

*SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reorganization Meeting
December 2, 2015 – Administration Building
Minutes*

The Board of School Directors of the Shaler Area School District held a Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the Shaler Area Administration Office, Glenshaw, PA, with Mr. John Vogel, Solicitor, presiding. This meeting began at 7 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Suzanna Donahue
Mr. James Fisher
Mr. Tim Gapsky
Dr. April Kwiatkowski
Mr. Jason Machajewski
Mrs. Jeanne Petrovich
Mrs. Eileen Phillips
Mr. Steve Romac
Mr. James Tunstall

Others Present:

Mr. Sean Aiken, Superintendent
Dr. Vic Morrone, Acting Superintendent
Dr. Bryan O'Black, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Charles Bennett, Director of Business Affairs
Mr. Gary Mignogna, Director of Human Resources
Mr. William Watson, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. John Vogel, Solicitor

Notice of this meeting was posted as required.

Dr. Kwiatkowski called the meeting to order and asked the Board and audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She then recognized Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Petrovich for their 20 and 16 years of service, respectively, and welcomed the three new board members to their positions. Dr. Kwiatkowski then turned over the gavel to John Vogel to serve as Temporary Chair.

Mr. Vogel asked for nominations for the office of President of School Board of Directors to serve until the first week of December 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Romac and a second by Mr. Gapsky, Dr. Kwiatkowski was nominated as Board President. On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and a second by Mrs. Donahue, Mr. Fisher also was nominated as Board President.

Dr. April Kwiatkowski was elected to the position of Board President to serve until the first week of December 2016 in a 6-3 vote with Mr. Gapsky, Dr. Kwiatkowski, Mr. Machajewski, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Romac and Mr. Tunstall voting for Dr. Kwiatkowski; and Mrs. Donahue, Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Petrovich voting for Mr. Fisher. ACTION:
Elected by
acclamation

Dr. Kwiatkowski then took the Chair and called for nominations for Vice-President to serve until the first week of December 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and seconded by Mr. Romac, Mr. Romac was nominated for the position of Vice-President. On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and seconded by Mrs. Donahue, Mr. Fisher was nominated for the position of Vice-President.

Mr. Steve Romac was elected to the position of Board Vice-President to serve until the first week of December 2016 in a 5-4 vote with Mr. Gapsky, Dr. Kwiatkowski, Mr. Machajewski, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Romac voting for Mr. Romac; and Mrs. Donahue, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Petrovich and Mr. Tunstall voting for Mr. Fisher. ACTION:
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The following appointments then were presented:

- Appointment of Tucker Arensberg (Matthew Hoffman, lead attorney) as Solicitor and set annual retainer.
 - Retainer of \$850/month, with hourly rates of \$150/hour for partners; \$140/hour for associates; \$160/hour for litigation matters for partners; \$150/hour for litigation matters for associates; and \$80/hour for paralegals.

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and second by Mr. Romac, the appointment of Tucker Arensberg as Solicitor was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ACTION:
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acclamation

- Appoint the following officers to serve in their positions until the first week of December 2016.
 - Charles Bennett as Board Secretary
 - Bethany Baker as Assistant Board Secretary

On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Romac, the appointment of Charles Bennett as Board Secretary was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and second by Mr. Fisher, the appointment Bethany Baker as Assistant Board Secretary was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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- Appointment of Local Service Tax (LST) Collectors in the four municipalities to serve until the first week of December 2016.
 - Borough of Etna through Keystone Municipal Collections
 - Borough of Millvale through Keystone Municipal Collections
 - Township of Shaler through Township Office
 - Township of Reserve by Keystone Municipal Collections

On a motion by Mr. Fisher and second by Dr. Kwiatkowski, the appointments of the Local Service Tax Collectors were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ACTION:
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- Appointment of Representatives to A.W. Beattie Career Center.

On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and second by Mr. Gapsky, the nomination of Jim Fisher as Representative to A.W. Beattie Career Center was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Fisher, the nomination of Mr. Tunstall as the second Representative to A.W. Beattie Career Center was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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- Appointment of PSBA Legislative Chairperson.

On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Fisher, the nomination of Mrs. Phillips as the PSBA Legislative Chairperson was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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- Authorize the use of existing signature plates until new plates can be received for the following accounts:
 - PA School District Liquid Asset Fund – PSDLAF (PNC Financial)
 - Construction, Renovation & Repair Services
 - General Fund Checking
 - Payroll Checking Account
 - Cafeteria Checking
 - Bond Construction Fund

On a motion by Mr. Gapsky and second by Mr. Fisher the authorization to use the existing signature plates until new plates can be was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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- Select the date, time and place for regular meetings for January 2016 through December 2016.
 - Mr. Mignogna requested the board consider changing the meeting time to 7 p.m. to be considerate of students who are invited to the board meeting for recognitions. Mr. Aiken said a similar change was made at West Allegheny School District for similar reasons. Mr. Gapsky said if the public meeting time is moved, then the executive session times also should be moved to allow a similar amount of time. He added that the time change did not work well for him.

On a motion by Mrs. Petrovich and second by Mr. Romac, the 2016 Board Meeting schedule was approved in a 7-2 vote with the revised times with Mr. Gapsky and Mr. Machajewski dissenting.

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- Discuss any early January Committee meetings that might need to be scheduled so they can be properly advertised.
 - Mr. Romac said there will be an Athletic Committee meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
- Any other Business to come before the Board.
 - There was none.
- Adjournment of business portion of the Reorganization meeting.
 - One a motion by Mr. Fisher and second by Mr. Romac, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.
- Recognize the audience.
 - There was none.
- Final Adjournment
 - After no one approached the podium, the final meeting adjournment occurred at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Baker
Assistant Board Secretary