

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2017 - 6:08 PM**  
*Coatesville Area Senior High School Auditorium*

***District Mission Statement***

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*The Mission of the Coatesville Area School District, rich in diversity and committed to excellence, is to create innovative educational experiences which are funded by the taxpayers, supported by the community, delivered by dedicated teachers and administrators, to ensure all students will become responsible, contributing global citizens.*

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**1. Advisement**

This meeting was called for the reorganization of the School Board under appropriate sections of Article IV of the School Laws of Pennsylvania as amended. Public notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 93 of 1998, Section 1. By notice of the Board Secretary, Board Members are advised that all votes shall be regarded as roll call votes.

**2. Roll Call**

**Board of School Directors**

Bashera Grove - *present*  
James Hills - *present*  
Thomas Siedenbuehl - *present*  
Dean A. Snyder - *present*  
Ann M. Wuertz - *present*

**Administration**

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools - *present*  
Dr. Kimberly Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning – *not present*  
Dr. Cynthia Ajemian, Director of Special Education – *not present*  
Jeffrey Ammerman, Director of Business Administration – *present*  
Karen Hall, Director of Human Resources and School Board Secretary – *present*  
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education – *not present*  
Rita Perez, Director of Pupil Services – *not present*

**Student Representatives**

Jared Elters, Senior Class Representative – *not present*  
Diamond Marrow, Junior Class Representative – *not present*

**Solicitor**

Michael I. Levin, Esquire – *not present*

**3. Moment of Silence and Flag Salute**

4. **Election of Temporary President**

Nominee(s): Bashera Grove was nominated by James Hills and seconded by Ann Wuertz.  
On a roll call vote of 5-0, Ms. Grove was elected as the Temporary President.

5. **School Board Reorganization (Board Secretary)**

**Reading of the List of Legally Elected and/or Qualified School Directors:**

- **Region I** (Coatesville, Valley) Bashera Grove  
James Hills  
Brandon J. Rhone
- **Region II** (West Brandywine, Caln) Thomas N. Keech  
Dean A. Snyder  
Ann M. Wuertz
- **Region III** (East Fallowfield, Modena,  
Sadsbury, West Caln,  
South Coatesville) Robert J. Fisher  
Robert M. Knecht  
Thomas Siedenbuehl

6. **Swearing-In of New School Board Directors – District Magistrate**

The Honorable Judge Gregory V. Hines and the Honorable Judge Michael J. Cabry, III were present to swear in newly elected School Board Directors.

7. **Review of Voting Procedures – Ms. Bashera Grove**

8. **Election of Officers**

A. **President**

Nominees: Brandon Rhone nominated Thomas Keech  
Ann Wuertz nominated Dean Snyder

Dean Snyder motioned, *and James Hills seconded*, that nominations for President be closed.

Ann Wuertz voted for Dean Snyder  
Brandon Rhone voted for Thomas Keech  
Thomas Keech voted for Thomas Keech  
Robert Fisher voted for Thomas Keech  
Tom Siedenbuehl voted for Dean Snyder  
Dean Snyder voted for Dean Snyder  
James Hills voted for Dean Snyder  
Bashera Grove voted for Dean Snyder

On a roll call vote of 5-3, Dean Snyder was reelected as Board President for 2018.

**B. Vice President**

Nominees: Brandon Rhone nominated Thomas Keech  
Tom Siedenbuehl nominated Ann Wuertz

Dean Snyder motioned, *and Tom Siedenbuehl seconded*, that nominations for Vice-President be closed.

Brandon Rhone voted for Thomas Keech  
Ann Wuertz voted for Ann Wuertz  
Tom Siedenbuehl voted for Ann Wuertz  
Robert Fisher voted for Thomas Keech  
Dean Snyder voted for Ann Wuertz  
James Hills voted for Ann Wuertz  
Thomas Keech voted for Thomas Keech  
Bashera Grove voted for Ann Wuertz

On a roll call vote of 5-3, Ann Wuertz was reelected Vice-President for 2018.

**9. Public Board Meeting Dates**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Public School Board Meetings for 2018 be advertised as outlined below.

In accordance with School Board Policy #006, adopted September 27, 2001 and revised on May 23, 2002 and October 19, 2004, all Board Members and the District Superintendent shall be advised of the dates and times for the scheduled public Committee and Board meetings.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

January 23, 2018  
February 27, 2018  
March 27, 2018  
April 24, 2018  
May 22, 2018  
June 26, 2018  
July 24, 2018  
August 28, 2018  
September 25, 2018  
October 23, 2018  
November 27, 2018  
December 4, 2018 (*Reorganization*)

*All School Board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the C.A.S.H. Auditorium at 1445 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville, PA*

**COMMITTEES & SPECIAL MEETINGS**

January 9, 2018  
February 13, 2018  
March 13, 2018  
April 10, 2018  
May 7, 2018 (*Monday*) \*  
June 12, 2018  
July 10, 2018  
August 14, 2018  
September 11, 2018  
October 9, 2018  
November 13, 2018

*All committees will meet on a rotational basis beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the C.A.S.H. Auditorium, special meeting to follow.*

*\* Due to Citadel Heart of Learning Banquet*

Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: Tom Siedenbuehl

Vote: 8-0-0

10. **Committees**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the committees as follows:

- ❖ Education Committee
- ❖ Finance & Personnel Committee
- ❖ Operations Committee
- ❖ Policy Committee

Motion: Tom Siedenbuehl

Second: Ann Wuertz

Vote: 8-0-0

11. **Public Comment**

The Board has requested all persons making comments of public concern to list their name, address, telephone number and topic(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute time limit per person.

- 1) Elwood Dixon: Questioned missing money from 9 years ago.
- 2) Audra Ritter, CATA President: Thanked the outgoing Board Members and welcomed the new.

12. **Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on a motion by Tom Siedenbuehl and seconded by Ann Wuertz.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

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Karen M. Hall, School Board Secretary

*Anyone wishing to review the minutes verbatim should contact the School Board Secretary to request a copy of the digital/audio file or you may visit our website to view the video of this meeting.*