

On December 7, 2015 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: Bernard F. Pettit and Kelly J. Spletzer
Region II: Dawn R. Heine and Todd R. Wolf
Region III: Joseph P. Ciresi, Mark P. Dehnert and Thomas J. DiBello
Presiding Officer: Diane Fern (Board Secretary)
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Reps.: Dana K. Ludgate and Daniel J. Ciresi

REORGANIZATION MEETING

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE** (By Diane Fern, Board Secretary)
Board Secretary, Mrs. Fern, opened the meeting with the call to order and noting of the attendance.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 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.
- IV. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**
There were no 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. Heine. There were no other nominations. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 7-0 and nominations were closed. The Board elected Mrs. Heine as the Temporary Board President by a vote of 7-0.
- VI. **SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE WALTER GADZICKI**
Mrs. Heine invited Judge Walter Gadzicki to administer the Oath of Office to the two newly elected and re-elected Board Members.

Judge Gadzicki administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Edward Dressler.

Region I: Dr. Edward Dressler

Judge Gadzicki administered the Oath of Office to Colleen Zasowksi.

Region II: Colleen Zasowski

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

Judge Gadzicki administered the Oath of Office to Bernard Pettit.

Region I: Bernard F. Pettit

Judge Gadzicki administered the Oath of Office to Dawn Heine.

Region II: Dawn R. Heine

Judge Gadzicki administered the Oath of Office to Mark Dehnert.

Region III: Mark P. Dehnert

VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Heine opened the floor for nominations of a Board President. Mr. Ciresi nominated Mr. DiBello. Mr. Dehnert nominated Mrs. Spletzer. Mr. Ciresi made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote for the Office of Board President with Mr. Dehnert voting for Mrs. Spletzer and Mr. Wolf, Dr. Dressler, Mrs. Zasowski, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Ciresi, Mr. Pettit, Mrs. Heine and Mrs. Spletzer voting for Mr. DiBello. Mr. DiBello was elected as the Board President by a vote of 8-1.

Mr. DiBello thanked the full Board for their support in appointing him as the Board President and he stated that he looks forward to a new year, new Board Members coming on and a fresh start. He commented that he is very excited about the district moving forward over the coming months especially with the tough budget season they have ahead of them with PA still not bringing forth a budget. He added that they are going to have to be really creative as they look into the new year. He again thanked everyone.

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

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

Mr. Ciresi thanked everyone and said he also looks forward to working to continue to move the district forward, working as a team and as a Board over the next year. Mr. Ciresi directed everyone's attention to the band students gathering on the side of the room and stated that this is the reason why they are all here, the students of this district. He commented that he looks forward to the upcoming year. He again thanked everyone.

X. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Joint Operating 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:

Dawn R. Heine	2017
Willard D. Cromley	2016 (one-year term)
Joseph P. Ciresi	2015 (three-year term)

Mr. DiBello opened the floor up for nominations for a Board Member to serve on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee for a one-year term which had been held by Willard Cromley. Mr. Pettit nominated Dr. Dressler. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Dehnert. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close nominations and Mr. Ciresi seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote for the Board Member to serve the remaining one-year term on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee with Mr. Dehnert and Mr. Wolf voting for Mr. Dehnert and Dr. Dressler, Mrs. Zasowski, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Ciresi, Mr. Pettit, Mrs. Heine and Mrs. Spletzer voting for Dr. Dressler. Dr. Dressler was elected to fill the one-year remaining term on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee by a vote of 7-2.

Mr. DiBello opened the floor up for nominations for a Board Member to serve on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee for the three-year term which had been held by Joseph Ciresi. Mr. Pettit nominated Mr. Ciresi. There were no other nominations. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Heine seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Ciresi was elected to the three-year term on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee by a vote of 9-0.

XI. The Board President shall 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. DiBello stated that he has personally served in this capacity and Mr. Pettit had served as the alternate. Mr. DiBello designated Mrs. Heine to serve on the **Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee** and stated that he will serve as the **Alternate**.

XII. The Board shall appoint a **PSBA Liaison to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mr. Wolf presently serves as the representative.**

Mr. DiBello stated that Mr. Wolf currently serves as the **PSBA Liaison** and opened the floor up for nominations. Mr. Ciresi nominated Mr. Wolf to continue to serve as the PSBA Liaison and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Wolf was appointed as the **PSBA Liaison**.

Mr. DiBello stated that he believes the Board should have multiple people participate in PSBA meetings. He stated that in talking with other Board Members in other districts that when PSBA hosts meetings they send multiple Board Members because there are a lot of different seminars and events going on to get the coverage for the district. Mr.

DiBello stated that he thinks that as a district we should be sending 2 if not more Board Members to those different events.

- XIII.** The Board shall appoint a **Representative** to the **Spring City American Legion**. Mr. Cromley had served as the representative.

Mr. DiBello opened the floor up for nominations for the **Representative to the Spring City American Legion**. Mr. Ciresi nominated Mr. DiBello and Mr. Dehnert nominated Mr. Wolf. Mrs. Heine made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote to appoint a **Representative to the Spring City American Legion** with Mr. Dehnert, Mr. Wolf and Mrs. Spletzer voting for Mr. Wolf and Dr. Dressler, Mrs. Zasowski, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Ciresi, Mr. Pettit, and Mrs. Heine voting for Mr. DiBello. Mr. DiBello was elected as the Representative to the Spring City American Legion by a vote of 6-3.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Spletzer made a motion to approve Items A-E and Mr. Pettit seconded it. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that Item B should reflect Mr. DiBello's name as the Board President. The motion passed 9-0.

- A. The Board approved the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2016. **(ATTACHMENT A1)**
- B. The Board authorized the signature of Thomas J. DiBello as the Board President so that he can sign all documentation on behalf of the Board.
- C. The Board approved **Resolution 2015-31** honoring **Christopher Barth** on being selected to the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. **(Attachment A2)**
- D. The Board approved **Resolution 2015-32** honoring **Michael Sneff** on being selected to the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. **(Attachment A3)**
- E. The Board approved **Resolution #2015-33** in recognition of **Seth R. Jones** and the **Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band** for successfully placing at the 2015 Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Open Championship, the US Bands State Championship and the Bands of America Regional Championships. **(Attachment A4)**

XV. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. DiBello introduced Seth Jones. Mr. Jones announced that tonight we will be recognizing two band members who are seniors. Mr. Jones stated that both band members were recently selected to perform with the United States All-American Army Marching Band. Mr. Jones explained this band is made up of seniors from across the country and there are 120 chosen members out of 1300 applications. Mr. Jones stated that for Spring-Ford to get two members into this group is quite astounding and Spring-ford has had 4 in the last two years which is a high percentage of students from one high school. Mr. Jones noted that these two students are going to get an all-expense paid trip to San Antonio for a week in January to perform at half-time at the All-American Army Bowl Game with an honor band. Mr. Jones stated that he believed the game was being televised on NBC so our community will be able to watch it. Mr. Jones added that

it is a huge honor to be selected and to have these young men in our program every day and to have them representing Spring-Ford in Texas will be very cool.

Mr. Jones introduced Christopher Barth and stated that he is a tuba player in Spring-Ford's Program and has done so for the past 4 years. Christopher is an all-state musician, a district region musician and plays with a local youth wind symphony on the weekends. Mr. Jones stated that Christopher plans on pursuing music as he moves on from Spring-Ford.

Mr. Jones introduced Michael Sneff and stated that Michael has just been offered a position with the Reading Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corps and only 3 people have been given spots so far. Mr. Jones stated that Michael has been a percussionist playing the Marimba for the past two years.

Mr. Jones commented that both of these students are outstanding young gentlemen and he invited everyone to keep an eye out for them as they go to San Antonio, Texas the first week of January.

- A. Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin presented **Resolution 2015-31** honoring **Christopher Barth** on being selected to the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.
- B. Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin presented **Resolution 2015-32** honoring **Michael Sneff** on being selected to the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

Mr. DiBello pointed out to everyone the banners hanging across the back of the cafeteria showing all of the success that the band has accomplished over the years. He stated that everyone is very proud of the Band Program and he is proud to be able to recognize the Band this evening and that the students should be proud of themselves. Everyone applauded the band for all of their efforts.

Mr. Jones welcomed the new Board Members. He stated that the band is here tonight and will perform for everyone. Mr. Jones reported that they had a very successful season this year and at the first day of band season he told the kids that Spring-Ford is really unique for two reasons and the first is that they only get 4 years of their life where you can make music with 150 of your best friends every day which is awesome and never happens again once you leave high school. Mr. Jones stated that the second reason is that it is really unique to be a Spring-Ford Band Member because they get to be the very best at what they do. Mr. Jones commented that he believes this was really cemented this year as they grew a lot. Mr. Jones reported that they had a lot of new young band members this year as opposed to last year's band. Mr. Jones stated that the Bands of America experience was a fantastic one as this was the first time that Spring-Ford's Program had gone to the national circuit which is beyond the level of what they do in Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones added that to be ranked as a top 10 finalist at a Band of America's regional is quite a big deal. He reported that just today, 2 people from Indiana came to Spring-Ford to view the program and see what we are doing as they had heard about our program. Mr. Jones expressed his pride in the students and how they grew this year and stated that this group is very special in a lot of ways and they deserve all of the praise and recognition they got this year. Mr. Jones also acknowledged the parents of the students and the staff members saying this was not a singular effort but rather a community from the high school. Mr. Jones relayed the story of the night the students won the Atlantic Coast Championship and returned to

Royersford to find the fire departments of Black Rock, Linfield, Royersford, and Limerick. He added that Spring City Police had closed streets for the busses to come through and it was very neat to see the whole community out that night in support of the band. Mr. Jones apologized if he missed any departments that were there on that evening. Mr. Jones stated that the band does have a little bit from their show to present for everyone this evening. Mr. Jones thanked the Administration and the School Board for their endless support of the program.

