

**UPPER ST. CLAIR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING**



Customizing Learning,
Nurturing Potential...
Delivering Excellence

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

Notice having been advertised and posted and members duly notified, the reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on December 1, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room.

School Board Members in attendance:

Mr. Harry F. Kunselman, Temporary President
Mrs. Amy L. Billerbeck
Mrs. Barbara L. Bolas
Mr. Phillip J. Elias
Mrs. Buffy Z. Hasco
Mr. Patrick A. Hewitt
Mr. Frank J. Kerber
Mr. Louis P. Mafrice, Jr.
Mrs. Angela B. Petersen

School personnel in attendance:

Dr. Patrick O'Toole, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Suritsky, Assistant/Deputy Superintendent
Dr. John Rozzo, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Frosina C. Cordisco, Director of Business & Finance
Ms. Judith Bulazo, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development
Mrs. Mary Ann Stabile, Stenographer
Mr. Robert Prorok, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Prorok)

School Board Solicitor Robert Prorok called the meeting to order.

READING OF THE MISSION

Mrs. Petersen read the following School District Mission Statement:



Developing lifelong learners and responsible citizens for a global society is the mission of the Upper St. Clair School District, served by a responsive and innovative staff who in partnership with the community provides learning experiences that nurture the uniqueness of each child and promotes happiness and success.

SHARED BELIEF STATEMENT #18 FROM STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Mafrice read the following Shared Belief Statement #18 from the Strategic Plan:

We believe that:

children do best when they are mentored through their failures as well as their successes.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no residents' comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Prorok)

MOTION: By Billerbeck: I move that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous voice vote.

NOMINATION/ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT (Prorok)

MOTION: By Mafrice: I nominate Harry Kunselman to act as Temporary President of this meeting. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

REPORT FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES (Dan Quiroga)

Dan Quiroga, Student Board Representative, reported on activities at the High School. He stated that the spring musical that was selected is White Christmas. He also reported that the Think Tank project is moving forward with another meeting scheduled for next Friday.

READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION/OATH OF OFFICE (The Honorable Arnold Klein)

The Honorable Arnold Klein, Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge, reviewed the Certificates of Election and administered the Oath of Office to the following School Board members:

- Amy L. Billerbeck
- Barbara L. Bolas
- Phillip J. Elias
- Patrick A. Hewitt
- Angela B. Petersen

Mr. Kunselman shared the Board's appreciation for having Judge Klein administer the Oaths of Office for the five Board members. He welcomed Mr. Elias and Mr. Hewitt to the Board of School Directors and also welcomed back Mrs. Billerbeck, Mrs. Bolas, and Mrs. Petersen. Mr. Kunselman stated that he looked forward to working together on the Board of School Directors.

RECOGNITION OF FRANK J. KERBER, 2015 BOARD PRESIDENT AND 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW (O'Toole)

Dr. O'Toole stated that it is with great pride that he recognize Mr. Kerber for serving as the School Board President for 2015. Dr. O'Toole shared the following accomplishments of the Board, the School District, and the staff in 2015 under Mr. Kerber's leadership:

Administrative Leadership

- Louis Angelo Appointed as High School Principal
- Tim Wagner Appointed as High School Associate Principal for Program Planning & Innovation
- Bradley Wilson Appointed as Supervisor of Customized and On-Line Learning
- Amy Pfender Appointed as Director of Student Support Services (effective 1-1-16)
- Daniel O'Rourke Appointed as Temporary Boyce Middle School Assistant Principal (effective 11-21-15 through 12-31-15) and Boyce Middle School Principal (effective 1-1-16)

Advancement

- Continued enhancements to the Innovation Hub and the High School, Including a Donation of Amcom Digital Printing Press

Awards & Recognitions

- Baker Elementary School Earned Second National Blue Ribbon Award
- U.S. News & World Report Ranks USC as One of Best High Schools in America
- High School Named #1 in Region for SAT Scores
- Assistant Superintendent John Rozzo Received Outstanding Administrator Award from Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education
- Boyce Middle School Principal Amy Pfender Selected by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators for the Wanda McDaniel Honorary Membership Award
- World Language Curriculum Leader Deanna Baird Received Nominator's Choice Award by the Consortium of Public Education
- Middle School Mathematics Curriculum Leader Andrew Lucas, Mathematics Teacher Selected by a Students' Online Vote as the Winner of the 2015 Blended Schools Students' Choice Award
- High School AP Chemistry Teacher Dominick Frollini Selected to Receive Keivin Burns Award from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh
- High School Student Team Named Verizon Innovative App Challenge Best in Region, State and Nation
- High School Boys' Tennis Team Won PIAA AAA State Championship
- High School Girl's Soccer Team Won First Ever PIAA AAA State Championship
- Thirty-Five High School Students Earned Recognition on National Merit Scholarship Competition as Semi-Finalists and Commended Students
- High School Student Kriti Shah Chosen as an Affiliate Award Winner in the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing
- High School Student Sahil Doshi Presented His Innovative Carbon-Dioxide Powered Battery, PolluCell, to President Obama at White House Science Fair
- High School Student Anthony Abinanti Selected to Study in China on U.S. Department of State National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship
- Fort Couch Middle School Student Chloe Kondrich Received the Pittsburgh Business Times Health Care Hero Award
- Boyce Middle School Student Keya Loding Selected as a Benjamin Carson Scholar
- Boyce Middle School Student Antara Cleetus Won PTA State Reflections Contest in the Category of Visual Arts at the Middle Level

Budget

- Extensive List of Capital Projects Identified for Review
- Auditor General Audit Completed with No Findings

Collective Bargaining Agreement

- Collective Bargaining Agreement with USC Special Service Federation Approved for 2015-16 through 2017-18

Safety & Security

- Memorandum of Understanding Renewed with Township Police Department

Strategic Plan

- Year-long Process for Strategic/Comprehensive Plan and Strategic/Comprehensive Plan Visioning Team Meetings Conducted – March 3, March 23, April 20, May 11, and October 19
- Strategic/Comprehensive Professional Development Plan Approved for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018

School Board Policies

- Revision to Policy #6011 – Child/Student Abuse
- Adoption of Policy #6021 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Technology and Academics

- 1:1 Learning Initiative Expanded to Grades 5-8
- District Website Redesigned
- Student Board Representatives Involved in Project of Reimagining the High School

Mr. Kerber stated that the many accomplishments in 2015 were the result of hard work by all members of the Board, administration and staff. He thanked Mrs. Hasco for serving with him as the School Board Vice President. Mr. Kerber stated that he enjoyed having the Student Board Representatives at the meetings and hoped that the Board and the District would continue to keep the best interests of the students first and foremost in their decision-making.

Mr. Kunselman thanked and congratulated Mr. Kerber for his leadership in 2015.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016 (Temporary President)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

MOTION: By Bolas: I nominate Buffy Hasco as President of the Board of School Directors. Seconded by Kerber.

MOTION: By Mafrice: I move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Buffy Hasco as President of the Board of School Directors. Seconded by Bolas, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Hasco thanked the Board for their confidence in her by electing her as Board President. She thanked Mr. Kerber for his leadership in 2015 and stated that she learned much from him during the year.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

MOTION: By Billerbeck: I nominate Angela Petersen as Vice President of the Board of School Directors. Seconded by Kerber.

MOTION: By Mafrice: I move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Angela Petersen as Vice President of the Board of School Directors. Seconded by Kunselman, and carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Petersen stated that she looked forward to working with Mrs. Hasco and serving as Board Vice President for 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 14 BOARD MEETING

Dr. O’Toole explained that since there is not a full Committee of the Whole Meeting in December, that he would review the proposed agenda items for the December 14 Board Meeting. Dr. O’Toole noted that there would be an executive session prior to the meeting.

Dr. O'Toole reminded Board members to let Mrs. Stabile or he know if they were interested in serving on the Capital Projects Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. O'Toole explained the Act 1 Budget process and asked Board members to contact Ms. Cordisco or him if they had any questions or needed further explanation.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT & ADMINISTRATION

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION - DECEMBER 10 @ 8:30-11:30 AM

Dr. O'Toole stated that a New Board Member Orientation would be held at Central Office in the Board Room on December 10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

BOARD GOALS WORKSHOP - JANUARY 18

Dr. O'Toole announced that a Board Goals Workshop would be held on January 18.

Dr. O'Toole invited everyone to a reception following the Board meeting in honor of the elected officers and new Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and carried on unanimous voice vote that the meeting adjourn at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Harry F. Kunselman, Temporary President
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Frosina C. Cordisco, Secretary
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Submitted by: Mary Ann L. Stabile
School Board Stenographer