

Lehigh Area School District
1000 Union Street
Lehigh, PA 18235
Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM
BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING - MINUTES

1. Opening Exercises

A. Opening Exercises

Opening exercises included the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.



B. Call to Order

Board Secretary, E. Rarick, called the Meeting to order at 7:01 PM

C. Roll Call

PR/AB

PR	Ms. Joy Beers	PR	Mr. Nathan Foeller	PR	Mr. Brian Shaner
AB	Mr. Richard R. Beltz	PR	Mr. Jeremy Glaush	PR	Mrs. Kerry Sittler
PR	Ms. Barbara Bowes	PR	Ms. Heather Neff	AB*	Ms. April Walker

**A. Walker arrived at 7:12 PM.*

Also Present:

Dr. Christina Fish, Superintendent

Mr. Edward Rarick, Business Administrator

Ms. Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary

Dache Zelrick, Dave Krause, Jarrad Hedes, Kyle Spotts, Justin Smith, Suzanne Howland, Floyd Brown, Melissa Volcskai, Samantha Kistler.

D. Notice of the Organization Meeting

Board Secretary, E. Rarick, read the following Notice of the Organization Meeting:

The date of the Lehigh Area School District Reorganization Meeting was advertised in the Times news on Thursday, December 1, 2022 and as required by Board Policy 005 and the Public School Code, all members of the board of the Lehigh Area School District were given five days' notice by mail, by the secretary of the retiring board, of the time and place of meeting for organization" . . .

Whereas the notice was mailed on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on/at with a Workshop Meeting to follow:

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Lehigh Area School District
Administration Board Room
1000 Union Street,
Lehigh, PA 18235

E. Public Comment

D. Krause discussed item F under Reorganization and presented his case to remain as the LCCC Representative. He mentioned that his current term runs until June 2024 and was the current chair of the Board. He said there had been no tax increase for the last seven years and would be happy to complete the remainder of the term. He said there were two meetings per month with one on a Monday which would be a conflict with regular Board business.

2. Reorganization

A. Nominations For and Election of a Temporary President

Until the Temporary President was elected, the Secretary was the presiding officer. In that role, the Secretary called for nominations, held the election, and declared the winner using the procedures below.

1. [1] Nominations

a. E. Rarick called for nominations.

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by J. Beers, to elect N. Foeller as the Temporary President.

2. Election of Officer Following Nominations.

a. E. Rarick stated that "as the nominations were closed, and N. Foeller was the only candidate nominated, he moved for N. Foeller's election by acclamation for the position of Temporary President. All those in favor please say 'aye'."

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

E. Rarick turned over the gavel to N. Foeller as the Temporary President.

B. Nominations For and Election of President

Once selected, N. Foeller as Temporary President took over the role of presiding officer. In that role, the Temporary President presided over the election of a President to hold office for the ensuing year, following the below procedures for nominations and election.

1. [1] Nominations.

a. N. Foeller called for nominations.

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to elect J. Beers as the Board President with a term of December 5, 2022 until the reorganization meeting in December of 2023.

2. Election of Officer Following Nominations.

a. N. Foeller stated that "as the nominations were closed, and J. Beers was the only candidate nominated, he moved for J. Beers' election by acclamation for the position of President. All those in favor please say 'aye'."

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

N. Foeller turned the meeting over to the President. The elected President, J. Beers presided over the remainder of the meeting.

C. Nominations For and Election of Vice President

The President, J. Beers oversaw the nomination and election of a Board Vice President using the below procedures.

1. [1] Nominations.

a. J. Beers called for nominations.

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to elect K. Sittler as the Board Vice President with a term of December 5, 2022 until the reorganization meeting in December of 2023.

2. Election of Officer Following Nominations.

a. J. Beers stated that "as the nominations were closed, and K. Sittler was the only candidate nominated, she moved for K. Sittler's election by acclamation for the position of Vice President. All those in favor please say 'aye'."

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

J. Beers stated that R. Beltz expressed his desire to no longer move forward with the position of Vice President.

D. Signature Stamp

A discussion was held about the Signature stamp and the Board determined that a new stamp was not needed at this time.

