

REORGANIZATION MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017. President Denise Thomas 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. Brian J. Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll:

5 MEMBERS PRESENT: Galella, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Walker

President Thomas opened nominations for a Temporary President.

Rev. Walker moved, to nominate **Dino L. Galella** as Temporary President. There were no further nominations.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to close nominations for Temporary President. The vote was as follows:

5 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Walker

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

Dino L. Galella: Galella, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Walker

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz presented the four members who were elected at the Municipal Election of November 7, 2017, to the office of School Board Director for a term of four years. They are as follows: Joseph A. Caffrey, Ned Evans, Melissa Patla and Denise Thomas.

NOTE: Ned Evans was absent from Reorganization Meeting

Temporary President Galella indicated that Judge Rick Kronauer and Judge Joseph Spagnuolo are present to administer the Oaths of Office to Joseph A. Caffrey, Melissa Patla, and Denise Thomas.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz presented the Oaths of Office for the newly elected Board Members. Oaths of Office are administered and presented to the Board Secretary.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz read the following list of all legally elected and qualified Board Members.

JOSEPH A. CAFFREY, NED EVANS, DINO GALELLA, JAMES GEIGER, MELISSA PATLA, JOHN QUINN, DR. JAMES SUSEK, DENISE T. THOMAS, REV. SHAWN WALKER

Note: Ned Evans is stricken from the above list due to the fact he has not at this time been administered the Oath of Office.

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

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

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Rev. Walker that the nominations be closed. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Caffrey, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker

The vote for President for the ensuing year was as follows (viva-voce)
JOSEPH CAFFREY: Caffrey, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker

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

Dr. Susek moved, to nominate **Rev. Shawn Walker** for Vice-President.

There were no further nominations.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Quinn, that the nominations be closed. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

The vote for Vice President was as follows: (viva-voce)
REV. SHAWN WALKER Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, 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:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Patla, to appoint **Rev. Shawn Walker** 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. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Galella to appoint **Rev. Shawn Walker** as the PSBA Representative to the Region 7 Cabinet, which interfaces with the role of the Luzerne County Legislative Coordinator. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Rev. Walker moved, to appoint **Melissa Patla** 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 2020.

Melissa Patla moved, to appoint **John Quinn** 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 2020.

Mr. Galella moved, to close nominations. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

The vote to be appointed 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 2020. was as follows: (viva-voce)

JOHN QUINN: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Walker, Caffrey

MELISSA PATLA Susek, Thomas

Rev. Walker moved, that **Joseph Caffrey** be appointed as the Director-at-Large Representative of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Board of Directors of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for a term to run through June 30, 2019.

Mr. Galella moved, to close nominations. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

The vote to be appointed. as the Director-at-Large Representative of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Board of Directors of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for a term to run through June 30, 2019 was as follows: (viva-voce)

JOSEPH CAFFREY: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Dr. Susek moved, that **Patricia Wallace** be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education to serve until the Reorganization Meeting of December 2018, under the provisions of Section 434 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Susek presented Resolution #3

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that **Patricia Wallace** be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education to serve until the Reorganization Meeting of December 2018, 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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Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, that the Regular Meetings be held on the second Monday of each month at a time and site to be determined, and that the Committee Meetings be held on the second Monday of each month at a time and site to be determined. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, 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:
8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Rev. Walker presented Resolution #1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, **John Quinn** 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 of office expires in December, 2017; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **John Quinn** 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 2020.

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The Resolution is adopted by Acclamation

Mr. Galella presented resolution #2

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, **Christine A. Katsock** has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (District) with distinction as the Director-at-Large on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 (LIU) Board of Directors (Board); and,

WHEREAS, her present term of office on the LIU Board expires on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, she can no longer serve as a representative of the District on the LIU Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **Joseph Caffrey** the Director-at-Large Representative of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Board of Directors of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for a term to run through June 30, 2019.

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At this time Superintendent, Dr. Costello expressed his gratitude and presented outgoing President, Denise Thomas with a gift of appreciation from the Wilkes-Barre Areas School District in recognition of her leadership and dedication as President of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board in 2017.

Mr. Galella moved, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

President Caffrey adjourned the Reorganization Meeting at 6:40 PM.