

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REORGANIZATION SESSION

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Members Present: Bob Seprish, Paul Carr via Zoom, Melvin Smeal, Don Yontosh, Chad Diviney, Tom Veres, Christina Brown, Larry Allen

Members Absent:

Media Present: Jeff Coricino, The Progress News

Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow via Zoom, Nik Bisko, Mark Mitchell

Others Present: Holly Petriskey, Kasi Martin

**OPENING EXERCISES**

President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All present were asked to Stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Nominations were received for Temporary President. Mr. Yontosh nominated Mr. Allen as Temporary President.

Mr. Yontosh motioned to close nominations and this was seconded by Mr. Allen.

Nominations were received for Board President. Mr. Yontosh nominated Mr. Diviney for Board President with a second by Mrs. Brown. Mr. Smeal nominated Mrs. Brown for Board President with a second by Mr. Carr.

Mr. Yontosh motioned to close nominations and this was seconded by Mr. Smeal. Voice Roll Call was taken for Mr. Diviney for the position of Board President. Mrs. Brown – Yes; Mr. Smeal – no; Mr. Diviney – yes; Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Veres – no; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Carr – no; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Allen – yes. Motion carried 6 votes in favor of Mr. Diviney and 3 votes not in favor. Mr. Diviney took over the meeting as Board President.

Nominations were received for Board Vice President. Mr. Yontosh nominated Mrs. Brown for Board Vice President with a second by Mr. Emigh. Mr. Carr nominated Mr. Smeal for Board Vice President.

Mr. Yontosh motioned to close nominations and this was seconded by Mr. Diviney. Voice Roll Call was taken for Mrs. Brown the position of Board Vice President. Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – no; Mr. Diviney – yes; Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Veres – no; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Carr – no; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Allen - yes. Motion carried 6 votes in favor of Mrs. Brown and 3 votes not in favor.

Mr. Diviney took over the meeting as Board President.

Nominations were received for CIU #10 Representative. Mrs. Brown nominated Mr. Carr with a second by Mr. Smeal. With a unanimous vote of 9-0, Mr. Carr will serve as the CIU #10 representative for 2021

Nominations were received for CCCTC Representative. Mr. Allen nominated Mr. Veres with a second from Mr. Yontosh. With a unanimous vote of 9-0, Mr. Veres will serve as the CCCTC representative for 2021

Nominations were received for CCCTC Alternate Representative. Mrs. Brown nominated Mr. Smeal with a second from Mr. Yontosh. Voice Roll Call was taken for the position of CCCTC Alternate Representative. Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – no; Mr. Diviney – yes; Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Allen - yes. Motion carried 7 votes for Mr. Smeal and Mr. Smeal voted against. Mr. Smeal accepted the position of CCCTC Alternate Representative.

Nominations were received for PSBA Liaison Mr. Yontosh nominated Mr. Diviney with a second from Mr. Allen. With a unanimous vote of 9-0, Mr. Diviney will serve as the PSBA Liaison representative for 2021

## **BOARD**

2020  
Meeting  
Calendar

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2021 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

D. Consiglio  
Solicitor

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint David Consiglio as Solicitor to the District for the 2021 year. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 6:42 p.m. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

The Board then moved to the regular voting session.

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President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

PFM Melissa Hughes and Jens Damgaard from PFM informed the board that they received 11 offers from different banks regarding bond refinancing. Rates varied from 1.22% - 3.15%. The winning bid was from Key Government Finance. After some discussion and questions from the board, PFM also stated that the District would be saving around \$398,000, an added savings of almost 100,000 before the bids came in due to the lower interest rate.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

General Obligation Note Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to adopt the Resolution as presented, authorizing a \$6,880,000 General Obligation Note, Series of 2021 to refund the District's 2015 and 2016 General Obligation Notes. Mr. Emigh seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 6:57 p.m. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Martin  
Secretary to the Board of Education