



School Board of Directors Meeting

January 2, 2020

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Minutes

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Columbia Borough School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the LNP Lancaster Newspaper, was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 in the Board Room, located at the District Administration Center, 200 N. Fifth Street, Columbia, PA 17512

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Leader called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Leader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance: Sandra Duncan, Kathleen Hohenadel, Rachael Kedney, Kate Keyser, Charles Leader, Robert Misciagna, and Lauren VonStetten

Board Member not in attendance: Cole Knighton

Also in attendance: Tom Strickler, Keith Ramsey, and Gregg McGough

Staff/Public in attendance: Several citizens of the community and staff members of the District.

4. Communications – None

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

The Board recognizes the value of public comment by residents of the district on agenda items. Each resident of Columbia Borough wishing to address the Board will be limited to five (5) minutes to make their comments. While your comments are welcome, please refrain from introducing questions before the Board or Administration. Please forward any questions, via E-mail, to the Board Secretary at cleader@columbiabsd.org. Answers to your questions will be sought from the appropriate Administrative staff. A response will be sent to you in a timely manner. After being recognized by the presiding officer, the speaker must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation if appropriate. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer.

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There were no public comments

6. Declare Board vacancy that hasn't been filled since December 5, 2019 (Mr. Leader - Board President)

President Leader declared a Board vacancy that hasn't been filled since December 5, 2019

President Leader asked Mr. Ramsey how many letters of interest we received for the vacancy. Mr. Ramsey responded that the District received 1 letter of interest and it was from Rebecca Young.

7. Interview interested community member(s) to fill Board vacancy that have submitted a letter to the Board Secretary. Term will end November 30, 2021.

Interview waived due to only 1 candidate *(Please see motion for item 8)*

8. Motion to –

- Appoint one (1) of the interviewees

OR

- Request more letters of interest until January 16, 2020 Board Meeting

Miss Hohenadel made a motion to waive the interviews and to appoint Rebecca Young to fill the term that ends on November 30, 2021. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion. ***The motion passed (7-0; 1 absent)***

President Leader asked Mrs. Young to come forward and proceeded to administer the following oath of office as School Director:

I, Rebecca Young, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

President Leader welcomed Mrs. Young to the Board and she took her seat at the Board table.

9. Agenda Items – Minutes Action Items (Personnel Report)

a. Motion to approve the following resignations

Professional Staff:

Amanda Kahwajy, Secondary School Psychologist, at Columbia Borough High/Middle School campus, resignation of her position effective December 18, 2019. (District will hold Amanda anticipated last day will be on or about February 14, 2020.)

Miss Hohenadel made a motion to approve the resignation of Amanda Kahwajy. Mrs. VonStetten seconded the motion. ***The motion passed (8-0; 1 absent)***

b. Motion to approve the following employment of staff

Professional Staff:

Brady S. Mathias, Social Studies Teacher at Columbia Borough High School, beginning on or about January 13, 2020. (Replace C. Ward)

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to approve the employment of Brady S. Mathias. Miss Hohenadel seconded the motion. *The motion passed (8-0; 1 absent)*

Support Staff:

Brenda Wysock, Food Service Cafeteria Assistant, at Columbia Borough High/Middle School campus beginning on or about January 13, 2020. (Replace Y. Agosto)

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to approve the employment of Brenda Wysock. Mr. Misciagna seconded the motion. *The motion passed (8-0; 1 absent)*

c. Motion to approve the following volunteer

Support Services:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Building</u>
Scott	Rupp	Columbia Borough High Campus and Taylor Middle School

Mrs. Duncan made a motion to approve Scott Rupp as volunteer. Mr. Misciagna seconded the motion. *The motion passed (8-0; 1 absent)*

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11. Adjournment

President Leader adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.



Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary