

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

November 16, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Heights Area School District was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Kenneth Heffner.

The meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Recording Secretary called the roll:

<u>✓</u> Mr. Bieber	<u> </u> Mr. Groff	<u>✓</u> Mrs. Grossman
<u>✓</u> Mr. Heffner	<u>✓</u> Mrs. Huhn (6:06 p.m.)	<u>✓</u> Mrs. MacMillan (via Skype)
<u>✓</u> Mr. Rothermel	<u>✓</u> Mr. Sterner	<u> </u> Vacancy

Administration Present:

✓ Mr. Andrew Potteiger, Superintendent
✓ Mrs. Nancy Krauss, Business Manager/Board Secretary
✓ Mrs. Stacey Carpenito, High School Assistant Principal
✓ Mrs. Mary Darrach, Director of Special Education
✓ Mr. Robert Farina, Intermediate/Middle School Principal
✓ Mrs. Carolyn Hanych, Director of Brandywine Virtual Academy
✓ Ms. Stephanie Kelly, Intermediate/Middle School Assistant Principal
 Mr. Robert Kurzweg, Director of Athletics
✓ Mrs. Karen Long, Elementary Principal
✓ Mr. Thomas Voelker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology
✓ Mr. Michael Wetzel, Director of Buildings and Grounds
✓ Mr. Josh Ziatyk, High School Principal

Student Representative: Caylee Lasko

Visitors: Bill Heydt, Mertztown, Michele Moore, Breinigsville, Wendy Pristash, Allentown, John Scheetz, Mertztown, John Chenosky, District Township, Jeff Lapp, Breinigsville, Matt Smith, Fleetwood, Sheridan Ficcaro, Topton, Jennifer Johnson, Fleetwood, Cheryl Bleiler, Fleetwood, Susan Thomas, Mertztown, Lisa Ehrets, Breinigsville, Christina Mathioudis, Mertztown, Michael Federowicz, Mertztown, Tom Hutchinson, Alburdis, Mary Fabian, Alburdis, Angela Warsing, Breinigsville, Michael Kistler, Northampton, Tina Kopp, Bechtelsville.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Moved by Mr. Rothermel, seconded by Mrs. Grossman to accept the resignation of Mr. Sterner as School Board Director (current position, term expires in December 2015), conditional upon appointment to fill the vacant unexpired term of Mr. Travis Porr.

By unanimous voice vote, Mr. Sterner's conditional resignation was accepted.

Candidates for the vacant board position were given the opportunity to share their experiences and interest in joining the school board followed by questions by current board members.

1. Mr. Shawn Sterner
2. Mr. Sheridan Ficcaro
3. Mr. William Heydt

Election of a School Board Director to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a four year term ending December 2017.

A motion was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mr. Rothermel to nominate Mr. Heydt as a School Board Director.

A motion was made by Mr. Rothermel and seconded by Mr. Bieber to nominate Mr. Sterner as a School Board Director.

There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Mrs. Huhn, seconded by Mr. Bieber to close the nominations. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Roll call was taken to vote for School Board Director for the Brandywine Heights Area School District to fulfill a vacancy for the remainder of a four year term ending December 2017.

<u>Heydt</u>	Mr. Bieber	_____	Mr. Groff	<u>Heydt</u>	Mrs. Grossman
<u>Heydt</u>	Mr. Heffner	<u>Sterner</u>	Mrs. Huhn	<u>Sterner</u>	Mrs. MacMillan
<u>Sterner</u>	Mr. Rothermel	_____	Mr. Sterner (resigned)	_____	Vacancy

Tie vote: 3 votes for Mr. Heydt/3 votes for Mr. Sterner/1 Absent/2 Vacant

A second roll call was taken to vote for School Board Director for the Brandywine Heights Area School District to fulfill a vacancy for the remainder of a four year term ending December 2017.

<u>Heydt</u>	Mr. Bieber	_____	Mr. Groff	<u>Heydt</u>	Mrs. Grossman
<u>Heydt</u>	Mr. Heffner	<u>Heydt</u>	Mrs. Huhn	<u>Sterner</u>	Mrs. MacMillan
<u>Sterner</u>	Mr. Rothermel	_____	Mr. Sterner (resigned)	_____	Vacancy

Mr. Heydt was appointed with 4 votes. (2 votes for Mr. Sterner/1 Absent/2 Vacant)

Mr. Heffner asked for an affirming vote to appoint Mr. Heydt as School Board Director to fill the vacant term ending December 2017.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Administration of the Oath

President Heffner administered the oath to Mr. Heyt.

Mr. Heydt was seated with the Board.

Mr. Sterner remains a board member until December 2015.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Bieber and seconded by Mrs. Huhn to approve the Board of Directors Report

Approval of 2015-16 District Goals

A. To approve the 2015-16 District Goals as attached and marked Board A.

Mr. Heffner asked for comments from the public and board members. Mrs. Huhn commented that the Goals were unchanged from the draft received by the Board at the November 2 meeting.

Mr. Chenosky, District Township, commented on district operations and budget process.

Roll call was taken to approve items under the Board of Director's Report.

Y Mr. Bieber

Y Mr. Heffner

Y Mrs. MacMillan (via Skype)

 Mr. Groff

Y Mr. Heydt

Y Mr. Rothermel

Y Mrs. Grossman

Y Mrs. Huhn (6:06 p.m.)

Y Mr. Sterner

Motion Carried – 8 Yeas/1 Absent

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Potteiger presented information to support the air conditioning project for the Elementary and Intermediate/Middle Schools. An administrative recommendation for proceeding will be included on the December 2015 Board agenda.

Mr. John Chenosky, District Township, and Mr. John Scheetz, Longswamp Township, commented on the air conditioning project.

Mr. Potteiger invited everyone to stay for a presentation by Mr. Ziatyk, High School Principal, about the High School Schedule Analysis for consideration of a 7 period day. And if time, the 2016-2017 Budget Overview will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mrs. Grossman to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion Carried

Approved

Nancy K. Krauss, Board Secretary
Katharine K. Seip, Recording Secretary

