

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:18 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 Brian Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Thomas Telesz called the roll:

**9 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Patla, Quinn, Schiowitz, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey opened nominations for a Temporary President.

**Ms. Thomas moved**, to nominate **Rev. Walker** as Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization. There were no further nominations.

**Ms. Patla moved** to close the nominations **seconded by Ms. Thomas**.

All in favor to close nominations for Temporary President – **9 Ayes**

The Viva-Voce vote for Temporary President for the purpose of Reorganization was as follows:

Atherton:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Evans:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Harris:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Patla:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Quinn:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Schiowitz:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Thomas:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Walker:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>
Caffrey:	<b>Rev. Walker</b>

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

**Mr. Atherton moved**, to nominate **Joseph Caffrey** for President. There were no further nominations.

**Mr. Evans motioned, seconded by Mr. Atherton** to close the nominations for President.  
All in favor to close nominations for President – **9 Ayes**

The Viva-Voce vote for President for the ensuing year was as follows:

Atherton: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Evans: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Harris: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Patla: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Quinn: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Schiowitz: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Thomas: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Walker: **Joseph Caffrey**  
Caffrey: **Joseph Caffrey**

**Joseph Caffrey was elected Board President for the 2020 year.**

President Caffrey opened nominations for Vice President for the 2020 year.

**Rev. Walker motioned to nominate Denise Thomas for Vice President for the 2020 year.  
Ms. Patla nominated Beth Ann Harris for Vice President for the 2020 year.**

There were no further nominations

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans** to close the nominations for Vice President.  
All in favor of closing nominations for Vice President – **9 Ayes**

The Viva Voce vote was as follows:

Atherton: **Denise Thomas**  
Evans: **Denise Thomas**  
Harris: **Denise Thomas**  
Patla: **Denise Thomas**  
Quinn: **Denise Thomas**  
Schiowitz: **Denise Thomas**  
Thomas: **Denise Thomas**  
Walker: **Denise Thomas**  
Caffrey: **Denise Thomas**

**Denise Thomas was elected Vice President for the 2020 year.**

**Ms. Patla moved, seconded by Mrs. Schiowitz**, 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:

**All in favor - 9 Ayes**

**Mrs. Schiowitz moved, seconded by Mr. Atherton,** to nominate **Denise Thomas** to be 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 and to be the Section 4 Local Board Liaison.

The vote was as follows:

**All in favor - 9 Ayes**

**Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mrs. Schiowitz** that the Regular Board Meetings be held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The vote was as follows:

**All in favor – 9 Ayes**

**Mrs. Schiowitz 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:

**All in favor – 9 Ayes**

**Mr. Atherton presented Resolution #1**

#### **RESOLUTION #1**

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, 2020; 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, 2023.

**Mr. Atherton moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt this Resolution.**

**All in favor: 9 Ayes**

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**Mr. Evans presented Resolution #2**

**RESOLUTION #2**

BE IT RESOLVED, that **Suzanne Saporito** be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education to serve until the Reorganization Meeting of December 2021, 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.

**Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Ms. Patla to adopt this Resolution.**

**9 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Patla, Quinn, Schiowitz, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey**

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**Ms. Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Schiowitz.  
All in favor: 9 Ayes**