

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REORGANIZATION MEETING - DECEMBER 7, 2009  
Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room  
5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

- I. President Horace Cole called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Presentation of Certificates of Election – Mr. Thomas Dirvonas, Solicitor, stated that he received the certificates of election dated 11/3/09 from the County Board of Elections regarding the election of Bob Cooke, Bob Gress, Donald Motts and Douglas A. Freeman to the office of School Director at large for the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Mr. Dirvonas stated that he delivered the originals to the newly elected and re-elected members and will give a copy to the Board secretary for the school files. He stated that Judge Linda Wallach Miller was present this evening again, and has been very cooperative in attending past Board meetings, to give the Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected Board members.
- III. Oath of Office- Honorable Linda Wallach Miller
- Board Members sworn into office were: Robert Cooke, Douglas A. Freeman, Robert Gress and Donald Motts.
- Honorable Linda Wallach Miller stated that she had the pleasure of swearing in Superintendent Laverdure a few days ago and wishes her luck in this new position. She said to the new Board members and re-elected Board members “good luck to you; and, if you do your job well you will not send me any new business”. Mr. Cole thanked Judge Miller on behalf of himself and all Board members present this evening.
- IV. The Board Secretary, Patricia Rosado called the roll. Members present were: James Brunkard, Horace Cole, Robert Cooke, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress, Audrey Hocker (arrived at 5:14 p.m.), Donald Motts, and William Searfoss. Bet Hays was absent. Also present were Thomas Dirvonas and Christopher Brown, Solicitors.
- V. School Personnel Present: Michelle Arnold, Patricia Bader, Anthony Calderone, Eric Forsyth, Lynda Hopkins, Sharon Laverdure, Annelle Prefontaine, Patricia Rosado, Jim Shearouse, Kim Stevens, Tom Williams and Steve Zall.
- VI. Community member present: Robert Huffman
- VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD**
- Mr. Cole announced that the Regular School Board meeting will be on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 in the Board Room. He also announced that the Board will have a brief Executive Session at the end of this meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation.
- VIII. **APPROVAL - LIST OF ELECTED AND CERTIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the list of elected and certified School Board members. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 8-0.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
James Brunkard	2011	62 South Green Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Horace Cole	2011	288 Marguerite Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Robert Cooke	2013	20 Elm Court, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Robert Gress	2013	36 Lions Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Douglas A. Freeman	2013	22 Tego Lake Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
Bet Hays	2011	128 Berwick Heights Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Audrey Hocker	2011	38 Gabriel Estates, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Donald Motts	2013	280 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
William Searfoss	2011	154 East Broad Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Donald Motts to approve the agenda for this Reorganization meeting of December 7, 2009 (pages 1-4), as submitted. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XI. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Horace Cole to elect Robert Gress as Temporary President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education to preside over the election of officers. Motion was seconded by Donald Motts and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**XII. ELECTION -- PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- Nominations:
1. James Brunkard nominated Horace Cole for Board President. Motion was seconded by Donald Motts
  2. Douglas Freeman nominated William Searfoss for Board President. Motion was seconded by Audrey Hocker.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

A roll call vote was taken regarding Mr. Cole's nomination and passed 5-3. James Brunkard, Horace Cole, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress and Donald Motts voted yes. Douglas Freeman, Audrey Hocker and William Searfoss voted no.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss pursuant to the listed agenda item to elect Horace Cole as President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education for a one year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2010. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**XIII. ELECTION -- VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- Nominations:
1. Douglas Freeman nominated William Searfoss for Board Vice President. Motion was seconded by Audrey Hocker
  2. Robert Gress nominated Donald Motts for Board Vice President. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

A roll call was taken regarding Mr. Searfoss' nomination and was defeated 3-5. Douglas Freeman, Audrey Hocker and William Searfoss voted yes. James Brunkard, Horace Cole, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress and Donald Motts voted no.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Robert Gress pursuant to the listed agenda item to elect Donald Motts as Vice President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education for a one year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2010. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**XIV. SCHEDULE OF DATES, TIMES & PLACES - 2010 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the dates, times and locations of the regular meetings of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education for the year 2010. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 8-0.

