

**Warren County Board of Elections  
Jackson Courtroom  
December 8, 2021 12:26 p.m.**

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the Board of Elections meeting to order with Commissioner Tricia Durbin and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director, Krystal Ransom, Deputy Director of Elections Phil Gilbert, Director of Tax Claim and Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Sally Eaton, and Karen Black

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the meeting to order stating that the meeting is being recorded.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Approval of the November 24, 2021 Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to approve the minutes of November 24, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Vacated School Board Position:** Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that he has received correspondence from the solicitor for the Warren County School District (WCSD) regarding the withdrawal from Chloe Shaffer.

Ms. Shaffer was duly elected to the school board, but she did not show for the reorganizational meeting. When contacted, she sent an email stating that she will be leaving the area and will not be able to full fill her position on the school board.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that his opinion after reading the election law is that when the election took place, Ms. Shaffer was certified by the board of elections, as she got the most votes. This is a withdrawal as the position has not really started (January 1, 2022). If she would have given this same notice in January 2022 it would be considered a resignation as the position would have been started.

In order to appoint the next highest vote getter, the candidate should have withdrawn from the race 85 days before the election so that the party could have appointed someone else to the ballot. This did not happen therefore it does not go to the next highest vote getter.

This position is now vacant and the WCSD has the right to appoint someone. Krystal Ransom, Deputy Director of Elections stated that the appointed person will hold a two-year term.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated he will reach out to Attorney Byham with this answer. Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt then stated that in reality, the board of elections need not take any action today.

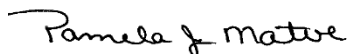
Commissioner Jeff Eggleston asked for a written memo from Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt for our records so that if there are any questions, we can give a copy of the memo.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** With nothing further, motion was made Commissioner Tricia Durbin, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Eggleston to adjourn the election board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk



Approved:



Jeff Eggleston  
Warren County Commissioner