

**LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2023**

A special meeting for reorganization of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, in the Library of the Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School and was called to order by Drew Salko, preliminary chairperson, at 6:05 p.m. The meeting opened with Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

**DIRECTORS**

Kevin Carey – hold-over member	Present
Alfred DeAngelis – hold-over member	Present
David Paulauskas – hold-over member	Present
Drew Salko – hold-over member	Present
Bob Wright –re-elected	Present
Robert Baran – newly elected	Present
Scott Walsh – newly elected	Present
Mark Wallace – newly elected	Present
Robert Wojtowicz – newly elected	Present

**ROLL CALL**

**Others Present:**

James E. McGovern, Superintendent  
Mary Jo Casaldi, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary  
Tabitha Miscavage Spagnuolo, Personnel/Benefits Manager  
Honorable Tina Polachek Gartley  
Jamie Ann Walsh  
Jamie Walsh  
Ned Walsh  
Abby Wojtowicz

**READING OF MEETING NOTICE**

Mrs. Mary Jo Casaldi, Board Secretary, read the meeting notice which was published in the Times Leader newspaper.

**READING OF THE MISSION**

Mr. McGovern read the Mission of the Lake-Lehman School District:

Lake-Lehman Mission: To inspire students to achieve personal fulfillment through the context of mastery, independence, generosity and community within a safe learning environment.

**WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS**

Mr. Salko, serving as Preliminary Chairperson, announced that the purpose of the reorganization meeting is to officially organize the Board for the coming year by electing a permanent President, Vice-President and officers of the Board and noted that legislative business would not be conducted at this meeting.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

None.

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Motion was made by David Paulauskas, seconded by Al DeAngelis, to nominate Drew Salko to serve as Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization.

Nominations were closed as there were no objections and no other nominations from other members present.

Mr. Salko accepted the nomination.

**Vote: Upon roll call of all holdover members, all voted yes; motion carried.**

**Drew Salko** is elected to serve as Temporary President for the reorganization meeting.

**READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

Mr. Salko read the Certificates of Election for all newly elected and re-elected board members.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Tina Polachek Gartley, administered the Oath of Office to the following re-elected and newly elected board members.”

Mr. Robert Baran  
Mr. Thomas Scott Walsh  
Mr. Robert Wojtowicz  
Mr. Mark Wallace  
Mr. Robert Wright

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR/ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**OFFICE OF PRESIDENT**

Mr. Salko declared the floor open to accept nominations for the office of President

Motion was made by Kevin Carey, seconded by David Paulauskas, to nominate Drew Salko to serve as Board President for a term of one year ending December, 2024.

Mr. Salko accepted the nomination.

Motion was made by Robert Baran, seconded by Scott Walsh, to nominate Robert Wright to serve as Board President for a term of one year ending December, 2024.

Mr. Wright accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed as there were no objections and no other nominations from members present.

**Vote: Upon roll call, Dr. Carey, Mr. DeAngelis, Mr. Salko and Mr. Paulauskas, voted to elect Mr. Salko. Mr. Baran, Mr. Wright, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Wojtowicz and Mr. Wallace voted to elect Mr. Wright.**

**Robert Wright**, receiving the majority of votes, is elected to serve as Board President for a term of one year ending, December, 2024.

**OFFICE OF FIRST-VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Wright declared the floor open to accept nominations for the office of First Vice-President.

Motion was made by Drew Salko, seconded by Al DeAngelis, to nominate Kevin Carey to serve as First Vice-President for a term of one year ending December, 2024.

Dr. Carey accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed as there were no objections and no other nominations from other members present.

**Vote: Upon roll call, all directors present voted yes; motion carried.**

**Kevin Carey** is elected to serve as First Vice-President for a term of one year ending, December, 2024.

**OFFICE OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mr. Wright called for nominations from the floor for the office of Second Vice-President.

Motion was made by Drew Salko, seconded by David Paulauskas, to nominate Al DeAngelis to serve as Second Vice-President for a term of one year ending December, 2024.

Nominations were closed as there were no objections and no other nominations from other members present.

Mr. DeAngelis accepted the nomination.

**Vote: Upon roll call, all directors present voted yes; motion carried.**

**Al DeAngelis** is elected to serve as Second Vice-President for a term of one year ending, December, 2024

**OFFICE OF TREASURER**

The Office of Treasurer is currently held by **David Paulauskas**. Term expires May, 2024.

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wright announced the following members as Executive Committee of the Board:

President: Robert Wright  
First Vice President: Kevin Carey  
Second Vice President: Al DeAngelis  
Treasurer: David Paulauskas

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Mr. Wright appointed the following committee chairperson:

Curriculum and Instruction: Robert Wojtowicz  
Athletics and Activities: Kevin Carey  
Buildings and Grounds: Al DeAngelis  
Transportation: Drew Salko  
Support Services: Mark Wallace  
Finance: Scott Walsh  
School Board: Robert Baran

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO PSBA**

Mr. Wright appointed the following representative and alternate to PSBA:

Representative: Robert Baran – one-year term  
Alternate: Mark Wallace – one-year term

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE OF THE WEST SIDE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Mr. Wright appointed the following representative and alternate to WSCTC:

Representative: Robert Wojtowicz - seat expiring 2026. (3-year term)  
Alternate: Bob Wright – seat expiring December, 2024.

- Seat expiring December, 2025 is held by Al DeAngelis.
- Seat expiring December, 2024 is held by David Paulauskas.

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT -**

Mr. Wright appointed the following representative to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18:

Representative: Scott Walsh - seat expiring June 30, 2026. (3-year term)  
- *to fill the unexpired term held by Lorraine Farrell: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.*

**SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF COMBINED COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING**

Mr. Wright announced that the following calendar has been established setting the time, dates and location for the 2024 combined Committee-of-the-Whole and regular monthly meetings, for the purpose of deliberation and taking official action (voting) of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors.

**2024 Board Meeting Dates**

January 22, 2024	Combined monthly meeting ( <i>Fourth Monday</i> )
February 12, 2024	Combined monthly meeting ( <i>Second Monday</i> )
March 18, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
April 15, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
May 20, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
June 17, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
July 15, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
August 19, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
September 16, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
October 21, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
November 18, 2024	Combined monthly meeting
December 9, 2024	Combined monthly meeting ( <i>Second Monday</i> )

The combined Committee-of-the-Whole and regular monthly meetings for general purposes (voting) are held the third Monday of each month, with the exception of January, which will be held the fourth Monday of the month. Meetings scheduled for February and December, will be held the second Monday of the month. Meetings are held in the auditorium of the Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School and begin at 7:00 PM. Executive Sessions may be held prior to, during or at the conclusion of the combined monthly meetings.

**LIST OF ALL QUALIFIED, LEGALLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LAKE-LEHMAN BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR NOW BEGINNING**

Mr. Wright read aloud the following names of the qualified, legally elected, members of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors:

- Mr. Robert Baran
- Dr. Kevin Carey
- Mr. Alfred DeAngelis
- Mr. David Paulauskas
- Mr. Drew Salko
- Mr. Mark Wallace
- Mr. Thomas Scott Walsh
- Mr. Robert Wojtowicz
- Mr. Robert Wright

**DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER(S)**

Mr. Wright designated the following newspaper(s) of general circulation for the district to publish notices.”

New Age Examiner, Citizen’s Voice, Times Leader.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. DeAngelis motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Salko.

Time of adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Jo Casaldi

Non-Member, Board Secretary