

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2008

A Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District was held on Monday, December 1, 2008, beginning at 6:05 p.m., in the Dining Room at the Education Center, 1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.	REORGANIZATION MEETING
Mr. Stanley Majewski, Board Secretary, called the roll:	MEMBERS PRESENT
Members present: Directors Amato, Cann, Dexter, Follweiler, Koch, McKeon, Tenaglia and Leeson - 8. Director Haytmanek was absent.	
Others present: Dr. Joseph A. Lewis, Superintendent of Schools; Donald F. Spry II, Solicitor; Stanley J. Majewski, Jr., Board Secretary; administrators, members of the press, and other interested citizens and staff members.	OTHERS PRESENT
Mr. Majewski announced the next order of business, which was the nomination of a temporary president.	NOMINATIONS OPEN TEMPORARY PRESIDENT
President Leeson nominated Director Follweiler as temporary president. Director Dexter seconded the nomination.	
Director McKeon made a motion to close nominations for temporary president. Director Leeson seconded the motion.	NOMINATIONS CLOSED TEMPORARY PRESIDENT
The question was called on the election of Director Follweiler as temporary president. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.	ROLL CALL ELECTION OF DIRECTOR FOLLWEILER AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT
Acting President Follweiler called for nominations for president of the board.	NOMINATIONS OPEN BOARD PRESIDENT
Director Cann nominated Director Leeson to serve as president.	
Director Cann requested time for commentary.	
Acting President Follweiler agreed.	

Director Cann stated that President Leeson had led the board for the past year with extraordinary dignity and devotion. She noted that President Leeson practiced and also encouraged the board to practice a sense of fairness in all things, to always get the input of the entire community, and to only make decisions after thoughtful and deliberate consideration of all of the issues. Director Cann pointed out that the board had to deal with a lot of critical situations in the past year and her leadership had set a framework that had steadied and motivated them. Director Cann expressed her gratitude to President Leeson.

Director McKeon seconded the nomination.

Director Koch nominated Director Follweiler to serve as president.

Director Amato seconded the nomination.

The question was called on the election of president and roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL
ELECTION OF
BOARD
PRESIDENT

BOARD MEMBER	NOMINEE
Amato	Follweiler
Cann	Leeson
Dexter	Leeson
Follweiler	Leeson
Koch	Follweiler
McKeon	Leeson
Tenaglia	Leeson
Leeson	Leeson

Mr. Majewski announced the result of the vote as follows:

Leeson – 6

Follweiler – 2

President Leeson thanked Director Cann for her kind words and support.

President Leeson assumed the chair. She asked for nominations for vice president. Director Tenaglia nominated Director Dexter. Director Cann seconded the nomination.

NOMINATIONS
OPEN
BOARD VICE
PRESIDENT

President Leeson asked Director Dexter if she accepted the nomination.

Director Dexter replied affirmatively.

Director Amato nominated Director Follweiler for vice president. Director Koch seconded the motion.

President Leeson asked Director Follweiler if she accepted the nomination.

Director Follweiler replied that she certainly appreciated the support of her fellow board members for the nominations in both positions; however, she did not feel ready after only one year of service. She concluded that she would prefer to defer to more experienced board members.

The question was called on the election of Director Dexter as vice president of the board with roll call as follows: Yea, Directors Cann, Dexter, Follweiler, McKeon, Tenaglia, and Leeson - 6. Nay, Directors Amato and Koch - 2.

The motion passed 6 - 2.

President Leeson stated that the Bethlehem Area School District is entitled to five representatives to serve on the Joint Committee of the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School. She requested nominations for (2) three-year term vacancies.

Director Dexter nominated Director Tenaglia.

Director Cann seconded the nomination.

Director Tenaglia accepted the nomination.

The nomination was carried by a majority voice vote.

President Leeson requested nominations for the second position.

Director Follweiler nominated President Leeson.

Director McKeon seconded the nomination.

The nomination was carried by a majority voice vote.

President Leeson offered her seat to fellow board members, if, throughout the year, they became interested in serving on the Vocational-Technical Joint Committee.

Director Dexter offered to attend meetings as a substitute for her fellow board members.

President Leeson also noted there would be committee appointments. She suggested that if they had four members on each one of the committees, every person would have the opportunity to serve on two committees with the exception of the president who would serve on none. She asked if anyone objected to her suggestion.

Dr. Lewis and President Leeson both agreed to consult with Attorney Spry.

ROLL CALL
ELECTION OF
DIRECTOR DEXTER
AS BOARD
VICE PRESIDENT

NOMINATION
AND ROLL
CALL -
APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTORS TO
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF BAVTS

President Leeson announced that after conferring with Attorney Spry, there would be no problem with having four members on a committee. She asked if there was any discussion or concern regarding the matter.

Director Dexter questioned the addition of an Audit Committee, which would take away the balance of the number serving on the committees.

President Leeson replied that she considered it and noted that the Audit Committee was not a monthly meeting and only met two to three times per year.

Director Koch requested to make a correction to the district's current board and committee listing. She was not the representative to the National School Boards Association. She was a member of the FRN (Federal Relations Network) and they had yearly meetings. She noted that she was a PSBA (Pennsylvania School Boards Association) Representative and attended meetings at least every other month.

President Leeson stated that she wanted to postpone the committee assignments until she had the opportunity to speak with each person. She asked all board members to review the current committee assignments and to notify her if they desired to make changes. She would consider talking to members who only had one committee assignment to discuss appointment to a second committee.

No one wished to address the board of directors at this time.

COURTESY OF
THE FLOOR
TO VISITORS

President Leeson offered the floor to board members for open forum. There were no comments offered.

OPEN FORUM

Directors Tenaglia and McKeon moved to adjourn the meeting, which carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest,

Stanley J. Majewski, Jr.
Board Secretary