CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of School Directors
Annual Reorganization Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
7:00 PM – District Administration Office

1. **Call to order by the Vice President for the purpose of reorganization** ..... **Jillian Emert**
   Vice President Jillian Emert called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

2. **Election of Temporary President by holdover board members**…….…….. **Board Members**
   Jillian Emert, on nomination by Christy Cooper, seconded by Jamie Nattress, assumed the role of Temporary President

AYE: Cooper, Smale, Cieslak, Nattress, Emert, McGinley, Hein
NAY: 0
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

3. **Certificate of Election and Oath of Office .....Stacy Zellner, Notary**

*The Board acknowledges that Dale Hein, having been elected to both a 4-year term and a 2-year term, has **accepted the 4-year term**. Pursuant to the School Code, his acceptance of the 4-year seat results in a vacancy in the 2-year term*

The following Oath of Office was given to the individuals listed below by Notary Public, Stacy Zellner.

OATH OF OFFICE
Christy Cooper
Dale Hein
Shawn McGinley
Jamie Nattress

I, _____, having been elected to the office of school director for the Catasauqua Area School District, Counties of Lehigh and Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, do solemnly affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity

4. Roll Call ..... **Lindsey Wallace, Business Manager**

Board Members		Non-Board Members	
Dale Hein, President	X	Dave Knerr	X
Jillian Emert, Vice President	X	Christina Lutz-Doemling	X
Jason Bashaw, Secretary (after appointment)		Lindsey Wallace	X
Christy Cooper, Treasurer	X	Paul Reilly	
Lauren Cieslak	X	Eric Dauberman	X
Eric DeLabar		Melissa Inselmann	X
Shawn McGinley	X	David Todd	
Jamie Nattress	X	Robert Kucharczuk	X
Jeremy Smale	X	Thomas Moll	X
Student Representatives		Daniel Kotran	X
Dante Hatcher-Wilson		Patrick McNulty	
Nikoloz Kemashvili		Other: Kimberly Mooney	X

X=Present
Others:
Visitors: See list inserted in permanent minute book

5. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY

A. Nomination is requested to appoint a new member of the Board of School Directors to fill the vacancy due to an open 2-year seat for a term of December 2, 2025 to December 6, 2027.

Nomination*: Jason Bashaw, on nomination by McGinley and seconded by Cieslak*

Nominations Closed: Ballot for Board of School Director Member, Jason Bashaw to

Voting for Appointment of Jason Bashaw
AYE: Cooper, Smale, Cieslak, Nattress, Emert, McGinley, Hein
NAY: 0
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

The following Newly Appointed Oath of Office was given to Jason Bashaw by Notary Public, Stacy Zellner.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

* *At this point Jason Bashaw joined the meeting and took a seat at the Board table.*

6. Call for Nominations for President (One-Year Term)

Nominations: *Dale Hein, on nomination by McGinley*

Nominations closed *Ballot for President* ***Dale Hein***

Voting for Dale Hein
AYE: Smale, Nattress, Bashaw, Cooper, Cieslak, Emert, McGinley, Hein
NAY: 0
Abstention by Hein
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

7. President Assumes Chair and Calls for Nominations for Vice-President (One-Year Term**)**

Nominations: *Jillian Emert, on nomination by McGinley*

Nominations closed: *Ballot for Vice President* ***Jillian Emert***

Voting for Jillian Emert
AYE: Smale, Nattress. Bashaw, Cooper, Cieslak, Emert, McGinley, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

8. Approval of Dates and Times for 2026 School Board Meetings
Request approval of Board Meeting schedule for the 2026 calendar year (January 2026 to December 2026) as set forth in the schedule.

9. Approval of Dates and Times for Committee Meetings
Request approval of the Committee meeting schedule for the 2026 calendar year (January 2026 to December 2026) as set forth in the schedule.

Items 8 and 9 were combined by Board request

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert *SECONDED BY: McGinley*
AYE: Cieslak, McGinley, Emert, Bashaw, Nattress, Cooper, Smale, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

10. Appointment of Solicitor

Appoint of Attorney David G. Knerr, as solicitor for the Catasauqua Area School District for one year at a rate of $260/hour (January 2026 to December 2026) and approve the associated Engagement Letter

ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION BY: Emert SECONDED BY: McGinley
AYE: Nattress, Emert, Cooper, McGinley, Smale, Bashaw, Cieslak, Hein
NAY: 0
Eight Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

11. Appointment of PSBA Liaison

Nominations: *Lauren Cieslak, on nomination by Emert*

Nominations closed Ballot for PSBA Liaison: ***Lauren Cieslak***

Voting for Lauren Cieslak
AYE: Nattress, Emert, Cooper, Smale, Bashaw, DeLabar, Hein
NAY: 0
Abstention by Cieslak
Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Motion carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Emert *SECONDED BY: McGinley*

Motion carried

Time Adjourned: 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bashaw
Secretary

Re-Organization: School Code Section 401 (b), 404, 421