

**WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL BOARD – ORGANIZATION MEETING –  
December 2, 2019**

The West Chester Area School Board met for its annual Organization Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019 in the Spellman Education Center, 782 Springdale Dr. Exton, PA. Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Ms. Chester, Mr. Gallen, Mr. McCune, Mr. Spackman

**Members Absent:**

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*There were no Public Comments on agenda items.*

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**Nomination of Temporary President**

Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, opened the floor for nomination for Temporary President for the purpose of electing a Board President for the coming year. Mr. Spackman nominated Mr. McCune for Temporary President, seconded by Mr. Gallen. There were no other nominations for Temporary President. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 4-0.

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**Election of Temporary President**

Ms. Chester made a motion for Mr. McCune to serve as Temporary President, seconded by Mr. Gallen. On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 4-0.

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**Reading of Certificates of Election**

Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, read the Certificates of Election for the following:

- Mr. Gary Bevilacqua (4 yr. term to expire 2023)
- Mr. Daryl Durnell (4 yr. term to expire 2023)
- Dr. Karen Herrmann (4 yr. term to expire 2023)
- Dr. Kate Shaw (4 yr. term to expire 2023)
- Mrs. Sue Tiernan (4 yr. term to expire 2023)

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**Administration of Oath of Office**

Ms. Carol DeLuca, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bevilacqua, Mr. Durnell, Dr. Herrmann, Dr. Shaw, and Mrs. Tiernan.

The new board members took their seats with the held-over board members.

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**Nomination of Board President for One Year**

Mr. McCune, Temporary President, opened the floor for nominations for Board President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 2020. Dr. Herrmann made a motion to nominate Mr. McCune, seconded by Mr. Gallen. There were no other nominations for President. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

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**Election of Board President**

Dr. Shaw made a motion for Mr. McCune to serve as Board President, seconded by Mr. Durnell. On roll call vote to approve Mr. McCune as President for the coming year, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

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**Nomination of Vice President for One Year**

Mr. McCune opened the floor for nominations for Vice President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 2020. Ms. Chester nominated Mrs. Tiernan seconded by Mr. Gallen. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Mr. Bevilacqua made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Durnell. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

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**Election of Board Vice President**

Ms. Chester made a motion for Mrs. Tiernan to serve as Board Vice President, seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua. On roll call vote to approve Mrs. Tiernan as Vice President for the coming year, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

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**Appointment of Solicitor**

It was moved by Mr. Gallen and seconded by Ms. Chester that the firm of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees be retained as solicitor to the West Chester Area School District at a rate of \$180/\$165 per hour, based on the experience of the lawyers, until the next Organization Meeting of the Board in December 2020. On roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

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**Announcement of Regular Board Meetings - 2020**

Mr. McCune announced the following board meeting dates for 2020

**2020 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 27, 2020  
 FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
 MARCH 23, 2020  
 APRIL 27, 2020  
 MAY 27, 2020 (Wednesday)  
 JUNE 22, 2020  
 JULY 27, 2020  
 AUGUST 24, 2020  
 SEPTEMBER 28, 2020  
 OCTOBER 26, 2020  
 NOVEMBER 23, 2020  
 DECEMBER 7, 2020  
 (Annual Organization Meeting)

***Special meetings are advertised in accordance with Pennsylvania law. Persons with a disability, who wish to attend these meetings and require an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, should contact Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, at 484-266-1018.***

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**Re-adoption of School Board Policies, Rules & Regulations**

It was moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Spackman that the School Board Policies, Rules and Regulations presently in effect be re-adopted until the next Organization Meeting of the board in December 2020. On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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**Adoption of Standing Committees**

It was moved by Mr. Gallen and seconded by Ms. Chester that the Board adopt the following “Standing Committees”: Education, Pupil Services, Property & Finance and Personnel. On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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**Appointment of Board Committees**

Mr. McCune announced the following appointments to the committees:

**Education Committee**

Mrs. Tiernan, Chair  
 Ms. Chester  
 Mr. Durnell  
 Dr. Shaw

**Pupil Services Committee**

Ms. Chester, Chair  
 Mr. Durnell

Dr. Shaw  
Mrs. Tiernan

**Property & Finance Committee**

Mr. Bevilacqua, Chair  
Mr. Gallen  
Dr. Herrmann  
Mr. Spackman

**Personnel Committee**

Dr. Herrmann, Chair  
Mr. Bevilacqua  
Mr. Gallen  
Mr. Spackman

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**Other Business**

There was no other business to be conducted.

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**Public Comments**

There were no comments from residents.

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Mr. McCune read the following quote, "You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity." ~Bill Gates

**Adjournment:** On motion by Mr. Gallen and seconded by Ms. Chester, the Board, on voice vote, agreed to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

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Board Secretary