## INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2019

The annual Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Interboro School District was held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Prospect Park PA.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Phelps, President, and roll call was taken. The following members were present:

Ms. Danielle Fagan

Mr. Harris

Mr. Glenn Goldsborough Ms. Jennifer Varricchio Ms. Kelly Joseph Ms. Christine Alonso Mr. Jack Evans Mr. Justin Shivone

Mr. William Phelps

Also present were, Mrs. Bernadette Reiley, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Puppio, Solicitor; Mr. martin Heiskell, Director of Finance; Mr. David Criscuolo, Director of Human Resources; Mr. William Galloway, Director of Operations; Mr. Paul Korinth, Director of Special Education; Ms. Rachel Lambert, Special Education Supervisor; Dr. Valerie Eckman, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. mark Avitabile, Director of STEM & Professional Learning; Principals, Mr. Robert Kelly; Assistant Principals, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Mr. Nicholas Wood; approximately 10 staff members, approximately 25 member of the community.

NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION

Mr. Evans read the Notice of Reorganization

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -**

None

MOTION

Temporary President

Mr. Phelps calls for nominations for the Election of a Temporary President.

(Section 4-405, Pennsylvania School Code)

Mr. Shivone nominated Mr. Jack Evans as Temporary President.

Motion by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Varricchio, to close nominations and elect

Mr. Evans as Temporary President.

**VOTE** 

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 8-0.

(Agenda Item #5 – 12/3/2019)

**OATH OF OFFICE** 

Oath of Office and Seating of newly elected and reelected members elected in

November 2019:

## Swear in performed by Judge Lippart

Mr. Edward Harris – Glenolden Borough Ms. Jennifer Varricchio – Glenolden Borough Ms. Christine Alonso – Glenolden Borough Mr. Glenn Goldsborough – Norwood Borough Mr. Justin Shivone – Prospect Park Borough Ms. Danielle Fagan – Tinicum Township MOTION

Election of President

Temporary President, Mr. Evans called for nominations for the Office

of President to serve from December 3, 2019 until the Reorganization Meeting to be held during the first week in December 2020. (Section 404, Pennsylvania

School Code).

Nomination by Mr. Shivone, for Mr. William Phelps as President. Second by

Ms. Varricchio.

Motion by Mr. Goldsborough, seconded by Mr. Harris to close nominations and

elect Mr. William Phelps as President.

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 9-0.

(Agenda Item #7 - 12/3/2019)

**Board Comment** 

President, Mr. Phelps, resumed the meeting.

**MOTION** 

Election of Vice President

Mr. Phelps called for nominations for the Office of Vice President to serve from December 3, 2019 until the Reorganization Meeting to be held during the first

week in December 2020. (Section 404, Pennsylvania School Code).

Nomination by Mr. Evans, for Mr. Justin Shivone as Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Ms. Alonso to close nominations and elect Mr.

Justin Shivone as Vice President.

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 9-0.

(Agenda Item #8 – 12/3/2019)

**MOTION** 

General Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Shivone, to appoint the Law firm of Raffaele Puppio as Solicitor for Interboro School District at an

annual retainer of \$2,000 and at an hourly rate of \$185. This appointment will be in effect from December 3, 2019 until the

organization meeting to be held during the first week of December 2020.

(Section 406, Pennsylvania School Code)

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 9-0

(Agenda Item # 9.1 – 12/3/2019)

**MOTION** 

Labor Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Shivone, to appoint the Law Firm

of McNichol, Byrne and Matlawski, P.C. as Solicitor for labor issues at an hourly rate of \$235. This appointment will be in effect from December 3, 2019 until the organization meeting to be held during the first week of

December 2020.

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 9-0.

(Agenda Item #9.2 - 12/3/2019)

MOTION

Depository

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Shivone, that the Beneficial Bank, be named depository for school districts funds for a period extending from

December 1, 2019, until the organization meeting to be held during the first

week in December 2020. (Section 621, Pennsylvania School Code)

**MOTION AMENDED** 

Motion Rescinded by Mr. Shivone.

Amended by Mr. Goldsborough, seconded by Mr. Evans to state:

Motion that the WSFS Bank be named depository for school districts funds for a period extending from December 1, 2019, until the organization meeting to be held during the first week in December 2020. (Section 621, Pennsylvania School Code)

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 9-0 (Agenda Item #10 – 12/3/2019)

MOTION

Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Shivone that the following schedule of Board meetings to begin at 7:00 P.M., in which the meetings will be conducted in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 900 Washington Avenue, Prospect Park, PA or any facility as noted in the Interboro School District be approved:

January 15, 2020 February 19, 2020 March 18, 2020

April 22, 2020 (4th Wed. due to Spring Recess)

May 20, 2020 (High School)

June 17, 2020 July 15, 2020 August 19, 2020 September 16, 2020 October 21, 2020 November 18, 2020 December 16, 2020

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 9-0 (Agenda Item #11 – 12/3/2019)

MOTION

Tax Assessment Appeals

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Shivone, that the Board of School Directors grant the solicitor's office leave to appeal any and all decisions of the County Tax Assessment Appeal Board for the 2020 tax year to the Court of Common pleas as it deems appropriate.

VOTE

All members present voted 'aye' – motion carried 9-0 (Agenda Item #12 – 12/3/2019)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Statement from Mr. Phelps:

Interboro Board of School Directors is aware of the recent town hall meeting that took place regarding the Norwood Landfill and appreciate the engagement of all members of our community.

We are also aware of last week's news report questioning the District's intent to take disciplinary action against teachers for attending or speaking at a public meeting. We would like to ensure the community that the email was not issued on behalf of the Board or from a district administrator, but is correct that no individual, unless specifically indicated represents or speaks on behalf of the District.

It should also be noted that the emails shown in the report claim the District did not address a 2014 mold issue at Norwood School. The District worked collaboratively with the IEA/PSEA to remediate the issue, which was resolved in a timely manner.

The District is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for our students and staff and the Board is prepared to work collaboratively with the Borough of Norwood and government agencies to review all of the information that has been provided and take any necessary action if it is so warranted.

Thank you

The next Work Session of the Interboro Board of School Directors will be convened in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly public meeting of the Interboro Board of School Directors will be convened in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M

**MOTION** Adjournment Motion by Mr. Phelps, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

**VOTE** 

All members present voted 'aye' - motion carried 9-0

Mr. Jack Evans - Board Secretary