

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005

1. Opening Activities

A. Introduction of Holdover Board Members, Superintendent, Solicitor, Treasurer, and Board Secretary – Mr. John Grant, Superintendent

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the Board room of the Warren County Career Center, Warren, PA. He made the following introductions:

Holdover members:

Mr. David Come - Absent
Mr. Kevin Freestone
Mr. Richard Lyle

Mrs. Jacqueline Nuttall
Mr. John Schwanke - Absent

Solicitor:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Chris Byham

Treasurer:

Mr. Darin Schulz

Board Secretary

Mrs. Ruth Huck

Mrs. Nuttall announced that the Board held an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Nuttall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

C. Elect Temporary President

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Richard Lyle that the Board of School Directors elects Jacqueline Nuttall as Temporary President.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

D. Oath of Office

Ruth Huck read the list of legally elected and qualified board members:

Region I:	David C. Wortman	2570
	Jack L. Martin	2529

Region II: Anthony Smead 2544

Region III: Thomas K. Knapp 2435

The oaths of office were administered by Jacqueline Nuttall and signed copies of the oaths were presented to the Board Secretary. Mr. Wortman and Mr. Smead did not take the oath of office.

Mrs. Nuttall announced that she received a letter from Anthony Smead, Region II, and that he would not be taking the seat on the Board of School Directors.

E. Resolution to Appoint New Board Member

It was moved by Richard Lyle and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors declares vacant the Region II seat elected on November 8, 2005, based upon the letter from Anthony Smead, dated November 14, 2005, indicating that he intends to refuse to qualify as a school director for the Warren County School District and that the Board of School Directors appoints Roger Dunham to the position of school director for Region II for two years.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

F. Oath of Office Administered to Newly Appointed Board Member

Mr. Dunham took the oath of office and a signed copy was presented to the Board Secretary.

G. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mr. Roger Dunham
Mr. Kevin Freestone
Mr. Thomas Knapp
Mr. Richard Lyle

Dr. Jack Martin
Mrs. Jacki Nuttall
Mr. David Wortman

Board Members Absent:

Mr. David Come
Mr. John Schwanke

Others Present:

Mr. John Grant, Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. John Sechriest, Executive Director of Learning Opportunities; Mr. Mark Eberl, Executive Director of Support Services; Mr. Joseph Tassone, Director of Instructional Services; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Technology / Information Management; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mr. Darin Schulz, Business Administrator; Mr. Arthur Stewart, Solicitor; Mr.

Chris Byham, Assistant to Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Robert Seiden, Kinzua Broadcasting; Mr. Chuck Hayes, Times Observer; Mr. Eugene Casasanta, Hearing Officer; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants and Foundation Development; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Jack Werner, Coordinator of District-wide Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Principal; Mr. Mark Nelson, Supervisor of Special Education; Ms. Claudia Solinko, WCEA President; Ms. Nancy Ondrasik, Principal; Mr. Pat Cronmiller, Principal; Mr. Jim Miller, Principal; Ms. Deb Dwyer, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Delores Berry, Principal; Ms. Maryann Mead, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Deb Young, Principal; Dr. Karen Pascale, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, Nurse; Mr. Mike Roni, Mr. Marty Mahan and approximately 20 unidentified members of the audience.

2. New Business

A. Election of President

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Jack Martin that the Board of School Directors nominates Jacki Nuttall for Board President.

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Roger Dunham that the nominations be closed.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous to close nominations

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous to elect Mrs. Nuttall as president.

B. Newly Elected President takes over the meeting.

C. Election of Vice President

It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by Jack Martin that the Board of School Directors nominates Kevin Freestone as the Vice-President.

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Roger Dunham that the nominations be closed.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous to close the nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous to elect Mr. Freestone as Vice-President.

D. Officers' Authorization - Payments

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors authorizes the officers of the board to draw orders for payrolls and for payment of bonds, interest, utilities and other pertinent bills as they come due.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

E. Dates and Place of Board Meetings

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Thomas Knapp that all regular Board meetings be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania, on the dates listed.

Board Meeting Schedule
(2006)

January 9, 2006

February 13, 2006

March 13, 2006

April 10, 2006

May 8, 2006

June 12, 2006

July 10, 2006 (Tentative)

August 14, 2006

September 11, 2006

October 9, 2006

November 13, 2006

December 4, 2006

(Organizational Meeting precedes regular meeting)

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

F. Dates and Place of Committee Meetings (attachments pp. 1-2)

It was moved by Richard Lyle and seconded by Kevin Freestone that all committee meetings be scheduled at the Curwen Building, 185 Hospital Drive, Warren, Pennsylvania, with the dates and times listed.

The result of the vote was: Passing with Dr. Martin voting no.

G. Appointment of Committee Members

Mrs. Nuttall asked that the Board members get a committee preference form to her as to the committees each would like to serve on for the coming year.

3. Closing Activities

A. Adjournment

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Richard Lyle that the Board of School Directors adjourns the Organizational Meeting.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President