



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Directors

T.R. Kannan, President, Christian Schwartz, Vice President,
Gary S. Sanderson, Assistant Secretary, Nancy Lawson, John Palmer,
Chip Taylor, Christine Toy-Dragoni, Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf

William J. Gretzula, Ed.D., Superintendent

Christopher M. Berdnik, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary

Michael Clarke, Esquire - Rudolph Clarke, LLC, Solicitor

APPROVED AT THE JANUARY 16, 2020 BOARD ACTION MEETING

Board Reorganization Special Meeting Minutes

The December Board Reorganization Special Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Public Notice

All or a portion of this meeting is being recorded for purpose of public broadcast and/or internet posting.

B. Call to Order

Mr. Kannan, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kannan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call (Mr. Sanderson)

Board Members Present: Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Toy-Dragoni, Mrs. Wachspress, Mr. Waldorf and Mr. Kannan

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Dumin, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Rarrick, Dr. Ricci and Mrs. Spack

Administrators Absent: Mr. Berdnik, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Zedalis

Others Present: Mr. Amuso, Solicitor

Others Absent: Mr. Turner and Ms. Lee, Student Representatives

E. Performance

No performance was given this evening.

F. Executive Session Statement

Mr. Kannan reported that the Board did not meet in Executive Session this evening but met two days prior on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

2. REORGANIZATION

A. Election of Temporary President

A nomination was made by Mr. Waldorf, seconded by Mrs. Toy-Dragoni and unanimously approved with no abstentions that Mrs. Wachspress be elected temporary president of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors to preside for the nomination and election of a new president.

B. Certificates of Election

Mrs. Wachspress reported that the County Board of Elections has certified the elections of T.R. Kannan, John Palmer, Gary Sanderson, Christian Schwartz and Sherwood (Chip) Taylor III. In compliance with Article IV, Section 402 of the Public School Code, the Board Secretary shall read aloud the certificates of election for newly elected and re-elected members.

C. Oath of Office

Dr. Gretzula recognized The Honorable Jan Vislosky who administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected and re-elected School Directors. Mr. Sanderson, Assistant Board Secretary, read aloud the certifications of election for T.R. Kannan and John Palmer. Dr. Gretzula read aloud the certifications of election for Mr. Sanderson, Christian Schwartz and Sherwood (Chip) Taylor III. Judge Vislosky individually administered the Oath of Office to each of these School Directors.

D. Board Membership List

Mrs. Wachspress announced the Pennsbury Board of School Directors membership list for the coming year and invited members to offer necessary corrections. There were no corrections to the list. The members are: T.R. Kannan; Nancy Lawson; John Palmer; Gary Sanderson; Christian Schwartz; Sherwood (Chip) Taylor III; Christine Toy-Dragoni; Debra Wachspress and Joshua Waldorf.

C. Election of Assistant Secretary

A nomination was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Wachspress that Gary Sanderson be elected Assistant Secretary of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors for a term of office to expire at the reorganization meeting to be held in December 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf to close nominations.

Vote polled on the nomination:

Mrs. Lawson	-Aye	Mrs. Toy-Dragoni	-Aye
Mr. Palmer	-Aye	Mrs. Wachspress	-Aye
Mr. Sanderson	-Aye	Mr. Waldorf	-Aye
Mr. Schwartz	-Aye	Mr. Kannan	-Aye
Mr. Taylor	-Aye		

The nomination of Gary Sanderson was approved 9 – 0 – 0.

D. Committee Appointments

Mr. Kannan stated that his goal is to keep the Committee assignments as they are presently unless a Board Member requests that they would like to move to another Committee. An email will be sent on December 6, 2019 regarding township liaisons.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Clarke reported that there is an additional motion needed to set the Board Action Meeting dates and times.

A motion was made by Mrs. Toy-Dragoni, seconded by Mr. Palmer and unanimously approved with no abstentions to set the Board Action Meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Fallsington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

6. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kannan opened the floor to public comment at 8:10 p.m. The following person came forward and public comment was closed at 8:12 p.m.

Matthew Kane, Lower Makefield Township

Thank you to T.R. Kannan and Board Members

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Sanderson
Assistant Board Secretary