

SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
July 14, 2021

The special meeting of the Sharpsville Area School Board was held in the Gymnasium at the Sharpsville Area Elementary School on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with President Jerry Trontel presiding. The following members were present: Ron Barnes, Darla Grandy, Nicholas Hanahan, Janice Raykie, Tabitha Smith, Joseph Toth, and Jerry Trontel. Michael Lenzi participated virtually.

Also present was Superintendent John Vannoy, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jaime Roberts, Solicitor Robert Tesone and guest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Hanahan, seconded by Mr. Toth, to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Chairperson Janice Raykie recommended the following action:

RESIGNATION – TRENTIN

There was a motion by Mrs. Raykie, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to accept the resignation of Joel Trentin, Social Studies Teacher effective June 23, 2021.

Approved: Barnes, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, Smith, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a motion by Mrs. Grandy, seconded by Mr. Hanahan, to recess to Executive Session for Personnel reasons.

Motion Carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:03 p.m.

There was a motion by Mr. Hanahan, seconded by Mrs. Grandy, to reconvene the meeting.

Motion Carried.

The meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

Chairperson Darla Grandy recommended the following action:

CHANGE ORDERS

There was a motion by Mrs. Grandy, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the following change orders:

1. Guy's Mechanical to replace condensing unit, coil, line set and insulation in the amount of \$16,700.00
2. Hudson construction to add 2 pair of volleyball sleeves in the Middle School Gymnasium floor in the amount of \$4,872.00

Change order 1 was voted on as follows:

Approved: Barnes, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, Smith, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

Change order 2 was voted on as follows:

Approved: Barnes, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Smith, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: Raykie

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Vannoy recommended the following action:

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2021

There was a motion by Mrs. Grandy, seconded by Mr. Hanahan, to approve Resolution 6 of 2021 appointing Rosemary Ferguson to the vacancy existing in the Office of the Board of School Director pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended, the same being attached to and a part of these minutes.

Approved: Barnes, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, Smith, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Vannoy announced that the public may begin attending meetings in person beginning in August. He noted that virtual attendance will still be available, but you must be in person to speak at the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Mrs. Raykie, seconded by Mr. Toth, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Jaime L. Roberts, Board Secretary

RESOLUTION No. #6- 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A SUCCESSOR TO THE VACANCY EXISTING IN THE OFFICE OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 315 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, as amended, (24 P.S. § 3-315).

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 315 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, *as amended*, (24 P.S. § 3-315), the members of the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, may appoint a successor to fill a vacancy on the board of school director who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, a registered elector residing within the school district to fill any vacancy which may occur on the board of school directors by death, resignation, removal from the district, or otherwise within thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, due to the resignation of Mrs. Mary Sternthal, which was accepted by the Sharpsville Board of School Directors on the 21st day of June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District to appoint a qualified successor to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved as follows:

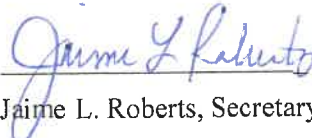
1. That the majority of the members of the Sharpsville Area School District Board of School Directors hereby appoint Rosemary Ferguson, a person at least eighteen (18) years of age and an elector residing in the school district to fill the vacancy existing on the Sharpsville Area School District Board of School Directors created by the recent resignation of Mrs. Mary Sternthal.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 315 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, *as amended*, (24 P.S. § 3-315), in that the 2021 Pennsylvania Municipal Election will be held on November 2, 2021, and it being more than sixty (60) days after the vacancy has occurred in the office of school board director, the person hereby appointed shall hold this office until the first Monday in December, 2021.

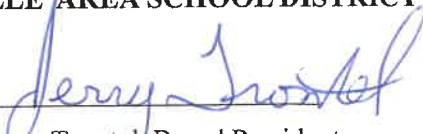
3. The Secretary of Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mercer County Board of Elections and Registration in order to give notice of the appointment of the aforesaid successor so that this position may appear on the ballot of the 2021 Pennsylvania Municipal Election, and a qualified individual so elected at that time shall complete the remaining two (2) year term of office of Mrs. Mary Sternthal.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2021, at a meeting of the Sharpsville Area School District, duly convened.

ATTEST:


Jaime L. Roberts, Secretary

SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 
Jerry Trontel, Board President

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution No.6-2021, is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of School Directors of the Sharpsville Area School District, on the 14th day of July, 2021, at a meeting thereof, duly convened and remains in force and effect as of the date hereof.

So certified this 14th day of July, 2021.

Jaime L. Roberts, Secretary

(SEAL)

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
OF THE
SHARPSVILLE AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

OATH OF OFFICE AS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

I, Rosemary Ferguson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Date: 7-19-21

Rosemary Ferguson
Signature

**Certificate of Temporary President or other authorized official administering the oath
(Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. § 315)**

State of Pennsylvania }
County of Mercer }

On this date, July 19, 2021, in accordance with Section 321 of the Public School Code of 1949, I administered the foregoing oath of office to the person whose name and signature appear above, who appeared before me in person, who was known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be such person, and whose signature subscribing to this oath I witnessed, all immediately preceding the issuance of this certificate.

Name of Person Administering Oath (print): Darlene Cheney

Title: Notary Public

Signature of Person Administering Oath: Darlene Cheney

My commission expires: August 15, 2023
[Expiration date of commission is required only if the oath was administered by a notary public]

* It is recommended that this form be appended to the minutes of the meeting at which the oath was administered, or at which the certificate was presented if the oath was taken at another time. An explanation of applicable provisions of law is provided on the reverse side of this certificate.

Explanation of Applicable Provisions of Law

Section 321 of the School Code requires that a school director "shall take and subscribe to" the oath of office, the prescribed wording of which is set forth in Section 321. 24 P.S. § 3-321. "Subscribe" means to place a signature on a document. This certificate form was developed by PSBA for this purpose because no other specific official form has been designated.

Section 402 of the School Code empowers the Temporary President at the annual organization meeting of a school board to administer the oath of office to school directors who have not already been sworn. 24 P.S. § 4-402.

It is not necessary for a newly elected or re-elected school director to wait until the organization meeting to take the oath of office, and the oath can be administered at any time after the individual receives the certificate of election from the county by any official having the general power to administer oaths. Such officials include judges or other judicial officers, clerks of court, designated staff of the county prothonotary, and commissioned notaries public. 42 Pa.C.S. § 327; 42 Pa.C.S. § 2737; 57 P.S. § 162; 57 Pa.C.S. § 310.

If a newly elected or re-elected school director fails to take the oath of office within ten days after the beginning of the term of office (first Monday of December following the election), the school board can declare the seat vacant and appoint a replacement. 24 P.S. § 3-319.

Although the lower part of the form, to be completed by the Temporary President or other person administering the oath, is not required by any law in effect prior to January 1, 2017, it is recommended as good practice in order to document that the oath was administered by someone empowered to do so, and because completion of the lower part of the form will be required by law in the near future as explained below.

Act 73 of 2013 adopted the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) for Pennsylvania, but specified that the new law would not go into effect until six months after the Pennsylvania Department of State publishes notice that certain training resources for notaries public have been made available. Such notice had not yet been published as of mid-December 2016.

Under RULONA, any person administering an oath will be acting as a "notarial officer" performing a "notarial act", even if not a commissioned notary public. 57 Pa.C.S. § 302. RULONA requires notarial officers to sign and issue a certificate documenting each notarial act performed. 57 Pa.C.S. § 315.

Accordingly, RULONA eventually will require any person administering an oath of office to sign and issue a certificate of doing so for each person to whom the oath is administered, including when the Temporary President does so at a school board's annual organization meeting. The lower portion of this oath certificate form is designed to satisfy the requirements of RULONA.

When the oath is administered at times other than the annual organization meeting in December, there is no authority for a Temporary President of a school board to administer the oath, and another official with such power is needed for that function.