

The Board of School Directors of the Ephrata Area School District, Ephrata PA met in a special session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and at Ephrata Middle School, 957 Hammon Avenue, Ephrata, PA, as advertised on July 12, 2021 in *LNP*. The purpose for this meeting was for 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 Beiler, Philip Eby, Trisha Good, Justin L. Showalter, Tim Stauffer, Timothy W. Stayer, and David Wissler; **Superintendent (non-voting)** Dr. Brian Troop; **Treasurer (non-voting)** Kristee Reichard; and **Secretary (non-voting)** Stephanie Gingrich

Board Members Absent: None

School District Representatives Present: Dr. Jacy Clugston Hess, Officer John Hirneisen, Dr. Richard Hornberger, Sarah McBee, Dr. Tim McCormick, and Nick Wagner

Media Present: Melissa Frost, Ephrata Review

In-Person Guests: Tom Frey, Angie Lehman, Liz Lorah, Rebecca Mast, B. Miller, Gavin Miller, Mike Miller, Carol and Jerry Musser, Lauren Musser, Mary and Merlyn Musser, Judge Tony Russell, Jamie Shaw, Jason Shirk, Lori Shirk, Krista Showalter, Gregg Stief, Tina Thompson, Ryan and Teresa Weaver, Theresa Wene, and Amanda Witmer

Livestream Guests:

Emily Archibald	Matt Edmiston	Peter Kishpaugh	Jan Sensenig	Elise Yoder
Gina B	Heidi Frantz	Carly Kreider	Krista Showalter	Bailey York
Kat Baier	Amy and Nick Gaddini	Tania	Janera Simmons	Scott
Glen Beiler	Steven Heffner	Glenn Martin	Brandon Smith	Tabatha
Rebecca Branle	Toni Hershey	Lori Neu	Tina Smith	
Jamie Clement	Aubrey Horst	Kristi Regitz	Bubba Richardson	
Brett Cuthbert	Leann Hurst	Sterling Risteen	Sonia Van Etten	

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 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENT AND TAXPAYERS

None

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

No Report. Minutes from the December 7, 2020 Reorganization meeting were approved at the Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2020.

OLD SCHOOL BOARD ADJOURNS

ELECT A TEMPORARY PRESIDENT FROM HOLDOVER MEMBERS

It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mr. Eby, to nominate Mr. Weber as Temporary President. It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Weber as Temporary President -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

READ CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION (Attachment #1)

Magisterial District Judge Tony S. Russell read the Certificates of Election.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

(Attachment #2)

Magisterial District Judge Tony S. Russell administered the Oath of Office.

DISTRIBUTE BOARD MEMBERSHIP LIST (Attachment #3)**NOMINATE AND ELECT A PRESIDENT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM**

It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, to nominate Mr. Gehman as President for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Eby, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Gehman as Board President -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

NOMINATE AND ELECT A VICE-PRESIDENT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mr. Wissler, to nominate Mr. Weber as Vice-President for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Eby, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Weber as Board Vice-President -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

NOMINATE AND ELECT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNLESS NOTED

- A.** It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, to nominate the law firm of Kegel Kelin Litts & Lord LLP (KKLL) as School Board Solicitor. It was moved by Mr. Stayer, seconded by Mr. Showalter, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Kegel Kelin Litts & Lord LLP (KKLL) as School Board Solicitor -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

- B.** It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wissler, to nominate Mrs. Kristee Reichard as the representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau for a one-year term. It was moved by Mrs. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Weber, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mrs. Kristee Reichard as the representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

- C.** It was moved by Mrs. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Showalter, to nominate Mr. Timothy 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. Eby, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Timothy Stayer as the alternate representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

- D.** It was moved by Mrs. Beiler, seconded by Mr. Weber, to nominate Mr. Stayer as the PSBA Section VII Liaison for a one-year term. It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Showalter, to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Stayer as the PSBA Section VII Liaison -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

- E.** It was moved by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Showalter, to nominate Mrs. Beiler, Mr. Eby, and Mr. Stayer as PSBA Legislative Platform Voting Delegates for one-year terms. It was moved by Ms. Good, seconded by Mr. Showalter to close nominations.

Roll call vote to appoint Mrs. Beiler, Mr. Eby, and Mr. Stayer as PSBA Legislative Platform Voting Delegates -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

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

Roll call vote to appoint Mr. Wissler as the alternate representative to the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Board -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Gehman announced the Committee structure and assignments will be announced at the December 20 School Board Regular meeting.

RATIFIED ACTIONS OF FORMER SCHOOL BOARD

It was moved by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mrs. Beiler, that the school board ratify all actions of the former school board.

Roll call vote to ratify all actions of the former school board -- all members present voting yes. Motion approved - 9 Yes, 0 No.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Gehman announced the following:

- The School Board held an Executive Session on December 1, 2021 for a legal matter concerning the Pennsylvania Supreme Court intervention on the Corman case.
- 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, 2024 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 on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- Comments from residents and taxpayers will be accepted at the end of the Committee of the Whole meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gehman adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie A. Gingrich
Board Secretary