

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REORGANIZATION MEETING - DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**Carl T. Secor Administration Center – Board Room  
5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

- I. **The Board President**, Lisa VanWhy, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Presentation of Certificates of Election** – Mr. Christopher Brown, Solicitor, stated that earlier this evening he presented the new Board members with their certificates of election, which were provided from the Monroe County Board of Elections Office in the usual form. Mr. Brown said the certificates read as follows: We, the undersigned members of the County Board of Elections of said county, hereby certify that after tabulating the votes cast at the Municipal Election held on the fifth day of November 2019, in said county it appears that Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Sharone Jones, Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy were duly elected to the Office of School Director at Large for the East Stroudsburg Area School District in the county aforesaid and executed by the Board of Elections and attested by the County Director of Elections. He stated that he invited The Honorable Judge David J. Williamson of the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County to administer the Oath of Office to the new Board members.

The Honorable Judge David J. Williamson asked the elected Board members to stand; Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla-Rodriguez, Sharone Jones, Deborah Kulick and Lisa VanWhy. He asked them to raise their right hand and repeat after him as follows:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. The oath was signed by each Board member and the Honorable Judge Williamson.

- III. **The Board Secretary**, Patricia Rosado, called the roll. Members present were: George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond, Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick, Richard Schlameuss and Lisa VanWhy. Also present was Christopher Brown, Solicitor.
- IV. **School Personnel Present**: Brian Baddick, Ben Brenneman, Anthony Calderone, Joe Formica, Trene Lurry, Tom McIntyre, Fred Mill, Ryan Moran, William Riker, Patricia Rosado and Steve Zall.
- V. **Community member presents**: Samuel Arroyo, Maura Bear, Russ Bear, Breanna Betance, Marion Blount, Erica Broussard, Nichele Brown, Jihan Colletta, Melinda Crer, Kimberly DeBlasio, Louisa Dombloski, Renee Fletcher, E. Marie Gales, Thomas Gansel, Cynthia Giovas, Joyce Green, Jason Gullstrand, Robert C. Huffman, S. Jefferies, Sharon Jens, Keith Karkut, Yolanda Kelly, Jamie Kizek, Adria Laboy, Ken Livingston, Cassandra Moss, Jacob Pride, Roberto Rodriguez, Shirley Rodriguez, Kathryne Ruhright, Cynthia Santiago, Carol Soares, Sheneese Starr, Ateshia Stewart and Chareem Williams-Edwards.

**VI. LIST OF ELECTED AND CERTIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by George Andrews to approve the list of elected and certified School Board members. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 8-0.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
George Andrews	2021
Rebecca Bear	2023
Damary Bonilla-Rodriguez	2023
Larry Dymond	2021
Sharone Jones	2023
Deborah Kulick	2023
Richard Schlameuss	2021
Lisa VanWhy	2023

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to adopt this agenda for December 3, 2019, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Richard Schlameuss and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Limited to Agenda Items**

None

**IX. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT**

Nominations:

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Lisa VanWhy as Temporary President. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco.

Motion was made by George Andrews to appoint Richard Schlameuss as Temporary President. Motion was seconded by Larry Dymond.

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Lisa VanWhy as Temporary President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education to preside over the election of the Board President. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco. A roll call vote was taken and failed 3-5. Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy voted yes. George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond and Richard Schlameuss voted no.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by George Andrews to appoint Richard Schlameuss Temporary President of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education to preside over the election of Board President. Motion was seconded by Larry Dymond. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-3. George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond and Richard Schlameuss voted yes. Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy voted no.

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

Nominations:

Motion was made by George Andrews to appoint Richard Schlameuss as President. Motion was seconded by Larry Dymond.

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Lisa VanWhy as President. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy.

Motion was made by George Andrews to appoint Larry Dymond as President. Motion was seconded by Damary Bonilla.

Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by George Andrews to appoint Richard Schlameuss 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 2020. Motion was seconded by Larry Dymond. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-3. George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond, Richard Schlameuss voted yes. Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy voted no.

Nominations:

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Lisa VanWhy as Vice President. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy.

Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to appoint Larry Dymond as Vice President. Motion was seconded by George Andrews.

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 8-0.

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

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Lisa VanWhy 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 2020. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy. A roll call vote was taken and failed 3-5. Sharone Glasco, Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy voted yes. George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond and Richard Schlameuss voted no.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to appoint Larry Dymond 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 2020. Motion was seconded by George Andrews. A roll call vote was taken and passed 6-2. George Andrews, Rebecca Bear, Damary Bonilla, Larry Dymond, Sharone Glasco, Richard Schlameuss voted yes. Debbie Kulick and Lisa VanWhy voted no.

**XII. SCHEDULE OF DATES, TIMES & PLACES - 2020 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick 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, except as noted. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy.

Motion was made by George Andrews to amend the motion to meet in the High School North – Library on May 18, 2020 and September 21, 2020. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Amended motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

January	27,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
February	24,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
March	16,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
April	20,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
May	18,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the High School North – Library
June	22,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
July	20,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
August	17,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
September	21,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the High School North – Library
October	19,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
November	16,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room
December	1,	2020	--	5:30 PM (Reorganization – in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room)
December	21,	2020	--	7:00 PM in the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Board Room

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

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Debbie Kulick as member on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee for the term of December 2019 through December 2022. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy can carried unanimously 8-0.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Larry Dymond to complete Robert Huffiman’s term from December 2019 through 2020 on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee. Motion was seconded by Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: Larry Dymond..... Current Term Expires December 2019  
Robert Huffiman..... Current Term Expires December 2020  
Lisa VanWhy..... Current Term Expires December 2021

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

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to appoint George Andrews and Rebecca Bear as alternate members to serve on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: George Andrews and Keith Karkut

**XV. APPOINTMENT -- PSBA LIAISON**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Sharone Glasco as the 2020 Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

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Present Liaison: Wayne Rohner

**XVI. APPOINTMENT TO THE COLONIAL I.U. #20 BOARD**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to appoint Damary Bonilla to complete Robert Huffman’s term from December 2019 through June 30, 2022, on the Colonial I.U. #20 Board. Motion was seconded by George Andrews and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**XVII. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – EBTEP TRUST**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**  
Motion was made by George Andrews to reappoint Larry Dymond, as Board Representative to the EBTEP Trust for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Representative: Larry Dymond

## XVIII. COMMITTEES

1a.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to reappoint/appoint Rich Schlameuss, George Andrews, Larry Dymond and Rebecca Bear as members of the Finance Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Damary Bonilla and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: George Andrews, Larry Dymond, Jason Gullstrand and Richard Schlameuss

1b.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Rebecca Bear as the Chairperson for the Finance Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Larry Dymond and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Chairperson: Richard Schlameuss

2a.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to reappoint/appoint George Andrews, Larry Dymond and Lisa VanWhy as members of the Property/Facilities Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: George Andrews, Larry Dymond, Keith Karkut and Wayne Rohner

2b.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to appoint Lisa VanWhy as the Chairperson for the Property/Facilities Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Chairperson: Wayne Rohner

3a.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Lisa VanWhy to reappoint/appoint Sharone Glasco, Damary Bonilla, Rebecca Bear and George Andrews as members of the Policy Review Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: George Andrews, Robert Huffman, Wayne Rohner and Richard Schlameuss

3b.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to appoint Sharone Glasco as the Chairperson for the Policy Review Committee for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Chairperson: Robert Huffman

4a.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by George Andrews to reappoint/appoint Richard Schlameuss, Damary Bonilla, Lisa VanWhy and Debbie Kulick as members of the Negotiations Committee – Professional Staff for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco and passed 7-1. George Andrews voted no.

Present Members: Debbie Kulick, Richard Schlameuss and Lisa VanWhy

4b.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to appoint Damary Bonilla as the Chairperson for the Negotiations Committee – Professional Staff for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Chairperson: Lisa VanWhy

5.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Rebecca Bear to reappoint/appoint Debbie Kulick, Lisa VanWhy and Damary Bonilla and Richard Schlameuss as members of the Language in Contracts Committee – Professional Staff for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Sharone Glasco and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Members: Debbie Kulick, Richard Schlameuss and Lisa VanWhy

6.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to appoint Sharone Glasco as Board Representative to the Tax Incremental Financing Committee for the proposed Smithfield Gateway project for a one-year term ending with the next reorganization meeting of the School Board in December 2020. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Bear and carried unanimously, 8-0.

Present Representative: Richard Schlameuss

**XIX. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES DISCUSSION**

Mr. Schlameuss said the Finance Committee normally meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month unless there is a conflict. When MCTI meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, the Committee meets on Tuesday. Mrs. VanWhy said MCTI will be meeting next Monday; therefore, posing a conflict with the Finance Committee meeting. The Committee can meet on Tuesday. Mr. McIntyre said he is not available on Tuesday but he will see if the Assistant Financial Officer is available to meet. Mr. Schlameuss said he would prefer for Mr. McIntyre to be present since they will be talking about the budget. Ms. Bear said she cannot meet on Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Dymond who sits on the MCTI Committee will have a conflict with meeting on Monday. Mr. Schlameuss said we can operate with three individuals on the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Center Board Room. The Committee needs to meet before the Board packets are prepared; therefore, they will meet every second Monday of each month, unless there is a conflict.

Mrs. VanWhy said the Property/Facilities Committee can meet the first Wednesday each month. They will not meet this month since Mr. Ihle is not available this week and it needs to be advertised. Mr. Ihle said he has invoices that can be submitted to the Finance Committee meeting this month. Mr. Schlameuss said since the first Wednesday in January is the 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day, the Finance Committee will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup>; therefore, the Property/Facilities Committee can meet on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, they can meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Schlameuss said typically the Policy Review Committee met on the night of each Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Committee members agreed to continue meeting on this date and time.

Mr. Schlameuss said they will decide at another time when to meet for the Contract and Negotiations Committees.

**XX. BOARD VACANCY DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Schlameuss said we received a packet with letters from individuals who expressed an interest in the Board vacancy seat. He asked the Board members to review the letters and take time to discern the best possible candidate for the Board. Everyone will hear from all of the candidates at the December Regular Board meeting, which is scheduled for December 16, 2019. One candidate will be chosen to fill this position.

Ms. Glasco asked if the individuals' names who expressed an interest in the Board vacancy are public knowledge. Mr. Brown said we have not publicized it but it's not confidential. This information can be obtained through a Right-to-Know Request; therefore, if Ms. Glasco wishes she can inform the public tonight. Ms. Glasco said the following individuals expressed an interest in the Board Vacancy Seat: Irene Livingston, Bob Gress, Jason Gullstrand, Keith Karkut, Robert Huffman, Kimberly DeBlasio, and Wayne Rohner.

**XXI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There will be an Executive Session immediately following the Reorganization Meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy and carried unanimously, 8-0.

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT 6:18 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado,  
Board Secretary