

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-4077

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The reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mr. Larkin asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

The secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Robbins, Mrs. Mason, Dr. Ashton, Mr. Fries, Mr. Babb and Mrs. Galbraith.

Attendees:

Mr. B. Boland, Kozloff Stoudt; Darrin Youker, Reading Eagle; and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the roll call by the Board secretary, Mr. Larkin asked Mr. Robbins to explain the difference between the two listings of meetings the Board received. Mr. Robbins explained that one version followed the same committee meeting and Board meeting format as last year. The other version employs the Committee of the Whole concept for the second Monday of the month. Committee chairs would work with the administration to list all agenda items in curriculum, finance, facilities, personnel, policy, etc. that would appear on the voting meeting agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Upon a motion by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Portner the floor was opened for nominations of a temporary president for the purpose of reorganization. Mrs. Sakmann was nominated. The nominations were closed upon a motion by Mr. Portner and second by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Ayes: 9

Nays: None. Motion carried.

## OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Sakmann administered the oath of office to Carolyn M. Bamberger, Angel L. Helm, Scott C. Painter, Esq. and Anne P. Seltzer who were newly elected for a four-year term; and Michelle M. Davis who was re-elected for a two-year term to serve on the Wyomissing Area School Board.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon a motion by Mr. Larkin and second by Mrs. Seltzer the floor was opened for nominations for the office of President. Mrs. Helm made a motion to nominate Mrs. Davis; second by Mrs. Seltzer. Mrs. Seltzer made a motion to close the nominations; second by Mr. Larkin.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sakmann asked the secretary for a roll call to approve Mrs. Davis as President for the coming year. Roll call vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Seltzer, Mrs. Sakmann and Mr. Larkin.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Davis asked for a motion to nominate a Board member for the office of Vice President. Upon a motion by Mrs. Sakmann, and second by Mrs. Seltzer, Mr. Larkin was nominated. Mrs. Sakmann made a motion to close the nominations; second by Mrs. Seltzer.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Davis asked the secretary for a roll call to approve Mr. Larkin as the new vice president for the coming year. Roll call vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Seltzer, Mrs. Sakmann and Mr. Larkin.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer and second by Mrs. Sakmann, Mr. Larkin was appointed with Mr. Portner as the alternate to the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau for a one-year term effective January 1, 2010.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer and second by Mr. Portner, Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed to serve as PSBA legislative liaison for a one-year term.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mrs. Helm, Mr. Painter was appointed with Mr. Portner as the alternate to the Berks Career & Technology Center Board for a three-year term effective December 8, 2009 to November 30, 2012.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner, second by Mr. Painter, Mrs. Bamberger was appointed to serve as the representative to the Berks County Intermediate Unit Board for the uncompleted term of office from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sakmann, second by Mr. Painter, Mrs. Seltzer was appointed as representative to the WAEF Board for a one-year term.

Ayes: 9  
Nays: None. Motion carried

### APPROVED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND BOARD MEETING DATES

Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Robbins what his recommendation was regarding the two formats for committee meetings the board had for consideration. He responded that his preference would be the Committee of the Whole because it provides better facilitation for the administration and clerical staff to have one administrative assistant responsible for both agendas. The deadline for submission of items is one week before the committee meeting and allows two weeks to get questions answered before the voting meeting.

Mr. Larkin agreed that the Committee of the Whole was a good suggestion. Mr. Fitzgerald asked how Mr. Robbins could be sure there would be no surprises that would crop up in the two-week interval. Mr. Robbins said those items could be addressed in his weekly newsletter to the Board.

Mrs. Davis announced that all Board members would be members of each committee in the Committee of the Whole format with the following committee chairs:

Finance/Facilities	Angel Helm
Personnel/Policy	Scott Painter
Curriculum/Technology	Lynn Sakmann

She also established two Ad Hoc Committees:

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- a. Community Relations, chaired by Anne Seltzer. This committee, comprised of Board members, District personnel and community members will look at ways to enhance the school/community relationship.
- b. Economic Development, chaired by Carolyn Bamberger. This committee, comprised of Board members, District personnel and community members will investigate what other districts are doing to increase revenues and decrease expenses. The committee will also research how we can collaborate with existing organizations to enhance program development.

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Sakmann the Board approved the list of Committee of the Whole meeting dates, Board meeting dates, and reorganization date for 2010. A copy of this list is included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, Larkin, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Robbins introduced Mrs. Galbraith who began her position as JSHS assistant principal on December 1, 2009.

Mrs. Davis thanked former officers and committee chairs for their service in their respective positions and expressed her gratitude for the Board's confidence in appointing her President. She hopes that with open communication, hard work and a positive attitude the Board can help the District meet the needs of all students in a fiscally responsible manner.

Mrs. Davis reported that two additional architect interviews for the WREC project were being held that night. Discussion on the firms will be held at the January 11, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting with a vote at the January 25, 2010 meeting.

An executive session is scheduled with Education Consultants for December 10, 2009 to review applications for a superintendent.

Mr. Robbins reported that we have received the H1N1 vaccine and clinics have been scheduled for December 16-18, 2009 in the WHEC gym. A letter has been sent to parents and details are on the District website. In response to various questions from Board members, Mr. Robbins answered that we received 80% of the 2,000 doses we ordered; Exeter had only 40% participation when they offered a clinic; and only teachers in an at-risk category will be vaccinated. Any leftover vaccines

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must be returned to the Department of Health.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Davis opened the floor for public comment before the architect interviews.

Corinne Fecho, WAEA President read a statement on behalf of the two unions indicating that their overwhelming attendance at the meeting was to send a positive message that with the reorganization they were looking forward to a swift resolution of the expired teacher's contract and the adoption of a support staff contract. She stated that everyone wins with a fair contract.

Mrs. Davis announced a five-minute recess before the architect interviews.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Architect interviews

- Gilbert Architects
- Hayes Large Architects, LLP

Prior to adjourning, Mrs. Davis announced that there would be an executive session regarding personnel immediately following the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Larkin, seconded by Mr. Portner and approved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

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Corinne D. Mason  
Board Secretary