

On December 7, 2009 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 David R. Shafer  
Region II: Julie A. Mullin and Donna L. Williams  
Region III: Mark P. Dehnert  
Presiding Officer:  
Superintendent: Dr. Marsha R. Hurda  
Business Manager: Timothy Anspach  
Solicitor: Marc Davis, Esq.  
Student Rep.: Michael John

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

**I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING (By Marc Davis, Solicitor)**

Mr. Davis 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. Davis informed everyone that following the adjournment from the reorganization meeting and a brief break the regular December Board Meeting will be called to order and conducted.

**II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no questions or comments.

**III. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Fern opened the floor up for nominations of a temporary Board President. Mr. Pettit nominated Mrs. Mullin. Mr. Dehnert made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion to close the nominations was approved 5-0. Mrs. Mullin was declared temporary Board President since there were no other nominations.

**IV. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE WALTER GADZICKI**

Mrs. Mullin invited Judge Gadzicki to come forward for the swearing in ceremony. Judge Gadzicki issued the oath of office to the four newly elected Board Members: Joseph Ciresi, Thomas DiBello, Edward Dressler and Clara Gudolonis.

Joseph P. Ciresi	(Region III)
Thomas J. DiBello	(Region III)
Edward T. Dressler, Jr.	(Region I)
Clara M. Gudolonis	(Region II)

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Mullin opened the floor up for public comment. There were no comments.

**VI. REORGANIZATION**

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

Mrs. Mullin opened the floor up for nominations of a Board President. Mr. Pettit nominated Joseph Ciresi. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. DiBello seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Ciresi was elected Board President by a vote of 9-0.

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

Mr. Ciresi opened the floor up for nominations of a Board Vice President. Mrs. Mullin nominated Thomas DiBello. Mr. Shafer nominated Mark Dehnert. Mrs. Williams 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 election of the Vice President.

On the nomination for Mr. DiBello the vote was:

Mrs. Williams – no  
Mr. Shafer – no  
Mr. Dehnert – no  
Mr. Ciresi – yes  
Mr. DiBello – yes  
Mr. Pettit – yes  
Mrs. Mullin – yes  
Mrs. Gudolonis – yes  
Mr. Dressler – yes

On the nomination for Mr. Dehnert the vote was:

Mrs. Williams – yes  
Mr. Shafer – yes  
Mr. Dehnert – yes  
Mr. Ciresi – no  
Mr. DiBello – no  
Mr. Pettit – no  
Mrs. Mullin – no  
Mrs. Gudolonis – no  
Mr. Dressler – no

Mr. DiBello was elected as Board Vice President by a vote of 6-3.

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

The current representatives and the date of expiration for their terms are as follows:

<b>Donna L. Williams</b>	<b>12/2009</b>
<b>John S. Grispon</b>	<b>12/2010</b>
<b>Ammon G. Morgan, Jr.</b>	<b>12/2011</b>

Mr. Ciresi opened the floor up for nominations to serve on the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee.

The first nomination was for the three year term. Mrs. Mullin nominated Joseph Ciresi. Mr. Dehnert made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. Ciresi was elected to the 3 year term by a vote of 9-0.

The second nomination was for the two year term. Mr. DiBello nominated Julie Mullin. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. DiBello seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mrs. Mullin was elected to the 2 year term by a vote of 9-0.

The third nomination was for the one year term. Mr. Shafer nominated Donna Williams. Mr. DiBello nominated Edward Dressler. Mr. Pettit made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Williams seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote on the nomination:

Mrs. Gudolonis – voted for Mr. Dressler  
Mrs. Mullin – voted for Mr. Dressler  
Mr. Pettit – voted for Mr. Dressler  
Mr. DiBello – voted for Mr. Dressler  
Mr. Dehnert – voted for Mrs. Williams  
Mr. Shafer – voted for Mrs. Williams  
Mrs. Williams – voted for Mrs. Williams  
Mr. Dressler – voted for Mr. Dressler  
Mr. Ciresi – voted for Mr. Dressler

Mr. Dressler was elected to the 1 year term by a vote of 6-3.

