

WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

December 4, 2024

In compliance with Section Number 402 and 404 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949 P.L. 30, as amended, the Organization Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Mifflin Area School District was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Current/Outgoing President Matthew Blazeovich at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

Members Present

Judith Ahern, Matthew Blazeovich, Anthony DiCenzo, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, Janelle Kopay, and Kevin Squires were present at Roll Call.

Officials Present

Mr. Jeffrey Soles, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Solomon, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Edward Wehrer, Director of Finance and Operations; and Ms. Amy Schrempf, Solicitor

Pledge to the Flag

Board Secretary Meg Arbasak read the following Notice of Reorganization Meeting:

(Notice on the following page)

NOTICE
WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING

Complying with Section Number 402 and 404 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949 P.L. 30, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Mifflin Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, will be held in the West Mifflin Area Middle School Cafeteria at 81 Commonwealth Avenue, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.



Meg Arbasak
Board Secretary

Open Nominations for Temporary President

The Current/Outgoing President requested a motion to open nominations for Temporary President.

It was moved by Squires, seconded by DiCenzo that the Board of Directors open nominations for Temporary President.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, and Squires Voted "Aye"
MOTION CARRIED.

Thereupon the Current/Outgoing President declared the motion for Temporary President Open.

Nominations for Temporary President

The Current/Outgoing President requested nominations for Temporary President.

Director DiCenzo nominated Mr. Blazeovich as Temporary President.

There being no further nominations, the Current/Outgoing President declared the nomination for Temporary President Closed.

Roll Call vote by Secretary for election of Temporary President:

Ahern	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Blazeovich	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
DiCenzo	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Donahoe	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Englert	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Gajdos	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Kopay	voted for Mr. Blazeovich
Squires	voted for Mr. Blazeovich

Thereupon the Current/Outgoing President declares Mr. Blazeovich elected as Temporary President, who then assumed the chair.

List of Legally Elected and Qualified School Directors

The Secretary submitted the list of legally elected and qualified School Directors.

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West Mifflin Area School District

Reorganization Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

List of Legally Elected and Qualified School Directors

Judith Ahern

Matthew Blazeovich

Anthony DiCenzo

Mark Donahoe

Gina Englert

Joseph Gajdos

Janelle Kopay

Kevin Squires

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Open Nominations for President for Ensuing Year

Temporary President Mr. Blazeovich requested a motion to open nominations for President for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Ahern, seconded by Englert that nominations for President for the ensuing year be opened.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations for the President for Ensuing Year

Temporary President Mr. Blazeovich requested nominations for President for the ensuing year.

Director Englert nominated Mr. Squires for President for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the Temporary President declared the nomination for President Closed.

It was moved by Ahern, seconded by Gajdos that nominations for President for the ensuing year be closed.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

Election for President for Ensuing Year

Temporary President Blazeovich requested the Secretary to call a Roll Call vote for President for the ensuing year:

Roll Call vote by Secretary for election of President for the ensuing year:

Ahern	voted for Mr. Squires
Blazeovich	voted for Mr. Squires
DiCenzo	voted for Mr. Squires
Donahoe	voted for Mr. Squires
Englert	voted for Mr. Squires
Gajdos	voted for Mr. Squires
Kopay	voted for Mr. Squires
Squires	voted for Mr. Squires

Thereupon Temporary President Blazeovich declared Mr. Squires as being elected President of the West Mifflin Area School District Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

President Squires assumed the Chair.

Open Nominations for Vice-President for the Ensuing Year

President Squires requested a motion to open nominations for Vice-President for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by DiCenzo that nominations for the Vice President for the ensuing year be opened.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations for Vice-president for the Ensuing Year

President Squires requested nominations for Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Director Donahoe nominated Mr. DiCenzo as Vice-President for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the President declared the nomination for Vice-President Closed.

It was moved by Blazeovich, seconded by Donahoe that nominations for Vice-President for the ensuing year be closed.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

Election of Vice-President for the Ensuing Year

President Blazeovich requested the Secretary to call a Roll Call Vote for Vice-President for the ensuing year:

Roll Call vote by Secretary for election of President for the ensuing year:

Ahern	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
Blazeovich	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
DiCenzo	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
Donahoe	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
Englert	abstained
Gajdos	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
Kopay	voted for Mr. DiCenzo
Squires	voted for Mr. DiCenzo

Thereupon President Blazeovich declared Mr. DiCenzo elected as Vice-President of the West Mifflin Area School District for the ensuing year.

ROLL CALL STAMP

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Ahern that a new Roll Call Stamp be made with the Directors' names in alphabetical order with the exception of the Vice-President and President. Vice-President's name being next to last and the President's name last.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

SIGNATURE STAMP

It was moved by Ahern, seconded by Blazeovich, to authorize the use of the signature stamp until a new one is received.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEES

President Squires stated that the present Committees will function until new Committees have been designated.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Ahern that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Ahern, Blazeovich, DiCenzo, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay and Squires Voted "Aye."
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Meg Arbasak
Board Secretary

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

To: Board Secretary, West Mifflin Area School District

From: Gina Engert, Board Member

Date: 12-4-2024

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

#13 Election of Vice-President

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

I feel the candidate is a conflict of interest due to his position with the Borough.

Gina Engert

Signature of Board Member

Note: Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote was taken....." (emphasis added)

This memorandum does not have to be utilized when a conflict is defined "by any law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance," for example the School Code (Section 1111) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.