

On December 2, 2019 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: Linda C. Fazzini
Region II: Clinton L. Jackson
Region III: Thomas J. DiBello and Christina F. Melton
Presiding Officer: Diane Fern (Board Secretary)
Superintendent: Dr. David R. Goodin
Chief Financial Officer: James D. Fink
Solicitor: Mark Fitzgerald, Esq.
Student Reps.: Julianna Lelli and Eshika Seth

The following Board Member participated via phone: **Wendy Earle** (Sworn in previously. Provided Board Secretary with proof of taking oath of office and being officially sworn in.)

The following newly elected Board Members were present but not officially sworn in as of the start of the meeting: **Dr. Margaret D. Wright, David R. Shafer, Diane C. Sullivan, Colleen Zasowski**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE** (By Diane Fern, Board Secretary)
Board Secretary, Mrs. Fern, opened the meeting with the call to order and the recording 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.
- 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. Jackson nominated Mr. DiBello. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Melton made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The Board elected Mr. DiBello as the Temporary Board President by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. DiBello introduced the Honorable Judge Richard H. Welsh who conducted the swearing in and oath of office for the newly elected and re-elected School Board Members.

VI. SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD H. WELSH

Judge Welsh invited Dr. Margaret D. Wright to come forward along with anyone she had accompanying her from her family. Judge Welsh administered the oath of office and Dr. Wright took her place at the board table.

Region I: Dr. Margaret D. Wright

Judge Welsh invited David R. Shafer to come forward along with anyone he had accompanying him from his family. Judge Welsh administered the oath of office and Mr. Shafer took his place at the board table.

Region II: David R. Shafer

Judge Welsh invited Diane C. Sullivan to come forward along with anyone she had accompanying her from her family. Judge Welsh administered the oath of office and Ms. Sullivan took her place at the board table.

Region III: Diane C. Sullivan

VII. SWEARING IN OF REELECTED BOARD MEMBER ADMINISTERED BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD H. WELSH

Judge Welsh invited Colleen Zasowski to come forward along with anyone she had accompanying her from her family. Judge Welsh administered the oath of office and Mrs. Zasowski took her place at the board table.

Region II: Colleen Zasowski

VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. DiBello opened the floor for nominations of a Board President. Mrs. Melton nominated Mrs. Zasowski. There were no other nominations. Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The motion passed 9-0 to close the nominations. The Board elected Mrs. Zasowski as the Board President by a vote of 9-0.

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

Mrs. Zasowski opened the floor for nominations of a Board Vice President. Ms. Sullivan nominated Ms. Earle. Mrs. Zasowski nominated Mr. DiBello. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Fazzini made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Jackson seconded it. The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote with Mr. Shafer, Mr. Jackson, Mr. DiBello, Mrs. Zasowski, Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Fazzini voting for Mr. DiBello. Dr. Wright, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Earle voted for Ms. Earle. Mr. DiBello was elected as the School Board Vice President by a vote of 6-3.

X. 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. **Christina F. Melton** presently serves in this capacity and **Thomas J. DiBello** serves as the alternate.

Mrs. Zasowski designated Mrs. Melton to continue as the representative to the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee and Mr. Jackson to serve as the alternate.

- XI. The Board shall appoint a **PSBA Liaison** to represent the Spring-Ford Area School District.

Mr. DiBello nominated Mr. Shafer. There were no other nominations. Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0. The Board elected Mr. Shafer to serve as the PSBA Liaison by a vote of 9-0.

- XII. The Board shall appoint a **Representative** to the **Spring City American Legion**. **Thomas J. DiBello** presently serves as the representative.

Mrs. Melton made a motion to appoint Mr. DiBello as the Representative to the Spring City American Legion and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

XIII. **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:

Dr. Edward T. Dressler	2019
Dawn R. Heine	2020
Mark P. Dehnert	2021

Mrs. Melton nominated Mrs. Zasowski to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the term expiring in 12/2022. Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0. Mrs. Zasowski was elected by a vote of 9-0 to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the three-year term expiring 12/2022.

- Nominations for the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee Member to fill the vacancy in the **three-year term** (expiring in 12/2022), which occurs this year, namely the seat held by **Dr. Edward T. Dressler, Jr.** (No second is needed for nominations)

Mr. Shafer nominated Mrs. Melton to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the term expiring in 12/2020. Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. DiBello seconded it. The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0. Mrs. Melton was elected by a vote of 9-0 to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the one-year term expiring 12/2020.

- Nominations for the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee Member to fill the vacancy in the **one-year remaining term** (expiring 12/2020), which occurs this year, namely the seat held by **Dawn R. Heine**. (No second is needed for nominations)

Dr. Wright nominated Ms. Earle to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the term expiring in 12/2021.

Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. DiBello to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the term expiring in 12/2021.

Mr. DiBello made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Fazzini seconded it. The motion to close the nominations passed 9-0. There was a roll call vote with Mr. Shafer, Mr. Jackson, Mr. DiBello, Mrs. Zasowski, Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Fazzini voting for Mr. DiBello. Dr. Wright, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Earle voted for Ms. Earle. Mr. DiBello was elected by a vote of 6-3 to serve as the Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Member for the two-year term expiring 12/2021.

- Nominations for the Vocational-Technical School Operating Committee Member to fill the vacancy in the **two-year term** which occurs this year (expiring in 12/2021), namely the seat held by **Mark P. Dehnert**. (No second is needed for nominations)

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates and Mr. Jackson seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

XIV. The Board approved the attached Listing of Work Session/Board Meeting Dates for 2020. (ATTACHMENT A1)

Mr. DiBello made a motion to authorize the signature of Colleen Zasowski as the Board President so she can sign all documentation on behalf of the Board and Mrs. Melton seconded it. The motion passed 9-0.

XV. The Board authorized the signature of Colleen Zasowski as the Board President so that she can sign all documentation on behalf of the Board.

XVI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

XVII. BOARD COMMENT

Mrs. Melton welcomed the new board members and stated that they all have a passion to do the right thing and move the district forward. She expressed confidence that they will all do this. She added that one of the best things about the board table is that they can disagree in a constructive way and when they do this it only makes them better. Mrs. Melton commented that she was looking forward to hearing new creative ideas and working together to better the district.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Melton made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Shafer seconded it. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Fern
School Board Secretary

2020 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	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