

EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
ORGANIZATION MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

Board Room  
800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Board Secretary Cecilia R. Birdsell called the Organization Meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced that Mr. Earnshaw is coming to the meeting via Skype from Tokyo.

Board Members Present: K. Bacher, C. Ballard, L. Donches, A. Earnshaw (via Skype), F. Fuller, R. Heid, M. Policano, S. Rhodes, III, J. Stolz

Solicitor: Bob Magee, Esq., Worth, Magee, & Fisher

Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell

Treasurer: Lynn Glancy

Press Present: Peggy Himinitz, Emmaus.Patch.com Reporter

2. Requests to Address the Board

Susan Coenen, 6220 Wheatland Drive, Macungie commented on the proposal to make Willow Lane School a walking school. She spoke about the meeting with parents that was held on November 27. She had a concern about arrival/dismissal times and made several suggestions on how the district administration should work with parents, teachers, Board members, Township officials, bus company representatives and other agencies that are involved in the decision. She felt the district was trying to make the decision too quickly and should slow down. She felt there should be more public input and better advertising. She received an Edulink call two weeks before the meeting and did not receive any further updates either on the district's or the school's web site.

3. Election of President Pro Tempore

Miss Birdsell called for nominations for President Pro Tempore.

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Bacher

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors appoint Samuel Rhodes, III as President Pro Tempore.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

4. Election of Board President

Mr. Rhodes called for nominations for President. The following nominations for President were introduced:

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Bacher

RESOLVED, That Alan Earnshaw be nominated for President

Motion by Stolz, Seconded by Heid

RESOLVED, That Charles Ballard be nominated for President.

A motion made by Mr. Policano to nominate Ms. Lynn Donches as President failed for the lack of a second.

The resolution to nominate Alan Earnshaw as President failed by the following ballot\* vote:

Aye: Bacher, Earnshaw, Fuller, Rhodes-----4

Abstain: Donches, Heid, Policano, Stolz-----4

Mr. Ballard voted for himself. Mr. Earnshaw voted by text message.

The resolution to nominate Charles Ballard as President was adopted by the following ballot\* vote:

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Heid, Policano, Stolz-----5

Abstain: Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Rhodes-----4

Mr. Earnshaw voted by text message.

Mr. Ballard was elected President.

5. Election of Board Vice President

Mr. Ballard called for nominations for Vice President.

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Rhoads  
RESOLVED, That Mr. Alan Earnshaw be nominated as Vice President.

Motion by Policano, Seconded by Stolz  
RESOLVED, That Ms. Lynn Donches be nominated as Vice President.

The resolution to nominate Alan Earnshaw as Vice President was adopted by the following ballot\* vote:  
Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Rhodes-----5  
Abstain: Donches, Heid-----2

Mr. Policano and Mr. Stolz filed ballots for Ms. Donches. Mr. Earnshaw voted by text message.

\*Ballots are attached to the permanent minutes of this meeting.

6. Setting Time & Place of Board Meetings

Motion by Donches, Seconded by Fuller  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors shall meet in regular session in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in 2013, unless advertised otherwise:

- January 14 & 28
- February 11 & 25
- March 11 & 25
- April 8 & 22
- May 13
- June 10 & 24
- July 8
- August 12 & 26
- September 9 & 23
- October 14 & 28
- November 11
- December 3 (Tuesday, due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 9

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:  
Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----9

7. Designation of Newspapers of General Circulation for Advertising Purposes

Motion by Rhodes, Seconded by Donches  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors designate the following newspapers for advertising purposes during the 2013 calendar year:

- Morning Call (Daily, General Circulation)
- Express Times (Daily, General Circulation)
- East Penn Press (Weekly, Secondary Circulation)

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:  
Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----9

8. Announcements

Monday, December 10 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room

Ms. Heid indicated that she would have work conflicts in the fall and another board member may be interested in taking her place on the LCTI Joint Operating Committee. Mr. Ballard said interested board members should contact either him or Ms. Heid.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 7:55 p.m.

*Cecilia R. Birdsell*  
Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary