

Scranton, Pennsylvania

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a reorganization meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA.

Secretary Virginia Orr opened the meeting at 7:03pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Orr called the meeting to order by reading the school code:

In Accordance with the provisions of the School Code, the members of the Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Scranton will meet in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 on Monday evening, December 7, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time for the purpose of reorganization, including the election of President and Vice-President, and the adoption of the rules for the ensuing year.

All board members were present:

Directors Casey, Donahue, Douaihy, Duffy, Martinelli, McAndrew, Oleski, Ruane and Sheridan.

Mrs. Orr now presented plaques to Directors Donahue, Martinelli and Ruane for their dedication and service as board members of the Scranton School District.

Plaques were presented as well to out-going President Cy Douaihy and out-going Vice President Bob Sheridan for their leadership during the year 2014-2015.

Mr. Cy Douaihy congratulated incoming board members and thanked the administrative team and their staff, fellow board members and wished outgoing board members good luck and thanks to the board secretary.

Mr. Kyle Donahue congratulated the incoming board members; they have a tough road ahead of them with the 2016 budget and structural deficit and wished them all the best.

Mr. Armand Martinelli, expressed he is leaving with mixed emotions of relief and sadness; thanked Dr. Ruane and Mr. Donahue as the fiscal conscience of the board and also the board secretary.

Ms. Lyn Ruane echoed congratulations to incoming board members, thanked administrative staff, Dr. Kirijan and the board secretary.

Director Casey thanked Kyle Donahue, Armand Martinelli and Lyn Ruane for their help and support and wished them the best of luck with everything.

Director Sheridan thanked outgoing board members and Mr. Donahue for his help with budget and finance; they have been through tough times together and he will miss them.

Director Duffy congratulated incoming board members and wished the outgoing board members the best of luck; it has been an honor to serve with all of them and thanked outgoing president Mr. Douaihy.

Director McAndrew wished the best of luck to outgoing members; they will be sorely missed and the best of luck to the new members coming in.

Director Oleski wished all incoming board members good luck and best of luck to outgoing members.

Certificates of Election were announced for newly elected board members Paul Duffy, Bob Lesh, Carol Oleski, Tom Schuster and James Timlin.

Administration of Oath of office was conducted for the following:

Director Paul Duffy by Paul J. Ware
Director Robert Lesh by Paul J. Ware
Director Carol Oleski by Paul J. Ware
Director Thomas Schuster by Terry Gallagher
Director James Timlin by Trish Corbett

The list of qualified and legally elected Scranton School Board members was read by Secretary Orr.

Robert Casey	2013-2017
Cy Douaihy	2013-2017
Paul Duffy	2016-2020
Robert Lesh	2016-2020
Mark McAndrew	2013-2017
Carol Oleski	2016-2020
Thomas Schuster	2016-2020
Robert Sheridan	2013-2017
James Timlin	2016-2020

Mrs. Orr now asked for a motion and a second for a temporary chairman.

Director Duffy made a motion for Mr. Cy Douaihy as temporary chair, seconded by Director Oleski and the motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion for the office of President of the Scranton School Board was made by Director Duffy to nominate Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Lesh and the motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion for the office of Vice President of the Scranton School Board was made by Director Oleski to nominate Director Douaihy, seconded by Director Duffy and the motion passed with six (6) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors McAndrew, Schuster and Timlin.

The swearing in of the offices of President and Vice President was performed by Paul J. Ware.

President Sheridan now asked for roll call of the new board of members of the Scranton School Directors:

Present: Directors Casey, Douaihy, Duffy, Lesh, McAndrew, Oleski, Schuster, Timlin, and President Sheridan.

Remarks by incoming President:

Mr. Sheridan wished outgoing board members and incoming officers good luck, welcomed to the board and spoke of unity and friendship in 2016 adding he knows he can fill this office well because he has the support of eight strong board members behind him and thanked all union representatives.

Commissioner Patrick O'Malley expressed that it is an honor and privilege to be a school director, thanked the outgoing members for their time; it's not always easy. Mr. O'Malley addressed incoming board members and spoke of past budgets, tough decisions, great responsibilities and opportunities and reminded them they are working on behalf of the students.

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Oleski and the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

By: _____
Secretary