

On December 4, 2023, The Spring-Ford Area School District Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Karen Weingarten and Dr. Margaret D. Wright  
Region II: Clinton L. Jackson  
Region III: Abby Deardorff and Erica Hermans  
Presiding Officer: Erica Hermans  
Superintendent: Robert W. Rizzo  
Assistant Superintendents: Dr. Kelly M. Murray-Absent and Dr. Tina L. Giambattista  
Chief Financial Officer: Jim Fink-Absent  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Reps.: Arhan Kaul and Stella Stein

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE (By Erica Hermans, Current Board President)**

Mrs. Hermans called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Mrs. Bickert noted Mrs. Deardorff, Mrs. Hermans, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Weingarten and Dr. Wright in attendance.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING (By Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor)**

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the purpose of the meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Jackson nominated Mrs. Hermans.

Mrs. Weingarten motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Deardorff.

With an anonymous vote, Mrs. Hermans is the temporary Board President.

- Nominations for the Temporary Board President (No Second is needed for nominations)
- Motion to close the nominations. (A Second is needed to close the nominations)

If more than one person is nominated for the office of Temporary Board President, a roll call vote will be necessary to elect the Board President.

- The Secretary declares the Board Member elected as the Temporary President. The Temporary Board President is now seated.

**VI. SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD H. WELSH**

Judge Welsh administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Goldsmith, Ms. Westwood and Mr. Laky. Dr. Sharma will be sworn in within the next 10 days since he is absent this evening.

**Region I:** Heidi Goldsmith

**Region II:** Theresa Westwood  
Sagar Sharma

**Region III:** David Laky

**VII. SWEARING IN OF REELECTED BOARD MEMBER ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD H. WELSH**

Judge Welsh administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Wright.

**Region I:** Margaret Wright

**VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Ms. Goldsmith nominated Mrs. Hermans.

Mrs. Deardorff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Weingarten.

Motion carries 8-0, Mrs. Hermans is President.

- Nomination for the Board President. (No Second is needed for nominations)
- Motion to close the nominations. (A Second is needed to close the nominations)

If more than one person is nominated for the office of Board President, a roll call vote will be necessary to elect the Board President.

- The Temporary Board President declares the Board Member elected as the Board President. The Board President is now seated.

**IX. NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Westwood nominated Mr. Jackson.

Mrs. Weingarten made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Deardorff.

Motion carries 8-0, Mr. Jackson is the Vice-President.

- Nomination for the Board Vice President. (No Second is needed for nominations)
- Motion to close the nominations. (A Second is needed to close the nominations)

If more than one person is nominated for the office of Board Vice President, a roll call vote will be necessary to elect the Board Vice President.

- The Board President declares the Board Member elected as the Board Vice President. The Board Vice President is now seated.

**X. The Board President shall designate a **Member** and an **Alternate** to serve on the **Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee**. This committee is sponsored by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors to provide a forum in which local directors can learn about legislative issues, which can affect education in Montgomery County.**

**Abby Deardorff** presently serves in this capacity and **Erica Hermans** presently serves as the alternate.

Mrs. Hermans appointed Ms. Westwood as the MCIU Legislative Liaison and Dr. Sharma as the alternate.

**XI.** The Board shall appoint a **PSBA Liaison** to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. **Abby Deardorff** presently serves as the representative  
Mrs. Deardorff nominated Ms. Goldsmith.  
Mrs. Weingarten made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Jackson.  
Motion carries 8-0, Ms. Goldsmith is the PSBA Liaison.

**XII.** The Board shall appoint a Representative to the **Spring City American Legion David Shafer** previously served as the representative.  
Mrs. Hermans nominated co-representatives, Mrs. Weingarten and Mr. Laky.  
Mr. Jackson made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Ms. Westwood.  
Motion carries 8-0 with Mrs. Weingarten and Mr. Laky as co-representatives.

**XIII. WESTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER (WMCTC) JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Jackson made a motion to nominate Ms. Goldsmith to the three-year term.  
Mr. Jackson motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mrs. Weingarten.  
Motion carries 8-0, Ms. Goldsmith is a JOC Member with a three-year term.

Mrs. Weingarten made a motion to nominate Mrs. Hermans to the two-year term.  
Mr. Jackson motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Deardorff.  
Motion carries 8-0, Mrs. Hermans is a JOC Member with a two-year term.

Members of the Joint Operating Committee for the Area Career and Technical School serve three-year terms. One term expires each year to assure continuity in the operation of the joint program. The most recent representatives and the date of expiration for their term are as follows:

<b>Wendy Earle</b>	<b>2023 (three-year term)</b>
Karen Weingarten	2024
<b>Colleen Zasowski</b>	<b>2025 (two-year term)</b>

- Nominations for the WMCTC Joint Operating Committee Member to fill the vacancy in the **three-year term** which occurs this year, namely the seat held by **Wendy Earle**. (No second is needed for nominations)
- Motion to close the nominations. (A Second is needed to close the nominations)  
  
If more than one person is nominated for the office of the WMCTC Joint Operating Center Member, a roll call vote will be necessary to elect the WMCTC Joint Operating Committee Member.
- Nomination for the WMCTC Joint Operating Committee Member to fill the vacancy in the **two-year term**, namely the seat held by outgoing Board Member **Colleen Zasowski**.
- Motion to close the nominations. (A Second is needed to close the nominations)

If more than one person is nominated for the office of the WMCTC Joint Operating Center Member, a roll call vote will be necessary to elect the WMCTC Joint Operating Committee Member.

- XIV.** Board approval is needed for the attached list of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2024. **(Attachment A1)**  
There was Board discussion about having 2 November meetings in 2024 and about starting the meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
Motion by Mrs. Deardorff to approve the attached list of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates with a note that the meetings will start at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Westwood.  
Motion carries 8-0.

- XV.** Board approval is needed to authorize the signature of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Board President so that they can sign all documentation on behalf of the Board.  
Motion by Mrs. Weingarten to authorize Mrs. Hermans as the Board President to sign all documentation on behalf of the Board.  
Motion carries 8-0.

- XVI. BOARD COMMENT**  
Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Weingarten congratulated the new Board Members and Dr. Wright.  
Mrs. Hermans congratulated the new Board Members and Mr. Jackson on the Vice President position.

- XVII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**  
Mr. Reese, Upper Providence, spoke about the district having 1 seat with the Spring City American Legion. Mr. Rizzo stated that the district will continue to only have 1 vote.

Steve Fry, Royersford - EDI and election results.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the Board of Commissioners certified the election results and those were received earlier today.

- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
The Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Deardorff.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie J. Bickert  
Board Secretary

## 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES

### SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**ALL WORK SESSIONS AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE HELD IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE.**

	<u>WORK SESSION</u>	<u>BOARD MEETINGS</u>
JANUARY	16 (Tuesday)	22
FEBRUARY	20 (Tuesday)	26
MARCH	18	25
APRIL	15	22
MAY	20	28 (Tuesday)
JUNE	17	24
JULY	Emergency only as called by the Board President OR Superintendent of Schools	
AUGUST	19	26
SEPTEMBER	16	23
OCTOBER	21	28
NOVEMBER	18	25
DECEMBER	2 (ReOrganizational meeting and Board meeting)	9 (Optional)