- D. The Board should designate a member to serve on the **MCIU Board**. Mr. Grispon had served in this capacity. This seat is for the completion of Mr. Grispon's term which expires in July 2012.

Mr. Ciresi opened the floor up for nominations to serve on the MCIU Board. Mrs. Mullin nominated Thomas DiBello. Mr. Dehnert made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. Mr. DiBello was elected to serve on the MCIU Board by a vote of 9-0.

- E. 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. Grispon had served in this capacity. We currently do not have an alternate.

Mr. Ciresi designated Mr. DiBello to serve on the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee. Mr. Ciresi designated Mrs. Mullin to serve as the alternate.

- F. The Board should designate a **PSBA Liaison** to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District. Mr. Grispon had served in this capacity.

Mr. Ciresi designated Mr. DiBello to serve as the PSBA Liaison.

- G. Mr. Ciresi asked if anyone would like to serve as the Representative for the Spring City American Legion. Mr. Shafer stated that he would be willing to serve as the representative. Mr. Ciresi designated Mr. Shafer to serve as the Representative for the Spring City American Legion.
- H. Approval is recommended for the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2010 (Attachment)

Mrs. Williams made a motion to approve Item H and Mr. Dehnert seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Ciresi invited all of the newly elected Board Members to introduce themselves and tell a little bit about themselves.

Mr. Dressler stated that he was a physics professor at the Penn State Abington College for 30 years. He retired last summer and wanted to have some public service in his life and the school board seemed like a natural fit considering his background. Mr. Dressler said the issues he is most interested in are maintaining a high academic standard particularly for our students who want to go to college but also to make sure that those who are not college bound are trained to find good jobs in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century and highly technical world. Mr. Dressler said he knows he has big shoes to fill by replacing Mike Masciandaro and he hopes that he can do as good a job as Mr. Masciandaro did.

Ms. Gudolonis stated that she is highly committed to the quality of education for our students in the district. She has an MBA from Villanova and an MS in Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs from Temple University. Ms. Gudolonis said that this is the first time in her career that she has had the time for community service and she is very happy to be doing this. Ms. Gudolonis said she wants to let all of the residents of the district know that during her campaigning she was very alert to the comments she heard and she is committed to keeping spending down as much as possible for everyone as well as herself.

Mr. DiBello stated that he has been involved in the community for the past 10 years or so and has held different positions. He is involved in youth sports and different activities in the township. Mr. DiBello said he has a Master's Degree from Penn State in Information Systems and over 20 years experience in the technology industry both domestically and globally. Mr. DiBello commented that he looks forward to bringing his experiences to the district. He wants to be a part of bringing this district to the next level by working with Dr. Hurda and the administration to better prepare our students to compete in the global market. Mr. DiBello said he wants to make sure there is a path for all of our students not just from the college perspective but from the trade school as well.

Mr. Ciresi said he has a son in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the district. Mr. Ciresi stated that he has served on the Board before and he looks forward to four more years here. He thanked the community for the opportunity to serve them again. He thanked Donna Williams, the previous School Board President, for the time and countless hours she spent working on behalf of the district. Mr. Ciresi thanked the previous Board Members: Mr. Masciandaro, Mr. Weber, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Grispon for the time that they served Spring-Ford. Mr. Ciresi stated that they are often told that being on a School Board is a thankless job and anyone who has sat in those seats knows that it is many hours of commitment to the district because you serve many different groups from students to parents to those that

do not have children in the district but at the end of the day you are all here for the same reasons which is to make Spring-Ford an extraordinary district. Mr. Ciresi said he looks forward to the years of service and working with the administration in the years to come.

Mr. Ciresi announced that the meeting would adjourn for a short period of time in order to welcome the new Board Members with some cake and at the conclusion of the break the Board will reconvene to conduct the regular December Board Meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. DiBello made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Pettit seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fern  
Board Secretary

**2010 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	15	22
APRIL	19	26
MAY	17	24
JUNE	21	28
JULY	Emergency Only as Called by the Board President Or Superintendent of Schools	
AUGUST	16	23
SEPTEMBER	20	27
OCTOBER	18	25
NOVEMBER	15	22
DECEMBER	6 (Organizational meeting and board meeting)	13 (Optional)

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