

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
December 4, 2017**

The Re-Organization Meeting for the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President Mrs. Amy Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell, Mrs. Polly Weand and Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson. Absent was Mr. Ron Williams. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Representatives, Ms. Johnay Cranford and Ms. Courtney Parry, Dr. Steven Park, Mrs. Calista Boyer, Mrs. Kelly Leibold, Mr. John Armato, a member of the press, and interested citizens.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo presented the minutes from the Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meeting on November 16, 2017 for Board approval.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the minutes be approved as presented.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One.
Motion carried.

HEARINGS FROM THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

The Secretary adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:03 pm.

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION

The Secretary proceeded to call roll of the hold over members. The following were present: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel and Mr. Wilkerson. Absent was Mr. Ron Williams.

Notice of the Organization Meeting

Mrs. Jampo read the Notice of the Organization Meeting as advertised in the Pottstown Mercury.

Election of Temporary Chairperson

Mr. Kalis called for the nomination of a Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Heidel nominated Mr. Wilkerson.

There were no further nominations for a Temporary Chairperson. It was moved by Mrs. Bearden and seconded by Mr. Heidel to close the nominations for Temporary Chairperson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkerson was elected as Temporary Chairperson.

Mr. Williams entered the meeting at 7:13 pm

Oath of Office: Board Members

Mr. Wilkerson reviewed the certificates of election and presented the newly elected Board Members to Judge Scott Palladino who administered the Oath of Office: Mrs. Amy Francis, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Bonita Barnhill, Mr. Raymond Rose and Mr. John Armato. Certificates of elections will be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-039**.

Roll Call

Mr. Wilkerson requested a roll call on the nine members now comprising the School Board.

Upon roll call the following members were present. Mr. Armato, Mrs. Barnhill, Ms. Bearden, Mrs. Francis, Mr. Heidel, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Rose, Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Williams.

Present: Nine. Absent: None. A quorum was present.

Election of President

The Temporary Chairperson called for nominations for President.

Mr. Heidel nominated Mr. Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson nominated Mrs. Francis.

There were no further nominations for the Office of President. It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Bearden to close the nominations.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye to close the nominations for the Office of President. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Upon roll call vote each member named the nominee of his/her choice. The vote for the Office of President was recorded as follows: Mr. Williams: Francis, Mr. Wilkerson: Wilkerson, Mr. Rose: Wilkerson, Mrs. Lawrence: Francis, Mr. Heidel: Francis, Mrs. Francis: Francis, Ms. Bearden: Wilkerson, Mrs. Barnhill: Wilkerson, Mr. Armato: Francis. Francis: Five. Wilkerson: Four.

Mrs. Amy Francis was declared the newly elected President.

Election of Vice-President

Mrs. Francis called for nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Armato nominated Mr. Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson declined the nomination.

Mr. Wilkerson nominated Ms. Bearden.

Mrs. Barnhill nominated Mr. Heidel.

There were no further nominations for the Office of Vice-President. It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Armato to close the nominations.

All members were in favor. None opposed. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Upon roll call, each member named the nominee of his/her choice: Ms. Bearden: Bearden, Mrs. Francis: Bearden, Mr. Heidel: Heidel, Mrs. Lawrence: Bearden, Mr. Rose: Heidel, Mr. Wilkerson: Bearden, Mr. Williams: Bearden, Mr. Armato: Bearden, Mrs. Barnhill: Heidel. Bearden: Six. Heidel: Three.

Ms Katina Bearden was declared the newly elected Vice-President.

Parliamentarian Procedures

Appointment of Parliamentarian

It was moved by Mr. Williams and second by Mrs. Barnhill that the Board approve the solicitor as parliamentarian.

All members were in favor. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson, that the Board approve Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure.

All members were in favor. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Standing Committees assignment will to be determined at the January 2018 School Board Governance Workshop. Mrs. Francis asked the board members to notify her of their interests in serving on the committees. Mrs. Francis expressed interest in creating a sub-committee for advocacy. All members were in favor of an Advocacy Sub-Committee.

Adopt Time And Places for the 2018 Regular Board Meetings

Board members discussed schedule options for the 2018 board meetings. It was determined that a final calendar will be discussed at the January Board Workshop.

Board Member Contact Information for the Website

Mrs. Francis asked each Board Member to submit their preferred contact information to Mrs. Jampo for publication on the district website.

INFORMATION

School Board Governance Workshop – Mr. Rodriguez proposed January 11, 2018 as the date for the board workshop. The workshop will be for professional development purposes only. All members were in agreement with the January 11, 2018 date.

Borough and School Board Joint Meeting – Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Joint Borough and School Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018. The school board will hold the combined Committee of the Whole and Voting meeting proceeded by the Joint Borough and School Board meeting.

Residency Initiative Program – Mr. Rodriguez announced that the program is now at three applicants that have taken advantage of the program.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Leibold, on behalf of the Federation of Pottstown Teachers, thanked the outgoing board members for their service and welcomed the new board members. The Federation looks forward to working collaboratively in the future to provide the best education possible for the students.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Parry thanked the outgoing members for their service and looks forward to their continued presence at future meetings. She congratulated the new board.

Ms. Cranford congratulated the new board.

Mr. Armato thanked the outgoing members for their dedication and commitment to the community. He thanked everyone who participated in the November elections. He looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Rose expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the board.

Ms. Bearden echoed the remarks of the board thanking the outgoing members and hopes they will continue to offer their support. She looks forward to working with the new board.

Mr. Wilkerson thanked the outgoing board members and looks forward to continue working with them and the new board.

Mr. Heidel congratulated the new board members and looks forward to working together. He will miss the outgoing members.

Mrs. Barnhill expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve on the board again. She looks forward to working with everyone.

Mrs. Lawrence welcomed the new board members and looks forward to a productive year.

Mr. Williams welcomed the new board members and looks forward to working with the new board as they face the challenges ahead.

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed the new board members. He invited the board members to attend the administration building's holiday luncheon. Mrs. Jampo and he sponsor the event in appreciation to the staff and board.

Mrs. Francis thanked the outgoing board members, noting that she will miss working with them. She looks forward to working with the new board and the challenges ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Board adjourns. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary