

On December 7, 2013 the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

Region I: Bernard F. Pettit  
Region II: Dawn R. Heine and Julie A. Mullin  
Region III:  
Presiding Officer: Diane Fern (Board Secretary)  
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin  
Business Manager: Timothy Anspach  
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.  
Student Rep.: Taylor Auman

The following Board Member participated via Skype: **Mark P. Dehnert**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE** (By Board Secretary)  
Board Secretary, Mrs. Fern, opened the meeting with the call to order, noting of the attendance and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Mrs. Fern announced that immediately following the adjournment of the November 25, 2013 Board Meeting, the Board met in an executive session regarding personnel issues.
- III. **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING** (By Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor)  
Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the Pennsylvania School Code requires that annually during the first week of December the Members of the School Board meet and reorganize. The Board will elect a new Board President and Vice President as well as fill any vacancies that have occurred. Mr. Fitzgerald informed everyone that following the adjournment from the reorganization meeting the regular December Board Meeting will be called to order and conducted.
- IV. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**  
There were no questions or comments from the public.
- V. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT**  
Mrs. Fern opened the floor for nominations of a Temporary Board President. Mr. DiBello nominated Mrs. Mullin. There were no other nominations. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. Mrs. Mullin was elected as the Temporary Board President.

**VI. SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE WALTER GADZICKI**

Judge Gadzicki issued the oath of office to the newly elected Board Members; Kelly J. Spletzer and Todd R. Wolf.

**Region I:** Kelly J. Spletzer

**Region II:** Todd R. Wolf

**VII. SWEARING IN OF REELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE WALTER GADZICKI**

Judge Gadzicki issued the oath of office to the reelected Board Members; Willard D. Cromley, Joseph P. Ciresi and Thomas J. DiBello.

**Region I:** Willard D. Cromley

**Region III:** Joseph P. Ciresi  
Thomas J. DiBello

**VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Mullin opened the floor for nominations of a Board President. Mrs. Mullin nominated Mr. Ciresi. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Cromley. There were no other nominations. Mr. DiBello made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

There was a roll call vote with Mr. Dehnert and Mr. Wolf voting for Mr. Cromley. Mrs. Spletzer, Mr. Cromley, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Ciresi, Mrs. Mullin and Mrs. Heine voting for Mr. Ciresi. Mr. Ciresi was elected as the Board President by a vote of 7-2.

Mr. Ciresi welcomed the two newly elected Board Members, Mr. Wolf and Mrs. Spletzer. He thanked them for being a part of the Board and stated that he looks forward to working with them over the next four years in moving this district forward. Mr. Ciresi thanked the rest of the Board for being here on a Saturday and Mr. Dehnert for being present via Skype. Mr. Ciresi stated that this is the first time we are having a Board Member Skype in and this will allow us to see if we can use this again in the future. Mr. Ciresi thanked the members of the community who were present for the meeting. Mr. Ciresi thanked Mr. DiBello for the past two years of service as Board President and leading this district moving forward and the accomplishments that we have had. Mr. Ciresi stated that it is not an easy place to sit sometimes and it is not easy to take the heat that you must sometimes take. Mr. Ciresi stated that Mr. DiBello carried out the duties of Board President to the best of his ability and helped the district shine and move forward. Mr. Ciresi again thanked Mr. DiBello for the past two years.

**IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Ciresi opened the floor for nominations of a Board Vice President. Mr. Pettit nominated Mr. DiBello. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Cromley. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Mullin made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

There was a roll call vote with Mr. Wolf and Mr. Dehnert voting for Mr. Cromley. Mrs. Spletzer, Mr. Cromley, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Ciresi, Mrs. Mullin and Mrs. Heine voting for Mr. DiBello. Mr. DiBello was elected as the Board Vice President by a vote of 7-2.

**X. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Members of the Joint Committee for the Area Vocational-Technical School serve three year terms. One term expires each year to assure continuity in the operation of the joint program. The most recent representatives and the date of expiration for their terms are as follows:

Joseph P. Ciresi	2015
Dawn R. Heine	2014
<b>Edward T. Dressler, Jr.</b>	<b>2013</b>

Mr. Ciresi opened the floor up for nominations for a Board Member to serve on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee for a three year term which this year is being vacated by Edward T. Dressler.

Mr. Ciresi nominated Mr. Cromley. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Heine made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Cromley was elected to the Joint Committee for the Area Vocational-Technical School by a vote of 9-0.

**XI.** Mr. Ciresi stated that Mr. DiBello currently holds the position as a member on the **Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee** and Mrs. Mullin serves as the alternate. Mr. Ciresi asked Mr. DiBello if he would like to continue serving in this capacity and he responded yes. Mr. Ciresi asked if anyone would like to serve as the alternate and Mr. Pettit said he would do it. Mr. DiBello will remain as the Spring-Ford representative on the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee and Mr. Pettit will serve as the alternate.

**XII.** Mr. Ciresi stated that Mr. Dressler had held the position of the **PSBA Liaison** representing the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mrs. Spletzer stated that she would be happy to serve in this capacity. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve Mrs. Spletzer as the PSBA Liaison and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mrs. Spletzer will serve as the PSBA Liaison representing Spring-Ford Area School District.

**XIII.** Mr. Fitzgerald advised that he believes we should have a motion to approve the new signatures as a result of the new appointments of Mr. Ciresi as the Board President and Mr. DiBello as the Board Vice President so that they can sign on behalf of the Board.

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve the new signatures of Mr. Ciresi as the Board President and Mr. DiBello as the Board Vice President so that they can sign all documentation on behalf of the Board. Mr. Pettit seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

**XIV.** Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2014 and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

The Board approved the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2014.

**XV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

There were no comments from the public.

Dr. Goodin welcomed the newly elected Board Members and stated that he truly looks forward to working with them. Dr. Goodin stated that on behalf of the employees of the Spring-Ford Area School District he would like to thank the Board for their continued service to the district and moving us forward. Dr. Goodin stated that their time is much appreciated as well as their efforts. Dr. Goodin stated that he looks forward to another year of working together and moving the district in a very positive direction.

Mr. Ciresi thanked the community for the support they have seen over the last four years and the Board for the work as well as the Administration, and the Teachers. Mr. Ciresi stated that he looks forward to the continued effort to move the district forward, working in a positive direction, and making sure we have set the tone for where education should be not only in the county and state but around the country. Mr. Ciresi commented that we need to be innovative and ahead of the curve and not behind it. We need to show other communities what Spring-Ford is made of because we definitely have gone from good to great and we will continue to move in that direction with the support we have seen.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Mullin seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern  
School Board Secretary

**2014 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES**

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**ALL WORK SESSIONS AND BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD  
IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH  
MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.  
UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE.**

	<u>WORK SESSION</u>	<u>BOARD MEETING</u>
JANUARY	21 (*Tues)	27
FEBRUARY	18 (*Tues)	24
MARCH	17	24
APRIL	22 (*Tues)	28
MAY	19	27 (*Tues)
JUNE	16	23
JULY	Emergency Only as Called by the Board President Or Superintendent of Schools	
AUGUST	18	25
SEPTEMBER	15	22
OCTOBER	20	27
NOVEMBER	17	24
DECEMBER	1 (Organizational meeting and board meeting)	8 (Optional)

\* TUESDAY SESSION DUE TO MONDAY BEING A SCHEDULED  
HOLIDAY OFF FROM SCHOOL