The Board of School Directors of the Ephrata Area School District, Ephrata PA met in a special session on Monday, December 7, 2020 via the Zoom Webinar Platform as advertised on December 1, 2020 in LNP News. The link to the Zoom meeting was also made available on the District website along with directions for submitting questions/comments and requests for special accommodations. The purpose for this meeting was Board Reorganization and to conduct any other business to come before the Board.

**Board Members Present:** President, Richard Gehman; **Vice-President,** Chris Weber; **Members:** Judy S. Beiler, Philip L. Eby, Glenn R. Martin, Tim Stauffer, Timothy W. Stayer, and David Wissler; **Superintendent (non-voting),** Dr. Brian Troop; **Treasurer (non-voting),** Kristee Reichard; **Secretary (non-voting),** Stephanie A. Gingrich

**Board Members Absent:** None

**School District Representatives Present:** Holly Albert, Dr. Jacy Clugston Hess, Dr. Richard Hornberger, Peter Kishpaugh, and Sarah McBee

**Visitors Present:** Roxanne McMurtry

**Media:** Eric Stark. Ephrata Review

**CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT**
President Gehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and followed with a moment of silent meditation, Pledge of Allegiance, and recitation of the District Mission Statement.

**WELCOME AND COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**
President Gehman welcomed visitors to the meeting. No questions or comments were submitted in advance as per the legal notice.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**
No report. Minutes from December 3, 2019 were approved at the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2019.

**OLD SCHOOL BOARD ADJOURNS**

**ELECT A TEMPORARY PRESIDENT FROM HOLDOVER MEMBERS**
It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Eby, to nominate Mr. Stayer as temporary president. It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Weber, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Stayer as Temporary President -- all members present signifying aye.

**DISTRIBUTE BOARD MEMBERSHIP LIST** (Attachment #1)

**NOMINATE AND ELECT A PRESIDENT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM**
It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wissler, to nominate Mr. Gehman as President for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Eby, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Gehman as President -- all members present signifying aye.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**
It was moved by Mr. Wissler, seconded by Mr. Martin, to nominate Mr. Weber as Vice-President for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Weber as Vice-President -- all members present signifying aye.
NOMINATE AND ELECT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNLESS NOTED

A. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Stayer, to nominate the law firm of Kegel Kelin Litts & Lord LLP (KKLL) as School Board Solicitor and Mrs. Reichard as the representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm KKLL as the School Board Solicitor and Mrs. Reichard as the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau representative -- all members present signifying aye.

B. It was moved by Mr. Eby, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to nominate Mr. Stayer as the alternate representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Martin, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Stayer as the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau alternate representative -- all members present signifying aye.

C. It was moved by Mr. Eby, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to nominate Mr. Stayer as the PSBA Section VII Liaison for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Eby, to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Stayer as the PSBA Section VII Liaison -- all members present signifying aye.

D. It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Weber, to nominate Mrs. Beiler, Mr. Stayer, and Mr. Eby as PSBA Legislative Platform Voting Delegates for one-year terms. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wissler to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mrs. Beiler, Mr. Stayer, and Mr. Eby as PSBA Legislative Platform Voting Delegates -- all members present signifying aye.

E. It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Eby, to nominate Mr. Wissler as the alternate representative to the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Board for a one-year term, non-voting, and to close nominations.

Voice vote to confirm Mr. Wissler as the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Board alternate representative -- all members present signifying aye.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Mr. Gehman announced the Committee structure and assignments will remain unchanged from the current structure.

RATIFIED ACTIONS OF FORMER SCHOOL BOARD
It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, that the school board ratify all actions of the former school board.

Voice vote to ratify actions of the former School Board -- all members present signifying aye.

CHECK SIGNATURE PLATE
It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mr. Weber, that the school board approve the continued use of the check signatures.

Voice vote to ratify actions of the former School Board -- all members present signifying aye.
COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS
President Gehman opened the floor to visitors for questions or comments except personnel items that are never discussed at public meetings. No questions or comments were submitted in advance as per the legal notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
President Gehman announced the following:

- The representative to the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022 is Mr. Tim Stayer (Board approved on December 3, 2019).
- The alternate voting representative to the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022 is Mr. Richard Gehman (Board approved on December 3, 2019).
- The representative to the Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2025 is Mrs. Kristee Reichard (Board approved on December 3, 2019).
- Mr. Phil Eby was appointed by the Board President in December 2018 to serve a four-year term as the Board Liaison to the Ephrata Area Education Foundation, effective through December 31, 2022.
- The representative to the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2023 is Mr. Tim Stauffer (Board approved on March 23, 2020).
- The purpose of this meeting is for school board reorganization and approval of any other items for board action.
- Committee Meetings will be held tonight following adjournment of this meeting. The School Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, December 14, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Gehman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie A. Gingrich, Board Secretary