The Band students played a song for the audience and received a standing ovation.

Mr. DiBello stated that it was obvious to hear how wonderful the band is and how amazing they are. Mr. DiBello commented that they make us all very proud. Mr. DiBello notified everyone that the holiday concert is coming up on Tuesday, December 15th and he invited everyone to attend if their schedules were free. Mr. DiBello thanked the students and Mr. Jones for coming out this evening and performing for everyone. Mr. DiBello stated that you always hear about not supporting extra-curricular activities but how can you not support this kind of activity in our district. Mr. DiBello added that a lot of the students here tonight are, academically, part of the best students in the district which is something to be extremely proud of.

- C. Mr. DiBello and Dr. Goodin presented **Resolution #2015-33** in recognition of **Seth R. Jones** and the **Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band** for successfully placing at the 2015 Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Open Championship, the US Bands State Championship and the Bands of America Regional Championships.

XVI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Spletzer seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary

2016 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	19 (*Tues)	25
FEBRUARY	16 (*Tues)	22
MARCH	21	29 (*Tues)
APRIL	18	25
MAY	16	23
JUNE	20	27
JULY	Emergency Only as Called by the Board President Or Superintendent of Schools	
AUGUST	15	22
SEPTEMBER	19	26
OCTOBER	17	24
NOVEMBER	21	28
DECEMBER	5 (Organizational meeting and board meeting)	12 (Optional)

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



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Superintendent

Dr. Allyn J. Roche
Assistant Superintendent

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Colleen Zasowski
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RESOLUTION #2015-31

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools commends **Christopher Barth** for his participation and support of the Spring-Ford Area School District Instrumental Music Program,

Whereas, Christopher Barth was selected from more than 1,300 students by the National Association for Music Education, All American Games and Drum Corps International to participate in the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band,

Whereas, the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band has been a fixture at the U.S Army All-American Bowl since 2008,

Whereas, the band features the top 125 marching band members from across the United States,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools recognizes **Christopher Barth** for his achievement and excellence,

Further resolved, that the achievements, the recognition and the accomplishments of, **Christopher Barth**, supported by the Spring-Ford Area School District, have embodied the philosophy of Spring-Ford Area High School that all students be provided with opportunities to develop their inherent potential.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of **December, 2015.**

By: _____
School Board President

By: _____
Superintendent of Schools



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RESOLUTION #2015-32

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools commends **Michael Sneff** for his participation and support of the Spring-Ford Area School District Instrumental Music Program,

Whereas, Michael Sneff was selected from more than 1,300 students by the National Association for Music Education, All American Games and Drum Corps International to participate in the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band,

Whereas, the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band has been a fixture at the U.S Army All-American Bowl since 2008,

Whereas, the band features the top 125 marching band members from across the United States,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools recognizes Michael Sneff for his achievement and excellence,

Further resolved, that the achievements, the recognition and the accomplishments of, Michael Sneff, supported by the Spring-Ford Area School District, have embodied philosophy of Spring-Ford Area High School that all students be provided with opportunities to develop their inherent potential.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of December, 2015.

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School Board President

By: _____
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RESOLUTION 2015-33

SPRING-FORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN RAM MARCHING BAND

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Superintendent

Dr. Allyn J. Roche
Assistant Superintendent

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Region II

The Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education commends the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band under the direction of Seth Jones and his staff for successfully placing at the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Open Championships in Hershey, PA on November 8, 2015, the U.S. Bands State Championship in West Chester, PA on October 31, 2015, and the Bands of America Regional Championships in Newark, DE on October 17, 2015,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band entered the 2015 Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Open Championship in Hershey, PA and were awarded first place after having earned a score of 95.30, winning awards in high music and high percussion,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band has won the Tournament of Bands Group IV Open Atlantic Coast Championship for the ninth time in ten years, becoming the first Group IV band in history to achieve the championship milestone nine times,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band was crowned Pennsylvania State Champion at the U.S. Bands PA State Championship for Group VI Open Bands and earned distinctions for High Music, Visual, Percussion, Auxiliary, and Effect,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band earned the distinction of being a finalist band out of 40 competitors at the Bands of America Regional Championship in Newark, DE and placing sixth overall winning awards for second place and Overall Effect for Group AAAA,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band has become known as a Bands of America Regional Finalist on the national level for the first time in the organizations' history,

Whereas, the Spring-Ford Area High School Golden Ram Marching Band has the distinction of having won eight Tournament of Bands Chapter III Championships, nine Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Group IV Open Championships, and five Cavalcade of Bands Association Patriot Open Class Championships,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Spring-Ford Area School District Board of Education recognizes the Music Department staff for helping develop the students' musical talents and,

Further resolved, that the Spring-Ford Area School District is proud of the accomplishments, creativity, discipline, and drive of our music students who are so deserving of this public recognition and commendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of December, 2015.

By: _____
School Board President

By: _____
Superintendent of Schools