



Board of School Directors Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2024

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Members present: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson, Kimberly Wheeler

Members absent: Nicholas Braccio

Others present: Elisa Ball, Frank Gallagher, Timothy Gilsbach, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Michael Taylor and Megan Zweiback

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order - Board Secretary

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Salute to the Flag

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Mr. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

3.1 Roll Call - Board Secretary

Mr. Taylor called the roll. Eight board members were present.

4. Notice of the Reorganization Meeting

4.1 Notice of the Organization Meeting

Mr. Taylor read aloud the notice of the organization meeting stating that it was Monday, December 2, 2024. This meeting was being held in the Board Room of the Souderton Area District Administrative Office located at 760 Lower Road, Souderton.

Mr. Taylor also stated that the purpose of the meeting is to hold the annual election of officers. No other business will be transacted at this meeting.

5. Comments from the Public

5.1 Comments from the Public

Ms. Kratz of Lower Salford Township expressed interest in the goals of newly elected officers. Ms. Kratz also expressed concerns how this Board will demonstrate its transparency as it relates to its meeting retention policies and the public availability of meeting agenda item attachments.

6. Nominations for Temporary President

6.1 Nominations for Temporary President

Mr. Taylor opened the floor for nominations for Temporary President.

Mr. Keith nominated Mr. Brong as Temporary President.

MOTION TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT
Motion by Ken Keith, second by Stephen Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson.
Kimberly Wheeler

7. Election of Temporary President

7.1 Election of Temporary President

Mr. Brong was elected to serve as Temporary President.

MOTION TO ELECT THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Motion by Ken Keith, second by Stephen Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson.
Kimberly Wheeler

8. Nominations for Board President

8.1 Nominations for Board President for a Term of One (1) Year

Mr. Brong opened the floor for nominations of Board President

Mr. Nelson was nominated to serve as Board President

MOTION TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Kimberly Wheeler, second by Ken Keith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson.
Kimberly Wheeler

9. Election of Board President

9.1 Election of Board President for a Term of One (1) Year

Mr. Nelson accepted the nomination and was given the gavel.

MOTION TO ELECT THE BOARD PRESIDENT FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM

Motion By Kimberly Wheeler, second by Ken Keith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Andrew Landis, Ken Keith, Stephen Nelson.
Kimberly Wheeler

10. Nominations for Board Vice President

10.1 Nominations for Board Vice President for a Term of One (1) Year

Mr. Nelson opened the nominations for Board Vice President.

Mr. Brong nominated Mr. Landis to serve as Board Vice President

MOTION TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by William Brong, second by Ken Keith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Landis, Stephen Nelson,
Kimberly Wheeler

11. Election of Board Vice President

11.1 Election of Vice President for a Term of One (1) Year

Mr. Landis was elected to serve as Board Vice President

MOTION TO ELECT THE BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM

Motion by William Brong, second by Ken Keith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Landis, Stephen Nelson, Kimberly Wheeler

12. Resolution to Authorize Continuation of Existing Signature Plates (Optional)

12.1 Resolution to Authorize Continuation of Existing Signature Plates (Optional)

Mr. Nelson asked for a motion to continue using the existing signature plates until new ones could be prepared.

MOTION TO CONTINUE USE OF EXISTING SIGNATURE PLATES

Motion by Ken Keith, second by William Brong

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Landis, Stephen Nelson, Kimberly Wheeler

13. Committee Appointments

13.1 Committee Appointments

Mr. Nelson stated that the existing Committees and appointments will function as is until new Committee have been designated and appointed.

14. Comments from the Board

14.1 Comments from the Board

There were no comments from the Board.

15. Comments from the Superintendent

15.1 Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Gallagher thanked Mr. Keith for his leadership through some of the most challenging times in public education including a cyber-attack, the pandemic and various social issues. Dr. Gallagher praised Mr. Keith for his steady leadership and commitment to the children of the school district. Superintendent Gallagher also congratulated Mr. Nelson and Mr. Landis.

A member of the public asked if there was a prepared script for this meeting. Mr. Brong responded that there is an outline of procedure.

Another member of the public stated that it appears as if the reorganization meeting is preplanned.

Another member of the public asked about when the new term is effective and Mr. Nelson responded that it is effective immediately.

Mr. Nelson thanked the Board for the nomination and their expressed trust in him and Mr. Landis. Mr. Nelson read aloud the mission statement of the school district:

The Mission of the Souderton Area School District is to prepare students to demonstrate competencies needed to contribute and to succeed in a changing world by building on a commitment to excellence and innovation, by working in partnership with family and community, and by assuring a quality education for all students in a safe and nurturing environment.

Mr. Nelson also thanked the parents, faculty, staff and community for their support. He stated that the district will continue to focus on the whole child, the whole school and the whole community. He also indicated that he may read the mission statement at every meeting.

Mr. Nelson thanked current and past board members for their experience. Mr. Nelson thanked Mr. Keith for his service to the community and thanked his family for their understanding of his service.

Mr. Nelson stated his commitment to listen to the community and to help and encourage others. Mr. Nelson thanked his family, expressed his faith and stated that he is looking forward to serving.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion by William Brong, second by Ken Keith

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Janet Flisak, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Landis, Stephen Nelson, Kimberly Wheeler

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Taylor". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Taylor, C.P.A.

Board Secretary / Director of Business Affairs