

**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 7, 2020**

The public reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Penn-Delco School District convened on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:32 p.m. at the Service Center Conference Room.

School Directors Present:

Leon Armour
Stephanie Ellis
Lisa Esler
Catherine Hilferty
Dawn Jones
M. Colleen Powell
Bernie Seasock
Kevin Tinsley

School Directors Absent:

Kate Denney

Others in Attendance:

Dr. George Steinhoff, Superintendent
Eric Kuminka, Assistant Superintendent
Erik Zebley, Business Administrator
Nina Tyre, Director of Human Resources

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 Ms. Hilferty, the nominations for Temporary Chairman were unanimously closed and approved.

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

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Election of President to Serve for One Year Beginning with this Meeting of December 7, 2020 (Section 404, School Code)...Temporary Chairman

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

Ms. Hilferty nominated Mr. Tinsley

Mrs. Esler nominated Mr. Armour

B. Motion to Close Nominations (second is required)

Following a motion by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Esler, the nominations for President were unanimously closed.

C. Votes for Mr. Tinsley for President were as follows:

Voting Aye: Hilferty and Tinsley

Voting No: Ellis, Esler, Jones, Powell, Seasock and Armour

Motion fails 2 - 6

Votes for Mr. Armour for President were as follows:

Voting Aye: Ellis, Esler, Jones, Powell, Seasock, Tinsley and Armour

Voting No: Hilferty

Motion passes 7 - 1

D. Announce the Election of the President

By a 7 – 1 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 7, 2020
(Section 404, School Code)...President**

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

Mr. Seasock nominated Mr. Tinsley

B. Motion to Close Nominations (second is required)

Following a motion by Mrs. Esler and seconded by Mrs. Powell, the nominations for Vice President were closed.

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

Voting Aye: Ellis, Esler, Jones, Powell, Seasock, Tinsley and Armour

Voting No: Hilferty

D. Announce the Election of the Vice President:

By an 7 – 1 vote Mr. 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: Approve the appointment of the Michael V. Puppio, Jr., Esquire, as Solicitor for a term through the reorganization meeting in December 2021, according to the terms presented.

Following a motion by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Powell, 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: Approve the School Board Regular Meeting and Committee Meeting Schedule for the period of January 20, 2021 to December 6, 2021 as attached. All regular meetings of the School Board are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Service Center Building, unless otherwise noted.

Following a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Powell, 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 Lisa Esler to the position of PSBA Liaison and Legislative Chairperson for a one-year term until December 6, 2021.

Following a motion by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mrs. Esler, the above recommendation was unanimously approved.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Tinsley thanked the Board for their trust in him. He also thanked Ms. Hilferty for her support.

President Armour thanked everyone for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Powell, the Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erik Zebley
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 7, 2020 – immediately following Reorganization Meeting
– Service Center – Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2020, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom – Study Session
Wednesday, January 27, 2020, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom – Business Mtg.