

**PUBLIC MEETING OF  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
PENN DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2821 CONCORD ROAD  
ASTON, PA 19014**

**Minutes of the Board of School Directors  
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The public reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Penn-Delco School District convened on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:31 p.m. at the Service Center Conference Room.

**School Directors Present:**

Leon Armour  
Kate Denney  
Stephanie Ellis  
Melissa Huber  
John Mancinelli  
Bernie Seasock  
Kevin Tinsley  
Patrick Twisler

**School Directors Absent:**

Dawn Jones

**Others in Attendance:**

Dr. George Steinhoff, Superintendent  
Eric Kuminka, Assistant Superintendent  
Erik Zebley, Business Administrator

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

A. Nominations from the Floor (no second is required)

Mr. Armour nominated Mr. Erik Zebley as Temporary Chairman.

B. Motion to Close Nominations (second is required)

Following a motion by Mr. Armour and seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the nominations for Temporary Chairman were unanimously closed and approved.

C. Temporary Chairman Assumes the Chair and Proceeds as Follows:

**SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS**

Presentation of Certificates of Election and Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected/Re-elected Directors by Judge Diane Holefelder. (Section 320, School Code).

Leon Armour  
Stephanie Ellis  
Melissa Huber  
John Mancinelli  
Bernard Seasock  
Kevin Tinsley  
Patrick Twisler

Mr. Zebley thanked Judge Holefelder for coming out this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

**Election of President to Serve for One Year Beginning with this Meeting of December 4, 2023 (Section 404, School Code)...Temporary Chairman**

A. Nominations from the Floor (no second is required)

    Bernie Seasock nominated Leon Armour

B. Motion to Close Nominations (second is required)

Following a motion by Mr. Seasock and seconded by Mr. Armour the nominations for President were unanimously closed.

C. Votes for Leon Armour for President were as follows:

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion passes 8 - 0

D. Announce the Election of the President

By a 8 – 0 vote Mr. Armour was elected President and assumes the Chair and proceeds as follows:

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

**Election of Vice-President to Serve for One Year Beginning with this Meeting of December 4, 2023 (Section 404, School Code)...President**

A. Nominations from the Floor (no second is required)

    Bernie Seasock nominated Kevin Tinsley

B. Motion to Close Nominations (second is required)

Following a motion by Mr. Mancinelli and seconded by Mrs. Denney the nominations for Vice President were closed.

C. Votes for Kevin Tinsley for Vice President were as follows:

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

D. Announce the Election of the Vice President:

By a 8 – 0 vote Kevin Tinsley was elected Vice-President of the Penn Delco Board of School Directors.

**APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR**

**REFERENCE:** Public School Code of 1949 – Section 406 [24PS-4-406]

**Administrative Recommendation:** To approve the following appointments for a term through the reorganization meeting in December, 2024.

- A. To approve the appointment of Michael V. Puppio, Jr., Esquire, as solicitor of the school district, according to the terms presented.
- B. To approve the appointment of McNichol, Byrne, & Matlawski, P.C., as Labor/Negotiations Counsel, according to the terms presented.
- C. To approve the appointment of Sereni Law Group, LLC, as Special Education Counsel, according to the terms presented.

Following a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Denney the Board unanimously approved the above appointment as presented.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**APPROVAL OF TIME AND PLACE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Reference: Public School Code of 1949 - Section 404 [24PS 4-421] and Section 421 [24PS 4-421]

**Administrative Recommendation:** To approve the School Board Regular Meeting and Study Session Meeting Schedule for the period of January 17, 2024 to December 2, 2024, as attached. All regular meetings of the School Board are held at 7:30pm in the Service Center Building unless otherwise noted.

Following a motion by Mr. Tinsley and seconded by Mrs. Denney the above motion was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**APPOINTMENT OF PENN DELCO REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS PSBA LIAISON**

**MOTION:** to appoint John Mancinelli to the position of PSBA Liaison and Legislative Chairperson for a one-year term until December 2, 2024.

Following a motion by Mrs. Denney and seconded by Mr. Tinsley the above recommendation was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

**PSBA PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

**MOTION:** To affirm the PSBA Principles for Effective School Board Leadership, as presented.

Following a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Denney the above recommendation was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **PREPARED AND INFORMAL COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM CITIZENS GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues with the importance of involving members of the public in Board meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comments, the Board will provide for two periods for public participation during Board meetings. The presiding officer at each public Board meeting will follow these guidelines:

- Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business in the procedures of this Board, or at the discretion of the presiding officer on a given issue.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer, and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.
- Public participation at the beginning of the agenda will be limited to 15 minutes total and to three minutes per person, on agenda topics only.
- **Public participation at the end of the agenda will be limited to 30 minutes total and to three minutes per person.**

The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.

Approved January 24, 1990

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

### COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

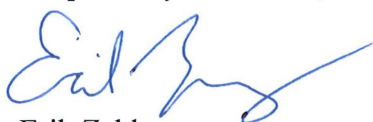
Dr. Steinhoff welcomed Mrs. Huber on her election to the Board and congratulated all the Board Members on their re-election and appointments. He looks forward to another year together, as the Board and Administration have a great working relationship. He additionally thanked the Board on the appointments of the solicitors for the District. Lastly, he noted location changes for Study Session Meetings in 2024; January – Coebourn, March – Aston, May – Pennell, October – Parkside.

President Armour thanked the Board for their support for another year. He also congratulated Mr. Puppio on his re-appointment as Solicitor.

### ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mrs. Denney seconded by Mr. Tinsley the Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erik Zebley  
Board Secretary

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 7:30 p.m., – Study Session – Coebourn  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 7:30 p.m., – Business Mtg. – Service Center