

MINUTES
CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

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PURPOSE The school board workshop meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catasauqua Area School District was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in the District Administration Office Board Room. President Penny Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL Members present: Dawn Berrigan, Carol Cunningham, Penny Hahn, MaryAlice Hartranft, Carol McCarthy, Christine Naegel, Donald Panto (via phone), and Sally J. Reiss

Non-members present: Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent
Christina Lutz-Doemling, Coordinator of Curriculum & Assessment
Kathleen Kotran, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Federal Programs, and Community Education
David Ascani, High School Principal
Melissa Inselmann, Middle School Principal
Eric Dauberman, Elementary School Principal
William Gasper, Supervisor of Facilities
Thomas R. Moll, II, Director of Student Activities
David Knerr, Solicitor

Visitors: See list inserted in Permanent Minute Book

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Interview of School Board Candidates (moderated by Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent)

Both candidates were then questioned by school board members, and both candidates were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the school board.

DISCUSSION ON NOMINATING NEW BOARD MEMBER

1. Virginia Taber, 46 Covington Place, Catasauqua, PA - voted for Christine Reingruber-Nace, Duane Deitrich was not on the ballot and Christine got a lot of votes. Wants the board to think about what voters wanted in the last election.
2. William Reightler, 811 Bethlehem Road, Catasauqua, PA - thinks the vacancy should have been advertised and asked why board members did not want to go through with the interview process – thinks board should go with who was on ballot
3. Penny Hahn – stated she made that statement and legally a vacancy on the board is up to the board to make the decision on how to fill the vacancy

DISCUSSION ON NOMINATING NEW BOARD MEMBER (continued)

4. Robert J. Spengler – stated Mr. Levine resigned March 5, 2012, resignation letter was received March 7, 2012, and his resignation was accepted at the March 12, 2012 board meeting.
5. Carol Cunningham – stated when there is any vacancy, any board member can make an appointment, this can be done after discussion and the board would interview
6. David Knerr – the board does not have to advertise, they can decide at their discretion depending on the circumstances – the board can make the decision on how to proceed, even by letting the court decide, and he stated he appreciates Mr. Reightler attending meetings.
7. Mary Alice Hartranft – stated she recommended Mr. Deitrich because he had some experience, was familiar with how the board works, had good ideas and input – feels two years wasn't long enough for him.
8. Sally J. Reiss – Mr. Deitrich was on primary but did not get enough votes to be on ballot for general election.
9. Penny Hahn – said Carol McCarthy was appointed by Republican party and Dawn Berrigan added that was put in the paper.
10. Pete Behum, 1010 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua, PA - met Christine Reingruber-Nace when she was running, voted for her and is here to support her – please consider appointing her.
11. Harold Wakefield, 332 Railroad Street, Catasauqua, PA - Christine's father here to support her, she is a quick learner and smart and would be a great addition to the school board.
12. Bill Knerr, 383 Faith Drive, Catasauqua, PA – is Christine Reingruber-Nace's neighbor stating she is an honest, hard working, good person but can see that both candidates are qualified and this a tough choice.

**ELECTION OF NEW
BOARD MEMBER TO
FILL VACANCY**

Nominations are requested to elect a new member of the Board of School Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Levine, for a term from April 3, 2012 to December 2, 2013.

Candidates are nominated by the members of the Board. No second is required. Five votes are required to elect a person. Each candidate must be a qualified elector of the school district, must be of good moral character, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the school district for at least one year prior to election. A candidate may not hold certain other municipal or county offices, or be an employee of Catasauqua Area School District.

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Hartranft, to accept nominations for new board member and to vote to elect a qualified individual to fill the board vacancy.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY (continued)

Mary Alice Hartranft nominated Duane Deitrich and Dawn Berrigan nominated Christine Reingruber-Nace. Nominations were closed by Penny Hahn.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting for Christine Reingruber-Nace: Dawn Berrigan, Carol McCarthy, and Christine Naegel

Voting for Duane Deitrich: Carol Cunningham, Mary Alice Hartranft, Sally J. Reiss, Donald Panto and Penny Hahn

Roll Call Vote on Nominated Candidates:

Number for Christine Reingruber-Nace : 3

Number for Duane Deitrich : 5

On a vote of five (5) for Deitrich and three (3) for Reingruber-Nace, Duane Deitrich was appointed as new school board member.

The agenda for the Tuesday, April 10, 2012 board meeting was presented and discussed.

OTHER ITEMS

Duane Deitrich thanked the board for the vote of confidence.

Mr. Deitrich also noted that Hanover Township meetings take place the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 – Penny Hahn
1. Child accounting reports 60 students
 2. Meeting held March 19, 2012 - new coordinator of Curriculum Instruction & Educational Technology named – Charlotte Golden
 3. Audit report was good

INFORMATION ITEM

- A. Letter received from Julie Harhart informing the board about an open forum question and answer meeting on Governor's budget, to be held Wednesday, April 11, 2011 at Northern Lehigh High School auditorium. The five school districts in the 183rd legislative district have been invited, including Catasauqua Area School District. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie Harhart's office by April 6th if you would like to attend this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATES

- A. Monday, April 16, 2012 6:00 P.M. Special School Board Meeting of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Reiss, to adjourn meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally J. Reiss
Secretary