E. Board Meeting/Workshop Meeting Dates for 2023

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to approve the Board Meeting and Workshop Meeting dates for the 2023 Calendar year.

The board discussed the "Committee as a Whole" Model and determined they wanted to proceed with the same format for 2023. N. Foeller, B. Bowes and J. Beers agreed that it was working well.

2023 Board Meetings (4th Monday)

January 23
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 22
June 26
July 24
August 28
September 25
October 23
November 20
December 4 (Reorganization & Workshop)
December 18

2023 Workshops (2nd Monday)

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 11/Tuesday (April 10 closed for Spring Break)
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 6
December 4 (Reorganization & Workshop)

C. Fish pointed out that the April Workshop Meeting was to be held on a Tuesday evening since school was closed on Monday, April 10, 2023.

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

F. Committee/Advisory Appointments

President, J. Beers stated "Given our existing Committee of the Whole Workshop Model, no board members need to be assigned as board representatives for committees at this time. If the board determines they no longer wish to operate under the Committee of the Whole model, board representatives will be assigned to the following committees: Building & Grounds, Negotiations/Personnel, Finance, Policy, and Academic Affairs." The Board agreed to move forward with Workshop Meetings as Committees of the whole.

A. Walker arrived at this time.

N. Foeller stated he did not have a problem with D. Krause staying on and since he was chair it would disrupt things for their board as well. B. Bowes was concerned with the amount of time needed by a Board Member and felt D. Krause devoted a lot of his time to their board. She did not want to change it tonight. N. Foeller expressed his desire to stay on the JOC at CCTI. He said Meetings worked well with his schedule, as opposed to LCCC's Meetings. K. Sittler, J. Glaush, H. Neff and A. Walker agreed to keep D. Krause on as LCCC Representative. B. Bowes felt it needed more thought and discussion later on.

Appointments were as follows:

Advisory:

Wellness Advisory Council Representatives for 2023: April Walker
Leighton Memorial Library Board Representatives for 2023: Brian Shaner/Kerry Sittler
Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Representatives for 2023: Kerry Sittler/Barbara Bowes
District Advisory Council Representatives for 2023: Joy Beers
Advisory Committee of Title I Representatives for 2023: Barbara Bowes/Jeremy Glaush

Appointments:

PSBA Liaison Representatives for 2023: Kerry Sittler/Barbara Bowes
CLIU Representative to Operating Committee Representatives for 2023: Jeremy Glaush
CCTI JOC Representative Alternate Representatives for 2023: Jeremy Glaush
CCAVTS Authority Representative to Operating Committee Representatives until January 2026: Heather Neff
LCCC Representative Representatives for 2023: David Krause
CCTI JOC Representative (Nate Foeller **term until Dec. 2023**)

3. Personnel

A. Candidates for Employment

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve the following candidates for employment in accordance with the respective contracts:

Genie Brennan - High School Lunch Aide at a rate of \$10.02 per hour and an effective date of December 5, 2022, pending any necessary paperwork.

Karen Wall - Mentor for Jane Maurer at a rate of \$31.00 per hour and an effective date of November 21, 2022.

Denise Gerber - Mentor for William Schoener at a rate of \$31.00 per hour and an effective date of December 5, 2022.

N. Foeller asked if the Board was allowed to conduct other business during a Reorganization Meeting. C. Fish and J. Beers said yes because it was a voting meeting.

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

B. Candidates for Athletic Coaching/Manager or Extracurricular Activities

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve the following requests for Athletic Coaching/Manager and Extracurricular Activity Candidates, as per contracted rates, pending any necessary paperwork:

Regina Wehr - Volunteer Cheer Coach

Derek Hunter - Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Rachel Klotz - High School Photographer at a stipend of \$1,328.25

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

4. Communications

A. Public Comment

None at the time

B. Adjournment

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by A. Walker, to adjourn the Meeting.

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

The December 5, 2022 Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Rarick, Board Secretary
By Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary