

- Curriculum/Comprehensive Planning – Christina Fish, Yohannes Getachew, Jennifer Gurski
- Safety Committee – Derl Reichard
- Long Range Planning – Board as a whole
- Wellness Committee was added – Victor Marks

Adjourn the Organizational Meeting

Mr. Derl Reichard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Christina Fish seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Terri Faust
Board Secretary