

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL BOARD – **ORGANIZATION MEETING** –  
**December 6, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

The West Chester Area School Board met for its annual Organization Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 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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**III. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Director Bevilacqua, Director Durnell, Director Herrmann, Director Shaw, Director Tiernan

**Members Absent:**

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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*There were no Public Comments on agenda items.*

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**V. ELECTION 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. Director Herrmann nominated Director Bevilacqua for Temporary President. There were no other nominations. On roll call vote to elect Director Bevilacqua as temporary President, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 5-0.

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**VI. Reading of Certificates of Election**

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

- Ms. Joyce Chester (4 yr. term to expire 2025)
- Dr. Laura Detre (4 yr. term to expire 2025)
- Ms. Karen Fleming (4 yr. term to expire 2025)
- Mrs. Stacey Whomsley (4 yr. term to expire 2025)

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**VII. Administration of Oath of Office**

Ms. Carol DeLuca, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Chester, Dr. Detre, Ms. Fleming, and Mrs. Whomsley.

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

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**VIII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR ONE YEAR**

Director Bevilacqua, Temporary President, opened the floor for nominations for Board President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 5, 2022. Director Durnell made a motion to nominate Director Tiernan. Director Whomsley made a motion to nominate Director Shaw. Seeing no further nominations, Director Bevilacqua asked and received no objection and declared the nominations closed.

Board members were asked to cast their vote for Director Tiernan. The vote tally was 8-1. Board members were asked to cast their vote for Director Shaw. The vote tally was 1-8. Director Tiernan was elected President for 2022.

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**IX. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR ONE YEAR**

Director Bevilacqua, Temporary President, opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President to serve for one year until the Organization Meeting, December 5, 2022. Director Herrmann made a motion to nominate Director Bevilacqua. Seeing no further nominations, Director Bevilacqua asked and received no objection and declared the nominations closed.

Board members were asked to cast their vote for Director Bevilacqua. The vote tally was 9-0 in favor of Director Bevilacqua and he was elected Vice President for 2022.

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**X. Appointment of Solicitor**

It was moved by Director Herrmann and seconded by Director Bevilacqua 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 2022. On roll call vote, eight members present voted “aye” with Director Whomsley voting “nay.” Motion carried 8-1.

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**XI. APPROVAL OF 2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

| <b>2022 Meeting Dates</b> | <b>Education Committee</b> | <b>Pupil Services Committee</b> | <b>Property &amp; Finance Committee</b> | <b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday, January 10        | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Tuesday, January 18       |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 24        |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, February 14       | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Tuesday, February 22      |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28       |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, March 14          | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Monday, March 21          |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, MARCH 28          |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, APRIL 11          | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Tuesday, April 19         |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, APRIL 25          |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, May 9             | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Monday, May 16            |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| WEDNESDAY, MAY 25         |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, June 13           | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Monday, June 20           |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, JUNE 27           |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| MONDAY, JULY 25           |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, August 8          | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |
| Monday, August 15         |                            |                                 | 6:30 PM                                 |                              |
| MONDAY, AUGUST 22         |                            |                                 |                                         | 7:00 PM                      |
| Monday, September 12      | 6:30 PM                    | 7:00 PM                         |                                         |                              |

| 2022 Meeting Dates                       | Education Committee | Pupil Services Committee | Property & Finance Committee | Monthly Board Meeting |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, September 19                     |                     |                          | 6:30 PM                      |                       |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27                    |                     |                          |                              | 7:00 PM               |
| Monday, October 10                       | 6:30 PM             | 7:00 PM                  |                              |                       |
| Monday, October 17                       |                     |                          | 6:30 PM                      |                       |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25                      |                     |                          |                              | 7:00 PM               |
| Monday, November 14                      | 6:30 PM             | 7:00 PM                  |                              |                       |
| Monday, November 21                      |                     |                          | 6:30 PM                      |                       |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28                      |                     |                          |                              | 7:00 PM               |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 - ANNUAL ORGANIZATION |                     |                          |                              | 7:00 PM               |

*Note: Personnel Committee meets as needed and will be duly advertised.*

It was moved by Director Shaw and seconded by Director Chester to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule as listed beginning January 2022 through December 2022. On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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**XII. RE-ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS**

It was moved by Director Durnell and seconded by Director Bevilacqua that the School Board Policies, Rules and Regulations presently in effect be re-adopted until the next Organization Meeting of the board in December 2022. On roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.” Motion carried 9-0.

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**XIII. ADOPTION OF STANDING BOARD COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Director Tiernan and seconded by Director Herrmann 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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**XIV. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

President Tiernan announced the following appointments to the committees:

**Education Committee:** Directors Chester, Detre, Durnell, Shaw  
Director Shaw, Chair

**Pupil Services Committee:** Directors Chester, Detre, Durnell, Shaw  
Director Chester, Chair

**Property & Finance Committee:** Directors Bevilacqua, Fleming, Herrmann,  
Whomsley  
Director Bevilacqua, Chair

**Personnel Committee:** Directors Bevilacqua, Fleming, Herrmann, Whomsley  
Director Herrmann, Chair

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**XV. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS**

There were no comments from residents.

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**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Director Chester and seconded by Director Durnell, the Board, on voice vote, agreed to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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Board Secretary