

## Reorganization Meeting, December 6, 2021

**The December 6, 2021**, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by School Board President, Mr. Robert Harper. The following directors were present:

Mrs. Zieger                      Mr. Harper                      Mr. Bogatay                      Mr. Scappe

Also present: Mr. Balaski, Dr. Beltz, Ms. Regan, Mr. Haslett, Mr. Daniels, Mrs. Crago, and Mr. Roth

### **Election of Temporary President**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay to nominate Mr. Robert Harper as Temporary President.

On a roll call vote, all directors voted in favor to close nominations and appoint Mr. Robert Harper as Temporary President.

### **Nominations for election of Board President (one-year term)**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay to nominate Mr. Robert Harper as Board President.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Wise to nominate Mrs. Danielle Zieger as Board President.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe to close nominations.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Zieger, Ms. Wise, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Kammerer voted in favor for Mrs. Zieger to serve as Board President. Mr. Scappe, Mrs. Barr, and Mr. Bogatay voted for Mr. Harper to serve as President.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED MRS. DANIELLE ZIEGER TO SERVE AS BOARD PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

### **Nominations for election of Board Vice President (one-year term)**

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Wise, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, to nominate Mrs. Amy Stuart as Board Vice President.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, to nominate Mr. James Bogatay as Board Vice President. Mr. Bogatay declined the nomination.

On a roll call vote, all directors voted in favor of Mrs. Amy Stuart as Board Vice President.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED MRS. AMY STUART TO SERVE AS BOARD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

**Nominations for election of Board Secretary**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harper to nominate Mr. James Bogatay as Board Secretary.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Wise to nominate Mrs. Crystal Barr as Board Secretary.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Bogatay, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Zieger, Mrs. Barr, Ms. Wise, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Stuart, and Mr. Kammerer voted in favor of Mrs. Barr as Board Secretary. Mr. Scappe voted in favor of Mr. Bogatay.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED MRS. CRYSTAL BARR TO SERVE AS BOARD SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

**Nominations for election of Treasurer**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Barr to nominate Ms. Kate Wise as Treasurer.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harper to nominate Mr. James Bogatay as Treasurer.

On a roll call vote, Mr. Bogatay, Mr. Harper, Mrs. Zieger, Mrs. Barr, Ms. Wise, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Stuart, and Mr. Kammerer voted in favor of Mrs. Barr as Board Secretary. Mr. Scappe voted in favor of Mr. Bogatay.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED MS. KATE WISE TO SERVE AS TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

**Nominations for Solicitor**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Callahan, SECONDED by Mrs. Barr, “that the Board of Education approve Tucker Arensberg, P.C., 1 PPG Place #1500, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to serve as district solicitor effective immediately.”

Mr. Bogatay commented that the current Board had no input on making this decision. He commented that the District has several lawsuits worth millions of dollars and they should have had input from the prior board before selecting a new solicitor. Tucker Arensberg is a reputable firm. He will be voting “no” to this item since there was no input from the prior Board.

Mr. Harper does not disagree with Mr. Bogatay’s comments. He was invited to partake in some of the interviews with this potential firm. He did not feel he should have participated in these interviews since there was no formal process with an RFP being sent out. The timeframe to send out an RFP and have applications returned takes about several days. Mr. Balaski commented that he did not have input on this decision. The public should be aware of how this decision was made.

Mrs. Barr commented that she was very vocal on numerous occasions to be involved and ask questions.

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Mr. Scappe asked if we have a contract with them, what are they charging?

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education table this motion at this time for further discussion.”

Ms. Regan explained the RFP process.

The question was asked why the solicitor was seated at a previous reorganization meeting? Mr. Scappe commented that we did not have a solicitor at the time.

The Board recessed at 7:25 pm for further discussion and returned at 7:32 pm.

Roll call on motion to table item:

Mr. Harper, Mr. Bogatay and Mr. Scappe voted in favor to table this item. Mrs. Zieger, Mrs. Barr, Ms. Wise, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Kammerer voted in disfavor to table this item.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Callahan, SECONDED by Mrs. Barr, “that the Board of Education approve Tucker Arensberg, P.C., 1 PPG Place #1500, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to serve as district solicitor effective immediately.”

On a roll call vote, Mrs. Zieger, Mrs. Barr, Ms. Wise, Mr. Callahan, Mrs. Stuart, and Mr. Kammerer voted in favor. Mr. Harper, Mr. Bogatay, and Mr. Scappe voted in disfavor.

Mr. John Vogel, Solicitor with Tucker Arensberg, PC., took his seat at the board table.

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:36 p.m.”

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Brown  
Clerk, Board of Education

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Crystal Barr  
Secretary, Board of Education