

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2021

The Reorganization Meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday evening, December 1, 2021, following adjournment of the regular monthly meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selingsrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by the Superintendent, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by those in attendance.

A roll call indicated that the following members were present: Mr. Larry D. Augustine, Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski.

Dr. Jankowski asked for a motion to elect a Temporary President from the hold-over members. Motion by Hess to elect Mr. Bechtel to serve as Temporary President to administer the oath of office and conduct election of a President for the year 2022. Motion by Hess that nominations be closed. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Mr. Bechtel read into the record the Certificates of Election from the Snyder County Bureau of Elections for Christopher A. Aikey, Andrew V. Paladino, Matthew A. Slivinski (2-year term), Kara L. Taylor (2-year term), Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., and David M. Watto as required by Section 321 of the Pennsylvania School Code. (a copy of certificates to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Bechtel administered the oath of office to Christopher A. Aikey, Andrew V. Paladino, Matthew A. Slivinski (via phone), Kara L. Taylor, Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., and David M. Watto as required by Section 321 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Mr. Bechtel asked for nominations for a President to serve for a one (1) year term. Motion by Teats and seconded by Bechtel to elect Mr. Hess. Motion by Augustine and seconded by Paladino that nominations for President be closed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. David W. Hess will serve as President for a one (1) year term.

Mr. Hess asked for nominations for a Vice-President to serve for a one (1) year term. Motion by Augustine to elect Mr. Paladino. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Hess indicated that nominations for Vice President were now closed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Andrew V. Paladino will serve as Vice President for a one (1) year term.

Mr. Hess asked for nominations for a Treasurer to serve, effective immediately, through June 30, 2022 (to complete the unexpired term of Andrew Paladino). Motion by Augustine to elect Bechtel. Mr. Bechtel declined the nomination. Motion by Paladino to elect Taylor. Mrs. Taylor declined the nomination. Motion by Hess to elect Slivinski as Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Matthew A. Slivinski will serve as Treasurer, effective immediately through June 30, 2022.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to approve proposed meeting dates, time, and place. (a copy of the proposed dates to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Jankowski noted that Board meeting dates can be reevaluated, after the 2022-2023 school calendar is finalized, and changed as needed.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed rules for conducting meetings. Mr. Teats questioned requiring individuals who desire to comment completing a request to comment form prior to the start of the meeting and prior to knowing what Board discussion is going to be held. He asked if there is any way for the public to ask questions during the meeting as well? Dr. Jankowski noted that the agenda is published publicly in advance of the meeting which would give them an opportunity to ask questions at any time, not just at the Board meeting, and that it is not supposed to be a back-and-forth discussion between the public and the Board. Mr. Paladino suggested positioning the opportunity for public comment towards the end of the meeting, as was done recently. Attorney Wiley responded that there must be an opportunity for public comment on the agenda prior to taking any action. He noted that an additional opportunity for public comment could be added at the end of the meeting. Mr. Slivinski commented that most governmental bodies have public discussion at the beginning of the meeting to get that discussion out of the way so that the Board can then carry on with the normal course of business, and this also prevents it from becoming a back-and-forth dialog. Attorney Wiley commented that he does not feel that the Board typically deviates from procedure presently relative to the practice before the agenda items are voted on. The Board could choose to have a general public comment section at the end of the meeting. Dr. Jankowski commented that it would be okay to do this as long as it is only for public comment and does not become a public debate or a question-and-answer session. Discussion was held noting that the public has the opportunity to reach out to Board members and Administrators with questions prior to the meeting since the agenda is posted in advance of the meeting.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bechtel to approve proposed rules for conducting meetings. (a copy of the rules to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hess requested feedback from members regarding changes to current committee assignments.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to give direction to the President, prior to the January 2022 Board meeting, concerning committee organizational pattern for 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bechtel and seconded by Paladino to designate The Daily Item as a newspaper of general circulation to be utilized by the District as defined in Section 106 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 1 no (Slivinski), 0 absent

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Taylor to reappoint Mr. Hess as PSBA Liaison to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to serve through December 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Taylor to approve David Hess, President; Larry Augustine, Secretary; and, Matthew Slivinski, Treasurer, as the district's approved bank signers for Fulton Bank for the following accounts: General Fund checking; Debt Service Fund checking; Capital Reserve Fund checking; Athletic Fund Checking; Athletic Facility Donations checking; Payroll checking; Food & Nutrition checking; Capital Projects checking, and General Fund Money Market.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Additional Items:

Dr. Jankowski noted that he plans to reach out to newly elected Board members, prior to the January meeting, to schedule a time to review some general expectations and answer any questions that they may have.

He also reminded those newly elected and reelected Board members to provide a copy of their Certificate of Election to the recording secretary if they have not already done so.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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