

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL BOARD
ORGANIZATION MEETING – December 7, 2020

I. Call to Order

The West Chester Area School Board held its annual Organization Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 via ZOOM/WCASD YouTube Channel. Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the Salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Bevilacqua, Ms. Chester, Mr. Durnell, Mr. Gallen, Dr. Herrmann, Mr. McCune, Dr. Shaw, Mr. Spackman, Mrs. Tiernan.

Members Absent:

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no Public Comments on agenda items.

IV. Election of Temporary President

Ms. Cherashore, Board Secretary, opened the floor for nominations for Temporary President for the purpose of electing a Board President for the coming year. Mr. McCune nominated Mr. Bevilacqua. There were no other nominations. Mr. Spackman made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mrs. Tiernan. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

Dr. Shaw made a motion for Mr. Bevilacqua to serve as Temporary President, seconded by Dr. Herrmann. On roll call vote to approve Mr. Bevilacqua as Temporary President, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

V. Election of President for One Year

Mr. Bevilacqua, Temporary President, opened the floor for nominations for Board President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 2021. Mrs. Tiernan nominated Mr. McCune. There were no other nominations. Ms. Chester made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Spackman. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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

VI. Election of Board Vice President

Mr. McCune, Board President, opened the floor for nominations for Vice President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 2021. Mr. Durnell nominated Mrs. Tiernan. There were no other nominations. Mr. Bevilacqua made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Gallen. On roll call vote to close nominations, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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

VII. Appointment of Solicitor

It was moved by Mr. Spackman and seconded by Dr. Herrmann 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 2021. On roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

VIII. Announcement of Regular Board Meetings

Mr. McCune announced the following board meeting dates:

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

JANUARY 25, 2021

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

MARCH 22, 2021

APRIL 26, 2021

Wednesday, MAY 26, 2021

JUNE 28, 2021

JULY 26, 2021

AUGUST 23, 2021

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

OCTOBER 25, 2021

NOVEMBER 22, 2021

DECEMBER 6, 2021

(Annual Organization Meeting)

IX. 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 2021. On roll call vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried 9-0.

X. Adoption of Standing Board Committees

It was moved by Mrs. Tiernan 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.

XI. Appointment of Board Committees

It was moved by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the following appointments:

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

Legislative Liaison: Dr. Shaw, Intermediate Unit: Mrs. Tiernan, PSBA Report: Dr. Herrmann, Equity Report: Mr. Durnell, Community Liaison: Mr. Spackman

On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business to be conducted.

XIII. Public Comments

There were no comments from residents.

Mr. McCune cited an article by McKinsey & Co. entitled “Positive Leadership in Uncertain Times” and read the following quote, “You never know what’s around the corner. It could be everything. Or it could be nothing. You keep putting one foot in front of the other, and then one day you look back and you’ve climbed a mountain.”~Tom Hiddleston

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Gallen and seconded by Dr. Herrmann the Board, on voice vote, agreed to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Board Secretary