

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administration Building
1600 Book Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602
Board Reorganization Meeting
December 4, 2023

President Melissa S. Herr called the Board reorganization meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. Dustin D. Knarr, Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles, Mr. Dean E. McComsey, Ms. Kelly A. Osborne, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Kristin M. Staley, Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher, Mr. Andrew L. Welk; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Business Manager, Mr. Keith A. Stoltzfus; Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Amanda M. Allison; Administrators, Mr. William E. Griscom, Jr., Dr. Benjamin J. Feeney, Mrs. Melissa L. Swarr, Mrs. Alicia C. Kowitz, Mr. Cory S. Robison, Dr. Michele B. Westphal, Ms. Jennifer L. Felix; Buildings and Grounds Director, Mr. Glenn R. Davis; Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Mary E. Williams; and visitors.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. William E. Benner, Jr., District Magistrate, conducted the Oath of Office for re-elected Board members, Mrs. Melissa Herr and Mr. Matthew Parido, and newly-elected Board members, Mr. Dean McComsey, Ms. Kelly Osborne, Mrs. Kristin Staley, and Mrs. Kari Steinbacher.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Herr requested a report from the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Mr. Andrew Welk, to appoint a temporary chairman to conduct the reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Welk reported that the Nominating Committee is placing in nomination Mr. Matthew Parido to serve as temporary chairman of the Board. Mr. Welk moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Matthew Parido as temporary chairman of the Board.

A voice vote was 8:0:1 in favor of the motion. Mr. Parido abstained from the vote.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Parido requested the report from Mr. Welk for the office of President of the Board. Mr. Welk placed in nomination the name of Mrs. Melissa Herr for the office of President of the Board.

Mr. Parido requested additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Mr. Knarr moved and Mr. Welk seconded the motion that nominations for the office of President of the Board be closed and that Mrs. Melissa Herr be approved as President of the Board.

A voice vote was 8:0:1 in favor of the motion. Mrs. Herr abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Herr requested the report from Mr. Welk for the office of Vice President of the Board. Mr. Welk placed in nomination the name of Mr. Matthew Parido for the office of Vice President of the Board.

Mrs. Herr requested additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Mr. Knarr moved and Ms. Osborne seconded the motion that nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board be closed and that Mr. Matthew Parido be approved as Vice President of the Board

A voice vote was 8:0:1 in favor of the motion. Mr. Parido abstained from the vote.

APPONTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024

Mr. Welk moved and Mrs. Steinbacher seconded the motion to approve Board Committees and Representatives for 2024, as attached to these Minutes.

A voice vote was in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF TIMES AND DATES FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024

Mr. Welk moved and Mr. Parido seconded the motion to approve times and dates for regularly scheduled Board meetings for 2024, as attached to these Minutes.

A voice vote was in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR 2024

Mrs. Knowles moved and Mrs. Steinbacher seconded the motion to approve Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., as the newspaper of general circulation for 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mary E. Williams
Secretary