

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2012

Carl T. Secor Administration Center – Board Room

5:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Board President, William Searfoss, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Board Secretary, Patricia Rosado, called the roll. Members present were: Ronald Bradley, Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress, Roy Horton, Marjorie James (by speakerphone), Michael Meachem and William Searfoss. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas, Solicitor.
- III. School Personnel Present: Jeffrey Bader, Anthony Calderone, Sharon Laverdure, Patricia Rosado and Jim Shearouse.
- Community member presents: Robert C. Huffman, Verona Meachem, Michal Peterson, Gary Summers and Judy Summers.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD

None

V. LIST OF ELECTED AND CERTIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to approve the list of elected and certified School Board members. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ronald Bradley	2015	21 Big Ridge Estates, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
Robert Cooke	2013	20 Elm Court, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Eileen Featherman	2015	259 East Broad Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Douglas Freeman	2013	22 Tego Lake Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
Robert Gress	2013	36 Lions Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Roy Horton	2015	164 The Glen, Tamiment, PA 18371
Marjorie James	2015	3 Kiwanis Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Michael Meachem	2013	227 The Glen, Tamiment, PA 18371
William Searfoss	2015	154 East Broad Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to approve the agenda for this meeting, December 3, 2012 (pages 1-3), as submitted. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Limited to Agenda Items

None

VIII. **ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT**

Nomination:

Douglas Freeman nominated Robert Cooke as Temporary President. Nomination was seconded by Roy Horton.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint Robert Cooke as Temporary President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education to preside over the election of officers. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously,

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

Nominations:

Eileen Featherman nominated William Searfoss as President. Nomination was seconded by Douglas Freeman.

Ronald Bradley nominated Roy Horton as President. Nomination was seconded by Michael Meachem.

Robert Gress motioned to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Michael Meachem and carried unanimously, 9-0.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint William Searfoss 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 2013. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman. A roll call vote was taken and passed 8-1. Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress, Roy Horton, Marjorie James, Michael Meachem and William Searfoss voted yes. Ronald Bradley voted no.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint William Searfoss 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 2013. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress and carried unanimously, 9-0.

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

Nominations:

Ronald Bradley nominated Roy Horton as Vice President. Nomination was seconded by Marjorie James.

Eileen Featherman nominated Robert Cooke as Vice President. Nomination was seconded by Roy Horton.

Michael Meachem motioned to close the nominations. Motion was seconded Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Roy Horton 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 2013. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James. A roll call vote was taken and failed 4-5. Ronald Bradley, Roy Horton, Marjorie James and Michael Meachem voted yes. Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress and William Searfoss voted no.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint Robert Cooke 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 2013. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-4. Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman, Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress and William Searfoss voted yes. Ronald Bradley, Roy Horton, Marjorie James and Michael Meachem voted no.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint Robert Cooke 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 2013. Motion was seconded by Eileen Featherman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XI. SCHEDULE OF DATES, TIMES & PLACES - 2013 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Suggestions:

Thomas Dirvonas suggested going through each date and determine where to have each meeting.
Roy Horton reminded the Board that the winter months are hard for some to travel to an alternate location.
Eileen Featherman suggested going to Middle Smithfield Elementary for the May meeting as an offsite location.
Michael Meachem suggested going to High School North for the July, September, October and November meetings.
William Searfoss said once we leave the administration board room there are problems with sound at the alternate locations.
Ronald Bradley suggested having all meetings simultaneously broadcasted at High School North and Middle Smithfield Elementary.
Sharon Laverdure said this may pose a problem with needing personnel at both locations.
Roy Horton suggested having all meetings simultaneously broadcasted at High School North.
Robert Gress suggested possibly having special meetings at the North campus.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to approve the dates and times of the regular meetings of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education in the Administration Board Room and simultaneously broadcasted at High School North. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and passed 8-1. Michael Meachem voted no.

January	28,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
February	25,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
March	18,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
April	15,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
May	20,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
June	17,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
July	15,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
August	19,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
September	16,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
October	21,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
November	18,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room
December	2,	2013	--	5:30 PM - Reorganization Meeting – Administration Center Board Room
December	16,	2013	--	7:00 PM - Administration Center Board Room

XII. ELECTION -- MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Gress to appoint Roy Horton to membership for the term of December 2012 thru December 2015. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Robert Cooke..... Current Term Expires December 2013
Douglas Freeman... Current Term Expires December 2014
Robert Gress Current Term Expires December 2012

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

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint Robert Gress and William Searfoss as alternate members to serve on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee for the term ending December 2013. Motion was seconded by Michael Meachem and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Roy Horton and William Searfoss

XIV. APPOINTMENT -- PSBA LIAISON

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Gress to appoint Eileen Featherman as the 2013 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison. Motion was seconded by Douglas Freeman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Liaison: Eileen Featherman

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XV. COMMITTEES

1a.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to reappoint the existing members of the Budget Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Ronald Bradley, Robert Gress, Roy Horton, Marjorie James and Michael Meachem

1b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to appoint Michael Meachem as the Chairperson for the Budget Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2a.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to reappoint the existing members of the Property/Facilities Committee. Motion was seconded by Michael Meachem and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Ronald Bradley, Robert Cooke, Robert Gress and Roy Horton

2b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Michael Meachem to appoint Robert Gress as the Chairperson for the Property/Facilities Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

3a.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to reappoint existing members of the Policy Review Committee. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Roy Horton, Michael Meachem and William Searfoss

3b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Michael Meachem to appoint Roy Horton as the Chairperson for the Policy Review Committee. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0.

4a.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to appoint Eileen Featherman and reappoint Marjorie James and Michael Meachem , as members of the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Motion was seconded by Ronald Bradley and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Douglas Freeman, Marjorie James and Michael Meachem

4b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Michael Meachem as the Chairperson for the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

5a.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Roy Horton and reappoint Robert Gress and Michael Meachem, as members of the Meet & Discuss Committee – Act 93. Motion was seconded by Michael Meachem and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Douglas Freeman, Robert Gress and Michael Meachem,

5b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Douglas Freeman to appoint Robert Gress as the Chairperson for the Meet & Discuss Committee – Act 93. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT/INFORMATION

Mr. Robert Huffman asked why is there no appointment for the IU 20. Mrs. Laverdure said that Mrs. Featherman's term does not end until June 2013.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado
Board Secretary