

EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Order of Business

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Alan Earnshaw called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: K. Bacher, C. Ballard (via Skype from Washington, D. C.), L. Donches, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, R. Heid, M. Policano, S. Rhodes, III
Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee & Fisher
Treasurer: Lynn Glancy
Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell
Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

Press Present: Peter McConnell, East Penn Press Reporter
Jennifer Marangos, Editor, Emmaus.Patch.com
Margie Peterson, Morning Call Reporter
Precious Petty, Express Times Reporter
Lou Gombocz, Jr., WFMZ.com On Line Reporter

There were no requests to address the Board.

Mr. Earnshaw announced that the Board would be interviewing Paul Champagne, Christopher Donatelli, George Doughty, Scott Forbes, Anthony Guerrero, Jamie Hughes, Amy Miller, John Reynard, Terry Richwine, Katherine Sarver, Trevor Schneck, Michael Siegel, Ann Thompson, and Rev. Waldemar (Wally) Vinovskis.

Mr. Earnshaw explained the process of asking four or five questions, as time allowed, and rotating the order so each candidate has an opportunity to go first and to answer last. Each candidate had up to two minutes for opening remarks that reflected on their individual backgrounds and experiences.

The following questions were asked and each candidate responded:

1. There are many strengths that a person can bring to the school board, for example, communication skills, budgeting experience, volunteer activities, or educational experience, what strengths do you bring to the East Penn School Board?
2. As a potential school board director, what do you feel that PSBA should do to take care of the underfunding of the PSERS?
3. If appointed, will you run in the next election – May 2015?
4. What is your position on charter schools, especially in light of studies that indicate charter schools do not out perform traditional public schools?

Following the questions, Mr. Earnshaw explained the balloting process wherein the candidate receiving the majority of votes, in this case five, would be selected. Candidates who do not receive any votes will be eliminated. If a candidate does not receive five votes, then another ballot will be distributed. Ballots were distributed to board members to vote for a particular candidate. The ballot results are listed below:

Ballot #1

<u>#of Votes</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Board Member's Signature</u>
3	Rev. Vinovskis	Charles Ballard, Alan Earnshaw, Francee Fuller
2	Paul Champagne	Ken Bacher, Rebecca Heid

2	Christopher Donatelli	Lynn Donches, Michael Policano
1	Amy Miller	Samuel F. Rhodes, III

Ballot #2

<u>#of Votes</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Board Member's Signature</u>
3	Rev. Vinovskis	Charles Ballard, Alan Earnshaw, Francee Fuller
2	Paul Champagne	Ken Bacher, Rebecca Heid
2	Christopher Donatelli	Lynn Donches, Michael Policano
1	Amy Miller	Samuel F. Rhodes, III

Ballot #3

<u>#of Votes</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Board Member's Signature</u>
4	Rev. Vinovskis	Charles Ballard, Alan Earnshaw, Francee Fuller, Samuel F. Rhodes, III
2	Paul Champagne	Ken Bacher, Rebecca Heid
2	Christopher Donatelli	Lynn Donches, Michael Policano

Ballot #4

<u>#of Votes</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Board Member's Signature</u>
5	Rev. Vinovskis	Ken Bacher, Charles Ballard, Alan Earnshaw, Francee Fuller, Samuel F. Rhodes, III
2	Christopher Donatelli	Lynn Donches, Michael Policano
1	Paul Champagne	Rebecca Heid

Rev. Wally Vinovskis was elected to fill the vacancy created by Julian Stolz' resignation. The original signed ballots and applications will be attached to the permanent minutes of this meeting.

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 7:40 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell
Board Secretary