

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
DIRECTORS

December 4, 2024

1. Call to Order

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met for Reorganization on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting was board reorganization for the upcoming year, and any other matters that may properly be brought before the Board.

Since a quorum was present, Mr. Robert Ostrander, President, called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No comments.

3. Roll Call of Directors

Present -	Vicki Bozic	Todd Kosenina
	Robert Ostrander	Steven Pons
	Steve Psomas	Tracy Pustover
	Seth Tomei	
Absent -	George Barth	
	Debbie Mirich	
Also Present -	Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor	
	Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent	
	Dr. Chris Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent	
	Mr. George M. Safin, Business Manager	
	Mrs. Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary	
	Other staff members	

4. Election of Temporary Chairperson

At the request of Mr. Ostrander, Mr. Andrews served as “Temporary Chairperson.”

a. Nomination and Election of President

Mr. Andrews requested a motion to open the nominations for “President.” On a motion by Mrs. Bozic, seconded by Mr. Pons, and unanimously carried, it was moved to open the nominations for President.

Mr. Tomei nominated Mr. Ostrander as candidate for President.

On a motion by Mr. Psomas, seconded by Mr. Pons, and unanimously carried, it was moved to close nominations for President and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Mr. Ostrander for the office of President for the 2024 year.

b. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Mr. Ostrander requested a motion to open nominations for "Vice President." On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mr. Psomas, and unanimously carried, it was moved to open the nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Ostrander nominated Mrs. Pustover as candidate for Vice President. On a motion by Mr. Psomas, seconded by Mr. Pons, and unanimously carried, it was moved to close nominations for Vice President and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Mrs. Pustover for the office of Vice President for the 2024 year.

5. Newly elected President and Vice President Assumes Chair

Mr. Ostrander and Mrs. Pustover both thanked the Board and assumed their chairs as President and Vice President.

6. Meeting Schedule Approval

On a motion by Mrs. Bozic, seconded by Mr. Psomas, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the meeting schedule as presented for the coming year. (A copy of the schedule is attached to the official minutes.) Mr. Ostrander pointed out the dates for April and December.

7. Newspaper Approval

On a motion by Mr. Pons, seconded by Mrs. Pustover, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the following newspapers for legal publications during the year 2025:

The Allegheny Times
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

8. Appoint Representatives

Mr. Ostrander announced that representatives would be appointed to the following organizations moving forward:

South Hills Area School District Association (SHASDA)
Parkway West Career and Technical Center
Western Allegheny Community Library
West Allegheny Foundation
Athletic Hall of Fame
Wellness and Safe Schools

9. Appoint Legislative Chairperson

Mr. Ostrander moved to appoint Dr. Nelson as the legislative chairperson for 2025.

10. Appoint Solicitor

On a motion by Mr. Pons, seconded by Mrs. Bozik, and unanimously carried, it was moved to appoint Andrews & Price as the school district solicitor for 2025.

Mr. Andrews thanked the Board for the appointment to continue as solicitor for the district.

Mr. Andrews announced that the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting in regards to litigation and student matters.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Mirich, seconded by Mr. Bartha, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Robert Ostrander, Board President

Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary