

On December 1, 2014 the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Spring-Ford Area School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Spring-Ford High School with the following in attendance:

- Region I: Willard D. Cromley, Bernard F. Pettit and Kelly J. Spletzer
- Region II: Dawn R. Heine, Clinton L. Jackson and Todd R. Wolf
- Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi and Mark P. Dehnert
- Presiding Officer: Diane M. Fern (Board Secretary)
- Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
- Business Manager: Timothy Anspach
- Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
- Student Reps.: Taylor M. Auman and Dana K. Ludgate

The following Board Member participated via Skype: **Thomas J. DiBello**

Board Secretary, Mrs. Fern, opened the meeting with the call to order, noting of the attendance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. 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.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Gail Wellington, Limerick Township, stated that she came out tonight because she wanted to commend the current board for the accomplishments. She commented that she hopes that as they organize they maintain the momentum that has been established. Mrs. Wellington stated that to be part of a district where we have an award winning Music Department, sports teams setting records and going to states, and most importantly that the district is winning awards and recognition for the academics and excellence of its students and faculty pleases her. Mrs. Wellington urged the board to think carefully about the decisions being made tonight and all year long to maintain the tremendous momentum that has been established over the past few years. Mrs. Wellington stated that she has been privileged to serve on some of the planning meetings including the arboretum project. Mrs. Wellington commended the board, the administration and the staff of the district for what has been accomplished.

III. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Fern opened the floor for nominations of a Temporary Board President. Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. Pettit. There were no other nominations. Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. Mr. Pettit was elected as the Temporary Board President.

IV. Nominations and Election for the Office of Board President

Mr. Pettit opened the floor for nominations of a Board President. Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. Dehnert and Mr. Pettit nominated Mr. Ciresi. There were no other nominations. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Cromley, Mr. Dehnert, and Mrs. Spletzer voting for Mr. Dehnert. Mr. Ciresi, Mr. Pettit, Mrs. Heine and Mr. DiBello voted for Mr. Ciresi. Mr. Dehnert was elected as the Board President by a vote of 5-4.

Nominations and Election for the Office of Board Vice President –

Mr. Dehnert thanked the Board for their confidence in him and opened the floor for nominations of a Board Vice President. Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. Pettit and Mr. Pettit nominated Mr. DiBello. There were no other nominations. Mr. Cromley made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote with Mr. Jackson, Mr. Dehnert and Mrs. Spletzer voting for Mr. Pettit. Mr. Wolf, Mr. Cromley, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Ciresi, Mrs. Heine and Mr. DiBello voted for Mr. DiBello. Mr. DiBello was elected as the Board Vice President by a vote of 6-3.

V. 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 is as follows:

Willard D. Cromley	2016
Joseph P. Ciresi	2015
Dawn R. Heine	2014

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

VI. The Board President should designate a **Member** and an **Alternate** to serve on the **Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee**. This committee is sponsored by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors to provide a forum in which local directors can learn about legislative issues, which can affect education in Montgomery County. Mr. DiBello presently serves in this capacity and Mr. Pettit serves as the alternate.

Mr. Dehnert stated that Mr. DiBello currently holds the position as a member on the **Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee** and Mr. Pettit serves as the alternate. Mr. Dehnert asked Mr. DiBello if he would like to continue serving in this capacity and he responded yes. Mr. Dehnert asked Mr. Pettit if he would like to continue serving as the alternate and he replied yes. Mr. Dehnert asked if any other board member was interested in either of these positions and no one indicated their interest in this. The motion passed 9-0.

VII. The Board should also appoint a **PSBA Liaison** to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mrs. Spletzer currently serves in this capacity.

Mr. Dehnert stated that Mrs. Spletzer had held the position of the **PSBA Liaison** representing the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mr. Dehnert asked if anyone was interested in this position. He stated that Mrs. Spletzer has done a nice job this past year and he asked her if she wished to continue in this position. Mrs. Spletzer stated that if anyone else was interested she would pass the baton on due to number of personal days she had to take from work in order to attend PSBA activities this past year. Mr. Wolf volunteered for the position of the PSBA Liaison. No other board member indicated their desire for this position. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Wolf will serve as the PSBA Liaison representing the Spring-Ford Area School District.

VIII. Approval is recommended for the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2015. (Attachment)

Mrs. Spletzer made a motion to approve the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2015 and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

The Board approved the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2015.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Gail Wellington, Limerick Township, thanked the Board for her ram, her bench and all of the support for the arboretum. Mrs. Wellington stated that they are not done but as a result of the rededication they now have money to put in a wildflower garden in during the spring, she has an offer for the funding of another sculpture, and she has money to add trash cans which are important. Mrs. Wellington stated that they have the ongoing support of the Girls' Basketball Team who thank goodness keep the weeds down. Mrs. Wellington stated that she knows Mr. Dehnert was concerned about the weeds and she believes he will agree that the girls have done a good job with this. Mr. Dehnert replied that he runs past the arboretum about once a week and the weeds are all gone. Mrs. Wellington said the girls have worked hard and they also have other volunteers who indicated that they would help with the maintenance. Mrs. Wellington added that all is going well and they have a few more opportunities to showcase student artwork which has become adjunct to the horticultural part. Mrs. Wellington stated that she cannot say enough about the cooperation of everyone involved especially the Western Center, the administration, the maintenance staff, the finance office and all who worked on this project. Mrs. Wellington thanked everyone who donated their time, materials and money for the project. Mrs. Wellington stated that this is something we should all be proud of.

Mr. Dehnert thanked Mrs. Wellington for all of her hard work and stated that if it was not for her it would have never happened.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cromley made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary

2015 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	20 (*Tues)	26
FEBRUARY	17 (*Tues)	23
MARCH	16	23
APRIL	20	27
MAY	18	26 (*Tues)
JUNE	15	22
JULY	Emergency Only as Called by the Board President Or Superintendent of Schools	
AUGUST	17	24
SEPTEMBER	21	28
OCTOBER	19	26
NOVEMBER	16	23
DECEMBER	7 (Organizational meeting and board meeting)	14 (Optional)

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