

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Williamsport Area School District of which all members were duly notified and of which due public notice was given as required by Act 84 of 1986, was held on Tuesday evening, March 23, 2021, beginning at 6:01 p.m. President Baer welcomed everyone to our zoom meeting and noted the following:

- 1) The meeting is being recorded.
- 2) The microphones are all muted.
- 3) Board members will need to unmute their microphones to speak.
- 4) Under the Open Forum section of the meeting, anyone wishing to address the Board will need to use the raise hand feature to have their microphone unmuted.
- 5) Board members making and seconding motions will need to state their name for the record.
- 6) All votes will be roll call.

PRESENT: Lori A. Baer, Jennifer Lake, Jane L. Penman, Star Poole, Barbara D. Reeves, Marc Schefsky, Adam C. Welteroth.

ABSENT: Patrick A. Dixon

President Baer announced that an executive session for personnel and attorney advisement was held prior to tonight's meeting.

President Baer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD

The Board asked Dr. Bowers for thoughts on the process to fill the seat. Dr. Bowers suggested that due to the Easter holiday and offices being closed during some of this time, the Board might want to consider moving the regular Board meeting from April 6 to April 13 to allow for more time for individuals interested in being considered for the vacant seat to complete the application process.

The Board discussed prior experiences with the filling of vacancies and clarified with our solicitor, Fred Holland that an April 13 Board meeting would fall within the 30 day limit to fill the vacancy. Mr. Holland confirmed this and noted that the 30-day timeline is for the Board to have the exclusive right to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. The Board can still appoint unless someone files an appeal with the court.

President Baer reminded everyone that the interviews and deliberations must occur in public.

The consensus for the process is as follows:

The process will be similar to that which was used in our last appointment process. Interested individuals will be asked to complete an application with questions and submit the application to the District Superintendent's Office. Applications must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. on April 8. The applications will be forwarded to the Board and interviews will be held during the Board meeting.

President Baer read the following and asked if anyone would be interested in making a motion:

Change the April 6 Board meeting to Tuesday, April 13 for the Board meeting due to the Easter holiday. Board of Directors application would be due on April 8 to the Superintendent's Office. If the Board meeting is held on April 13, it would be at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium and we would hold Board of Director interviews.

Mr. Schefsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Penman to change the date of the April 6 meeting to April 13.

The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

It was noted that the meeting, as of right now, is scheduled to be face-to-face at the Williamsport Area High School Auditorium. All safety protocols including masking, social distancing and temperature screening will be in place.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Schefsky announced that he is spending a tremendous amount of time in Florida caring for his father, in many cases this is 5 days per week. Based on the growing need to do this, he will be tendering his resignation prior to the next Board meeting. President Baer noted that she is appreciative of the service Marc has provided during his tenure on the Board. On behalf of the staff and students, Dr. Bowers thank Mr. Schefsky for his service and his leadership.

Noting that Mr. Schefsky will be missed, Mr. Welteroth asked if the Board would fill both seats at the next meeting. Fred Holland advised that the Board cannot fill the vacancy until Mr. Schefsky's resignation has been received. He did note that if the resignation is received and acted upon early in the meeting that the Board could, if they so choose to fill both vacancies. However, the Board would not have to do this, as they would have 30 days from the time of Mr. Schefsky's resignation to fill the seat created by his resignation.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

Upon motion made by Mrs. Reeves, seconded by Mrs. Lake and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Wanda M. Erb, Board Secretary