

# Board Minutes I

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**December 5, 2017**

Springfield Township High School  
Freeze Memorial Lobby  
1801 E. Paper Mill Road  
Erdenheim, PA 19038-7099

1. Mr. King called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Mr. King called roll of the members of the Board of School Directors:

Mr. John Chapman  
Ms. Jeannine Nelson  
Mr. Benjamin Rayer  
Ms. Katherine Sarsfield  
Ms. Gretchen Slapinsky

3. Mr. King asked meeting attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. King announced that Pursuant to Section 402 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the Board was informed that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Springfield Township would be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeze Memorial Lobby of Springfield Township High School, 1801 E. Paper Mill Road, Erdenheim, PA. The agenda for the meeting would include the election of the President and Vice President of the Board of School Directors.

Mr. King also announced the notice of the Reorganization Meeting was advertised in the Springfield Sun dated November 23, 2017.

5. Mr. King asked if there were any public comments.

There were no public comments.

6. Mr. King directed the meeting to nominations for Temporary President, and he asked for nominations.

Ms. Sarsfield nominated Ms. Slapinsky for temporary president.

Mr. King asked if there were any other nominations.

Since there were no other nominations, Mr. King closed nominations.

Mr. King announced the following: "As the nominations are closed, and Ms. Slapinsky is the only candidate nominated, I move for Ms. Slapinsky's election by acclamation for the position of Temporary President, and he asked for those in favor to say, 'Aye.'"

Unanimously, the Board replied, "Aye."

Ms. Slapinsky assumed her chair as Temporary President.

7. Ms. Slapinsky stated the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners certified the results of the municipal general election of November 7, 2017 in Montgomery County for the Office of School Director in the Springfield Township School District, as follows:

Ms. Tameata Jordan

Mr. Walter Lapidus

Dr. Karen Taratuski

Mr. James Taylor

8. Ms. Slapinsky introduced Judge Kate McGill.

Judge McGill initiated the swearing in ceremony, and she administered the Oath of Office, en masse to the new Board members. Following the oath, the new Board members assumed their seats at the table.

9. Ms. Slapinsky directed the meeting to election of President, and she asked if there were nominations for President for the ensuing year.

Ms. Slapinsky nominated Dr. Taratuski.

Ms. Slapinsky asked if there were any other nominations for President.

Hearing none, Ms. Slapinsky closed nominations for President. Since Dr. Taratuski was the only candidate nominated, Ms. Slapinsky moved for Dr. Taratuski's election by acclamation for the position of President, and she asked for those in favor to say, "Aye."

Unanimously, the Board replied, "Aye."

Dr. Taratuski assumed her chair as President of the Board of School Directors.

10. Dr. Taratuski directed the meeting to nominations for Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Taratuski asked for nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Chapman nominated Ms. Sarsfield for Vice-President.

Dr. Taratuski asked if there were any other nominations for Vice-President.

Dr. Taratuski stated since the nominations for Vice-President were closed, and since Ms. Sarsfield was the only candidate nominated, Dr. Taratuski moved for Ms. Sarsfield's election by acclamation for the position of Vice-President. Dr. Taratuski asked for those in favor to say, "Aye."

Unanimously, the Board replied, "Aye."

Ms. Sarsfield assumed her chair as Vice-President of the Board of School Directors.

11. Dr. Taratuski asked if there were any comments from the Board.

Dr. Hacker congratulated Dr. Taratuski and Ms. Sarsfield on their positions.

Dr. Hacker thanked Ms. Slapinsky for serving so honorably for so many years as the Board President. Dr. Hacker spoke of the phenomenal job Ms. Slapinsky did as President, noting her appreciation of Ms. Slapinsky's even keel approach and her receptiveness to comments. Dr. Hacker remarked Ms. Slapinsky explored many different points of view before coming to a conclusion, all of which were done in a timely manner. Dr. Hacker personally commented how well she worked with Ms. Slapinsky.

Dr. Hacker welcomed Ms. Tameata Jordan. Dr. Hacker remarked long before Ms. Jordan was elected to be a Board member, Ms. Jordan attended school board meetings to learn about school district operations. Dr. Hacker stated, in her experience as a Superintendent, that this does not happen very often, and she expressed her belief that because of Ms. Jordan's hard work prior to becoming a Board member, Ms. Jordan will become a phenomenal Board member.

Dr. Hacker also recognized three reelected Board members, Mr. Walter Lapidus, Dr. Karen Taratuski and Mr. James Taylor. Dr. Hacker commented on their wonderful track record of service to the community and to the students and families in Springfield Township, and she thanked the returning Board members for the stability of their leadership and for the experience they bring to the Board of School Directors.



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12. Dr. Taratuski thanked the Board for supporting her as president of the Board, and she stated she is honored to serve in this capacity. Dr. Taratuski stated she is also honored to serve as a member of the Board of School Directors for four more years.

13. Dr. Taratuski directed the meeting to comments from the public.

There were no public comments.

14. Dr. Taratuski announced a Regular Meeting would follow the Reorganization Meeting, and she made a motion to adjourn.

15. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth W. King  
Board Secretary

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