



Souderton Area Board of School Directors Reorganization Meeting Minutes - ELECTION YEAR Monday, December 1, 2025

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Sitting members present: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Ken Keith, William Formica, and Kimberly Wheeler,

Newly elected members present: Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, Andrew Souchet and Alexandra Wisser

Others present: Honorable Judge Kevin Dougherty, 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.

Mr. Taylor read the names of the holdover members of the Board:

Michael Barnacz
William Brong
William Formica
Ken Keith
Kimberly Wheeler

2. Pledge of Allegiance

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Notice of the Reorganization Meeting

3.1 Notice of the Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Taylor read the Notice of the Reorganization Meeting:

"Welcome to the members of the public and to our special guests including Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, the Honorable Kevin Dougherty. The purpose of this annual organization meeting is to officially announce the election of the newly elected members of the Board, to swear in those members who have not already been sworn, and to organize the Board for the coming year by electing a permanent President and Vice-president. As you can see from the agenda for the organization portion of the meeting, we will not take up the regular legislative business of the Board this evening."

4. Comments from the Public

Mr. Taylor announced that the Board would be accepting comments from the public. Persons wishing to address the Board about an item(s) listed on the agenda must sign in on the blue sign-in sheet with name, address, municipality, and item(s) that they wish to address.

4.1 Comments from the Public

Mr. Detwiler of Souderton, stated his objection to Mr. Brong acting in any way as a member of the board this evening. Mr. Detwiler cited School Code that he believes was violated last week when the Board accepted two resignations

instead of one, as indicated on the public notice. Mr. Detwiler reiterated his belief that Mr. Brong cannot be appointed to the Board.

Ms. Tynebor of Lower Salford stated her attempt to understand the seating of Mr. Brong, inquired if he had been sworn in. Mr. Taylor responded that Mr. Brong had been sworn in this morning, by a Notary Public.

Mr. Waldenberger of Telford raised an objection to the manner in which Board resignations and appointments were made. Mr. Waldenberger stated his belief that the Board should have accepted other nominations to serve, noting that he had submitted his own resume for consideration.

5. Nominations for Temporary President

5.1 Nominations for Temporary President

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

Hearing only one nomination for Kimberly Wheeler, the nominations for Office of the Temporary President were closed.

6. Election of Temporary President

6.1 Election of Temporary President

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY WHEELER AS OFFICE OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Motion by: Ken Keith

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Ken Keith, William Formica

7. Seating of Newly Elected and Re-Elected Board Members

7.1 Seating of Newly Elected and Re-Elected Board Members

Ms. Wheeler announced the names of the newly elected Board members:

Rosemary Buetikofer
Corinne DeGeiso
Andrew Souchet
Alexandra Wisser

Mr. Taylor read aloud the Certificates of Election certifying each of the above members, as issued by Montgomery County Board of Elections on November 24, 2025.

Ms. Wheeler offered congratulations to the members and stated that The Honorable Kevin Dougherty would administer the Oath of Office to each member.

The Honorable Judge Kevin Dougherty administered the Oath-of-Office individually, to Corinne DeGeiso, Rosemary Buetikofer, Andrew Souchet and Alexandra Wisser.

Judge Dougherty thanked the audience for the honor and privilege to be in attendance this evening and commented on his experience working in the juvenile court system, noting that education is the vaccine against violence. He asked the community to set aside its politics in order to provide a thorough, efficient and free education to each of its students.

All Board members were seated on the dais.

8. Nominations for Board President

8.1 Nominations for Board President

Ms. Wheeler opened nominations for the Office of Board President.

Mr. Keith was nominated to the Office of Board President.

No additional nominations were made and nominations were closed.

9. Election of Board President

9.1 Election of Board President

Ms. Wheeler read aloud the procedure to elect the Board President, stating that according to Policy 005 all seated Board members must vote on the election. Five votes in favor would secure the election.

Mr. Taylor asked for a roll call vote to elect Mr. Keith as Board President, noting that five votes were needed. The results appear below:

Michael Barnacz	Yes
William Brong	Yes
Rosemary Buetikofer	No
Corinne DeGeiso	No
William Formica	Yes
Andrew Souchet	No
Kimberly Wheeler	Yes
Alexandra Wisser	No
Ken Keith	Yes

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

Motion By Michael Barnacz, Second By William Formica

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, William Formica, Kimberly Wheeler, Ken Keith

Nay: Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, Andrew Souchet, Alexandra Wisser

Mr. Keith congratulated and welcomed the new Board members. He also thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Board President.

10. Nominations for Board Vice President

10.1 Nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Brong was nominated to serve as Vice President.

No other nominations were heard and nominations were closed by Mr. Keith.

11. Election of Board Vice President

11.1 Election of Board Vice President

Mr. Keith read aloud the procedure for election and asked Mr. Taylor for a roll call vote to elect Mr. Brong to the Office of Board Vice President. The results appear below:

Michael Barnacz	Yes
Rosemary Buetikofer	No
Corinne DeGeiso	No
William Formica	Yes
Ken Keith	Yes
Andrew Souchet	No
Kimberly Wheeler	Yes
Alexandra Wisser	No
William Brong	Yes

Mr. Taylor stated a 5-4 vote in favor of Mr. Brong to serve as Board Vice President.

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

Motion By Michael Barnacz, Second By William Formica

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Formica, Ken Keith, Kimberly Wheeler, William Brong

Nay: Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, Andrew Souchet, Alexandra Wisser

Mr. Keith congratulated Mr. Brong.

12. North Montco Technical School Operating Committee Members

12.1 Approve SASD Representative to the NMTCC Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Keith stated that it was the desire to appoint Mr. Brong to fulfil the vacancy on the North Montco Technical Career School Joint Operating Committee. A motion was received to appoint Mr. Brong to serve on the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee.

Mr. Taylor stated a 5-4 vote for Mr. Brong to serve on the North Montco Technical Career Center Joint Operating Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the results appear below:

Michael Barnacz	Yes
Rosemary Buetikofer	No
Corinne DeGeiso	No
William Formica	Yes
Ken Keith	Yes
Andrew Souchet	No
Kimberly Wheeler	Yes
Alexandra Wisser	No
William Brong	Yes

MOTION TO ELECT AND APPROVE ELIGIBLE BOARD MEMBER TO THE NORTH MONTCO JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Motion By Michael Barnacz, Second By William Formica

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Formica, Ken Keith, Kimberly Wheeler, William Brong

Nay: Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, Andrew Souchet, Alexandra Wisser

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

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

Mr. Keith stated the request to continue the use of existing signature plates in order for school business to function as normal.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING SIGNATURE PLATES

Motion By William Brong, Second By William Formica

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Souchet, Kimberly Wheeler and Alexandra Wisser

14. Committee Appointments

14.1 Committee Appointments

Committee Appointments were not discussed.

15. Comments from the Board

15.1 Comments from the Board

Mr. Barnacz and Mr. Brong welcomed the new Board members. Ms. Wheeler also congratulated new Board members.

Mr. Souchet thanked the community for participating in an important process. He extended wishes for a safe and happy holiday. Ms. Buetikofer thanked everyone for being in attendance and expressed excitement to serve.

Mr. Keith shared comments he had received from a former Superintendent and Board President; "do not feel the need to have all of the answers. Do not feel the need to rush in. Board budgets are different than corporations and

different than a household budget. Curriculum is different. Take your time, and jump in when ready. It is a good opportunity to learn."

16. Comments from the Superintendent

16.1 Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Gallagher congratulated new board members and said that he is looking forward to working with everyone.

17. Comments from the Public

17.1 Comments from the Public

Mr. Detwiler of Souderton asked why the administering of the Oath-of-Office for Mr. Brong was done in private instead of at a public meeting? Solicitor Gilsbach responded that an Oath-Of-Office may be administered at any time and it is fairly routine for a board member to take the oath before the reorganization meeting.

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment

Mr. Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion by William Brong, Seconded by Rosemary Buetikofer

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Michael Barnacz, William Brong, Rosemary Buetikofer, Corinne DeGeiso, William Formica, Ken Keith, Andrew Souchet, Kimberly Wheeler and Alexandra Wisser

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Taylor
Board Secretary / Director of Business Affairs