

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2013

Carl T. Secor Administration Center – Board Room

5:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Board President, William Searfoss, called the meeting to order at 5:36 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 11/5/13 from the County Board of Elections regarding the election of Bob Cooke, Bob Gress, Ryan Stevens and Gary Summers 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 David Williamson was present this evening to give the Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected Board members.
- III. Oath of Office- Honorable David Williamson
Board Members sworn into office were: Robert Cooke, Robert Gress, Ryan Stevens and Gary Summers.
- IV. Board Secretary, Patricia Rosado, called the roll. Members present were: Ronald Bradley, Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman, Robert Gress, Roy Horton, Marjorie James, William Searfoss, Ryan Stevens and Gary Summers. Also present were: Thomas Dirvonas and Christopher Brown, Solicitors.

School Personnel Present: Jeffrey Bader, Ben Brenneman, Anthony Calderone, Carol Deane-Gardner, Irene Duggins, Eric Forsyth, Sharon Laverdure, Fred Mill, Patricia Rosado, Paul H. Schmid, Michael Slesinski, Kim Stevens and Thomas J. Williams.

Community member presents: Kwaku Adjei-Bohyen, Pete Begley, Joyce Billeck, Dan Hagen, Robert C. Huffman, Maury J. Molin, Donna Stevens and Judy Summers.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD

None

VI. LIST OF ELECTED AND CERTIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ronald Bradley	2015	529 Eagle Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
Robert Cooke	2017	12 Oak Leaf Lane, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Eileen Featherman	2015	259 East Broad Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Robert Gress	2017	36 Lions Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Roy Horton	2015	1008 Woody End Way, Tamiment, PA 18371
Marjorie James	2015	3 Kiwanis Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
William Searfoss	2015	154 East Broad Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Ryan J. Stevens	2017	2216 Buck Horn Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
Gary Summers	2017	3174 Pine Valley Way, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Cooke to approve the agenda for this meeting, December 3, 2013 (pages 1-4), as submitted. Motion was seconded by Eileen Featherman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Limited to Agenda Items

None

IX. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Gress to appoint Roy Horton as Temporary President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education to preside over the election of officers. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

X. ELECTION -- PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominations: Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint William Searfoss as President. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress.

Motion was made by Gary Summers to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley 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 Board of Education in December 2014. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XI. ELECTION -- VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominations: Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint Robert Cooke as Vice President. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James.

Motion was made by Roy Horton to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Eileen Featherman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton 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 Board of Education in December 2014. Motion was seconded by Eileen Featherman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XII. SCHEDULE OF DATES, TIMES & PLACES - 2014 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommendations: Eileen Featherman recommended filling in the missing date in April as April 14, 2014 and Gary Summer seconded it. Robert Cooke recommended filling the missing date in December as December 2, 2014 and Eileen Featherman seconded it.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Cooke to approve the dates and times of the regular meetings of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education, all to be held in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

January	27,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
February	24,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
March	17,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
April	14,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
May	19,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
June	16,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
July	21,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
August	18,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
September	15,	2014	--	7:0 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
October	20,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
November	17,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
December	2,	2014	--	5:30 PM (Reorganization – in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room)
December	15,	2014	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room

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

1.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Roy Horton to appoint Ryan Stevens to complete the remainder of the term of Douglas Freeman as a member of the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee ending December 2014. Motion was seconded by Eileen Featherman and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2.

Nominations: Roy Horton nominated Ronald Bradley to membership on the MCTI JOC. Mr. Bradley declined.

Eileen Featherman nominated Gary Summers to membership on the MCTI JOC. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint Gary Summers to membership on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee for the term of December 2013 thru December 2016. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Robert Cooke.....Current Term Expires December 2013
Douglas Freeman ...Current Term Expires December 2014
Roy HortonCurrent Term Expires December 2015

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

Nominations: Eileen Featherman nominated Robert Gress as an alternate member on the MCTI JOC. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton.

Ronald Bradley nominated William Searfoss as an alternate member on the MCTI JOC. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Robert Gress and William Searfoss as alternate members to serve on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Robert Gress and William Searfoss
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XV. APPOINTMENT -- PSBA LIAISON

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Eileen Featherman as the 2014 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Liaison: Eileen Featherman

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XVI. COMMITTEES

1a.

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

Nominations: Ronald Bradley nominated Gary Summers, Ronald Bradley (himself), Robert Gress and Marjorie James. Mrs. James declined. He then asked Mr. Stevens and he accepted. Roy Horton seconded it.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint/reappoint Ronald Bradley, Robert Gress, Ryan Stevens and Gary Summers as members of the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

1b.

Nominations: Ronald Bradley made a motion for Gary Summers to be appointed Chairperson. Marjorie James seconded it. Mr. Summers declined.

Eileen Featherman made a motion for Robert Gress to be appointed as Chairperson for the Finance Committee. Roy Horton seconded it. Mr. Gress declined.

Gary Summers made a motion for Ronald Bradley to be appointed as Chairperson for the Finance Committee. Eileen Featherman seconded it. Mr. Bradley declined.

Roy Horton made a motion for Ryan Stevens to be appointed as Chairperson for the Finance Committee. Mr. Stevens declined.

Mr. Gress reconsidered.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Eileen Featherman to appoint Robert Gress as the Chairperson for the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2a.

Nominations: Mr. Bradley nominated Gary Summers as a member of the Property/Facilities Committee. Mr. Summers accepted.

Mrs. Featherman nominated Ronald Bradley as a member of the Property/Facilities Committee. Mr. Bradley accepted.

Mrs. Featherman nominated Robert Cooke as a member of the Property/Facilities Committee. Mr. Cooke accepted.

Mrs. James nominated Roy Horton as a member of the Property/Facilities Committee. Mr. Horton accepted.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint/reappoint Ronald Bradley, Robert Cooke, Roy Horton and Gary Summers as members of the Property/Facilities Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Ronald Bradley, Robert Cooke, Eileen Featherman and Robert Gress.

2b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Gary Summers to appoint Robert Cooke as the Chairperson for the Property/Facilities Committee. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

3a.

Nominations: Robert Cooke nominated Marjorie James as a member of the Policy Review Committee.
Eileen Featherman nominated William Searfoss as a member of the Policy Review Committee.
Marjorie James nominated Ryan Stevens as a member of the Policy Review Committee.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Cooke to appoint/reappoint Marjorie James, William Searfoss and Ryan Stevens as members of the Policy Review Committee. Motion was seconded as Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Marjorie James, Michael Meachem and William Searfoss

3b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Cooke to appoint Marjorie James as the Chairperson for the Policy Review Committee. Motion was seconded by Roy Horton and carried unanimously, 9-0.

4a.

Nominations: Robert Cooke nominated Eileen Featherman and Marjorie James as members of the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Mrs. Featherman and Mrs. James accepted.

Marjorie James nominated Roy Horton as a member of the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Mr. Horton declined.

Marjorie James nominated Gary Summers as a member of the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Mr. Summers accepted.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Cooke to appoint/reappoint Eileen Featherman, Marjorie James and Gary Summers as members of the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Motion was seconded by Gary Summers and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Present Members: Eileen Featherman, Marjorie James and Michael Meachem

4b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Marjorie James to appoint Eileen Featherman as the Chairperson for the Negotiation Committee – Support Staff. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

5a.

Nomination: Ronald Bradley nominated Eileen Featherman, Marjorie James and Gary Summers as members of the Negotiation Committee – Professional Staff. Mr. Summers declined. Mrs. James and Mrs. Featherman accepted.

Marjorie James nominated Robert Cooke as a member of the Negotiation Committee – Professional Staff. Mr. Cooke declined.

Marjorie James nominated Will Searfoss as a member of the Negotiation Committee – Professional Staff. Mr. Searfoss accepted.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Ronald Bradley to appoint Eileen Featherman, Marjorie James and William Searfoss as members of the Negotiation Committee – Professional Staff. Motion was seconded by Marjorie James and carried unanimously, 9-0.

5b.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss to appoint Eileen Featherman as the Chairperson for the Negotiation Committee – Professional Staff. Motion was seconded by Robert Cooke and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

- A. Mr. Searfoss asked the committee members to take a few minutes to set their meetings for the year. Mrs. Laverdure suggested that the committee meetings occur prior to the Wednesday when the Board book is prepared in order to avoid having addendum items.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION -- There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Reorganization Meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel and negotiations.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado
Board Secretary