

REORGANIZATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2015

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The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Vice President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and announced that the Board is meeting this day for the purpose of reorganization under appropriate sections of Article IV of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, as amended.

Superintendent Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll:

8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker  
1 MEMBER ABSENT: Elmy

Vice President Caffrey opened nominations for a Temporary President.

**Ms. Thomas moved**, to nominate **Joseph A. Caffrey** as Temporary President. There were no further nominations.

**Dr. Susek motioned, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, to close nominations for Temporary President.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker

The vote for Temporary President was as follows: (Viva –Voce)

**Joseph Caffrey:** Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara presented the five members who were elected at the Municipal Election of November 3, 2015, to the office of School Board Director for a term of four years. They are as follows: Dino L. Galella, James Geiger, John R. Quinn, Dr. James F. Susek and Rev. Shawn Walker.

Temporary President Caffrey indicated that Judge William Amesbury, Judge Tina Gartley and District Justice Diane Malast are present to administer the Oaths of Office to Dino L. Galella, James Geiger, John R. Quinn, Dr. James F. Susek and Rev. Shawn Walker.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara presented the Oaths of Office for the newly elected Board Members. Oaths of Office are administered and presented to the Board Secretary.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara read the following list of all legally elected and qualified Board Members.

JOSEPH A. CAFFREY, NED EVANS, DINO L. GALELLA, JAMES GEIGER,  
CHRISTINE A. KATSOCK, JOHN R. QUINN, DR. JAMES F. SUSEK, DENISE THOMAS,  
REV SHAWN WALKER

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Temporary President Caffrey opened nominations for President for the ensuing year.

**Mr. Evans moved**, to nominate **Joseph A. Caffrey** for President.

**Rev. Walker moved**, to nominate **Christine A. Katsock** for President.

There were no further nominations.

**Miss Katsock motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans** that the nominations be closed. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker

The vote for President for the ensuing year was as follows (viva-voce)

**JOSEPH A. CAFFREY:** Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas

**CHRISTINE A. KATSOCK:** Katsock, Walker

**President Caffrey** took over the meeting and opened nominations for Vice President for the ensuing year.

**Mr. Evans moved**, to nominate **Denise T. Thomas** for Vice-President.

**Christine Katsock moved**, to nominate **Rev. Shawn Walker** for Vice President.

There were no further nominations.

**Miss Katsock motioned, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, that the nominations be closed. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

The vote for Vice President was as follows: (viva-voce)

**DENISE THOMAS:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey

**SHAWN WALKER:** Katsock, Walker

**DENISE THOMAS** - Vice President for the ensuing year.

**Ned Evans moved**, to appoint **Dr. James Susek** as the PSBA Legislative Chairperson who will serve as the District's contact for PSBA's governmental relations efforts as well as to participate in county-level Legislative Action meetings with members of the General Assembly.

**Dr. Susek moved**, to appoint **Ned Evans** as the PSBA Legislative Chairperson who will serve as the District's contact for PSBA's governmental relations efforts as well as to participate in county-level Legislative Action meetings with members of the General Assembly.

**Miss Katsock motioned, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, that the nominations be closed. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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The vote for PSBA Legislative Chairperson was as follows:

**Ned Evans:** Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**James Susek:** Ned Evans

**Miss Katsock moved,** to appoint **Ned Evans** as the PSBA Representative to the Region 7 Cabinet, which interfaces with the role of the Luzerne County Legislative Coordinator.

**Mr. Evans moved,** to appoint **Dino Galella** as the PSBA Representative to the Region 7 Cabinet, which interfaces with the role of the Luzerne County Legislative Coordinator.

Mr. Galella declined the nomination.

The vote for PSBA Representative to the Region 7 Cabinet was as follows:

**Ned Evans:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey presented Resolution No. 1

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, **Louis M. Elmy** has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District with distinction for many years as a member of the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, his term of office as a Member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District expires in December 2015 and whereas his term of office as a Member of the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center expires in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, he can no longer serve as a representative of the District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center .

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **Jim Geiger** to represent the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center which term, is to expire in December, 2016.

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The vote to adopt Resolution No. 1 was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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President Caffrey presented Resolution No. 2

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, **Dr. James F. Susek** has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District as a member of the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical center; and

WHEREAS, his term expires in December, 2015; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **Dr. James F. Susek** to represent the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center which term expires in December 2018.

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*The vote to adopt Resolution No. 2 was as follows:*

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Vice President Thomas presented Resolution No. 3

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, **Ned Evans** has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District as a member of the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical center; and

WHEREAS, his term expires in December, 2015; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **Ned Evans** to represent the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center which term expires in December 2018.

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*The vote to adopt Resolution No. 3 was as follows:*

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Vice President Thomas presented Resolution No. 4

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that **Patricia Wallace** be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education to serve until the Reorganization Meeting of December 2016, under the provisions of Section 434 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Secretary be bonded, and premium for such bond to be paid by the School District.

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*The vote to adopt Resolution No. 4 was as follows:*

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker**, that all meetings be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the Reorganization Meeting of December 2, 1981, as amended December 2, 1999 and March 10, 2010 including Order of Business. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Dr. Susek**, that the Regular Meetings be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M., in the Administration Building, and that the Committee Meetings be held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M., in the Administration Building. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker**, that the officers of the Board be authorized to draw orders for payrolls and for payment of bonds, interest, utilities and other pertinent bills as they come due. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Dr. Susek** to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

**President Caffrey** adjourned the Reorganization Meeting at 6:45 PM.