January	25,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
February	22,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
March	15,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
April	19,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
May	17,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
June	28,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
July	19,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
August	16,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
September	20,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
October	18,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
November	15,	2010	--	7:30 PM -Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
December	6,	2010	--	5:00 PM – Reorganization Meeting – Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room
December	20,	2010	--	7:30 PM - Carl T. Secor Administration Center - Board Room

**XV. ELECTION -- MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

Nominations: 1. James Brunkard nominated Douglas Freeman for MCTI'S Joint Operating Committee. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Donald Motts to appoint Douglas Freeman to complete the remainder of the term of Keith Karkut as a member of the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee ending December 2011. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Nominations: 1. William Searfoss nominated James Brunkard for MCTI'S Joint Operating Committee. Motion was seconded by Donald Motts.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to appoint James Brunkard to membership on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee for the term of December 2009 thru December 2012. Motion was seconded by Donald Motts and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: James Brunkard ..... Current Term Expires December 2009  
Horace Cole..... Current Term Expires December 2010  
Keith Karkut..... Current Term Expires December 2011

**XVI. ELECTION -- MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE ALTERNATES**

Nominations: 1. James Brunkard nominated Robert Gress and Donald Motts for MCTI'S Joint Operating Committee alternates. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was by James Brunkard to appoint Robert Gress and Donald Motts as alternate members to serve on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: Bet Hays and Donald Motts

**XVII. APPOINTMENT -- PSBA LIAISON**

Nominations: 1. William Searfoss nominated Audrey Hocker to be the 2010 PSBA Liaison. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman.  
2. Donald Motts nominated Robert Cooke to be the 2010 PSBA Liaison. Motion was seconded by James Brunkard.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to appoint Audrey Hocker as the 2010 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman. A roll call vote was taken and failed 4-4. Horace Cole, Douglas Freeman, Audrey Hocker, William Searfoss voted yes. James Brunkard, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress and Donald Motts voted no.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Donald Motts to appoint Robert Cooke as the 2010 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison. Motion was seconded by James Brunkard. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-3. James Brunkard, Horace Cole, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress and Donald Motts voted yes. Douglas Freeman, Audrey Hocker and William Searfoss voted no.

Present Chairperson: Keith Karkut

(See pages 5-6)

**XVIII. APPOINTMENT – PSBA PRIDE AND PROMISE CONTACT**

Nominations: 1. Audrey Hocker nominated Sharon Laverdure to be the PSBA Pride and Promise Contact. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Audrey Hocker to appoint Sharon Laverdure as the 2010 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Pride and Promise Contact. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Contact: Rachael R. Heath

**XIX. COMMITTEES**

1.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to appoint/reappoint James Brunkard, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress, Audrey Hocker, Donald Motts and William Searfoss as members of the Budget Advisory Committee to serve on such Committee until further action of the Board is taken to modify the membership of said Committee. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Current Members: Donald Motts, Chairperson  
James Brunkard, Vice Chairperson  
Bob Gress

Audrey Hocker  
Keith Karkut  
William Zacharias

2.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint/reappoint James Brunkard, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress, Audrey Hocker and Donald Motts as members of the Property/Facilities Committee to serve on such Committee until further action of the Board is taken to modify the membership of said Committee. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Current Members: Keith Karkut, Chairperson  
James Brunkard  
Bob Gress  
Audrey Hocker  
Donald Motts

3.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint Audrey Hocker and William Searfoss as members of the Policy Committee to serve on such Committee until further action of the Board is taken to modify the membership of said Committee. Motion was seconded by Audrey Hocker. A roll call vote was taken and passed 6-2. Horace Cole, Robert Cooke, Douglas Freeman, Audrey Hocker, Donald Motts and William Searfoss voted yes. James Brunkard and Robert Gress voted no.

Current Members: New Committee

4.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to appoint James Brunkard, Robert Cooke, Douglas Freeman and Donald Motts as members of the Negotiation Committee (Professional Staff) to serve on such Committee until further action of the Board is taken to modify the membership of said Committee. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Current Members: New Committee

**XX. ADJOURNMENT 5:50 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado  
Board Secretary