

# OCTORARA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes of Reorganization Meeting

December 7, 2023

The Reorganization Meeting of the Octorara Area School Board was held in the Octorara Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room on December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Hold-over members present were Mr. Ganow, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Koennecker, and Mr. Zimmerman. Re-elected members present were Mr. Falgiatore and Mr. Norris. Newly elected members present were Mr. Lusby, Ms. Metzler, and Ms. Williamson. Also present were: Mrs. Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Leever, Superintendent; members of the administrative team, and seven citizens with two additional citizens arriving during the Regular Meeting.

The President, Mr. Ganow, called the meeting to order at 6:00.

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance preceded the business of the meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman nominated Mr. Koennecker as Temporary President, second by Mr. Hurley. There were no other nominations. Mr. Koennecker was elected temporary president without objection.

Mr. Koennecker read the list of Board Members and Regions into the minutes as follows:  
Hold-Over Board Members:

<b>Director</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Term Exp.</b>
Samuel Ganow	Region 2	2025
Jere Zimmerman	Region 2	2025
Charles Koennecker, Jr.	Region 3	2025
R. Matthew Hurley	Region 3	2025

Re-elected Board Members:

Anthony Falgiatore	Region 1	2027
Brian Norris	Region 1	2027

Newly Elected Board Members:

<b>Director</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Term Exp.</b>
Karen Williamson	Region 1	2027
Joelyn Metzler	Region 2	2027
Jacob Lusby	Region 3	2027

Region 1: Atglen Borough  
Borough of Christiana (Lancaster County)  
Parkesburg (North)  
West Sadsbury Township

Region 2: Sadsbury Township (Lancaster County)  
West Fallowfield Township

Region 3: Highland Township  
Londonderry Township  
Parkesburg (South)

Board Secretary, Mrs. Hardy, read the Certificate of Elections.

Temporary President, Mr. Koennecker administered the oath of office to re-elected and newly elected Board Members, Anthony Falgiatore, Brian Norris, Karen Williamson, Joelyn Metzler, and Jacob Lusby.

Mr. Zimmerman nominated Mr. Ganow as Board President, second by Mr. Norris. There were no other nominations. Mr. Ganow was elected President of the Octorara Board of School Directors without objection.

Mr. Falgiatore nominated Mr. Lusby as Vice-President, second by Ms. Williamson. Mr. Norris nominated Mr. Hurley as Vice-President, second by Mr. Koennecker. There were no other nominations. Mr. Hurley was elected Vice-President of the Octorara Board of School Directors by a vote of 4 to 3. A treasurer will be appointed at the January meeting to take the place of Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Ganow made the following committee appointments for the calendar year 2024:

Representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau for the Calendar Year 2024  
Scott Domowicz

Alternative Representative to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau for the Calendar Year - 2024 Matt Furlong

Representative to the Chester County Tax Collection Bureau for the Calendar Year 2024  
Scott Domowicz

Alternative Representative to the Chester County Tax Collection Bureau for the Calendar Year 2024 - Matt Furlong

Legislative Committee Representative for the Calendar Year 2024 - Sam Ganow

I.U./C.A.T. Board Representative - Brian Norris (Term Expires 2026)

Personnel Committee - Sam Ganow-chair, Brian Norris, Jay Lusby

Facilities Committee – Jere Zimmerman-chair, Brian Norris, Charlie Koennecker, Anthony Falgiatore

Policy Committee – Matt Hurley-chair, Jere Zimmerman, Joelyn Metzler

Finance Committee – Brian Norris-chair, Sam Ganow, Matt Hurley

Representative to the Chester County School Authority – Brian Norris (Term Expires 2026)

Education Committee – Brian Norris-chair, Charlie Koennecker, Karen Williamson

The following resolution regarding meeting times was approved on motion of Mr. Hurley, second by Mr. Norris and approval of all members present:

That in conformance with Act 175 (1974) PA Legislature, the Octorara Area Board of School Directors will normally meet in Regular Session in the Jr./Sr. High School on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and that the Board Work Sessions, open to the public, will normally be held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School unless the Monday of a scheduled meeting is a planned Holiday and school is closed. In this case, the meeting will be held on Tuesday. (There is no Work Session scheduled for July). Executive Sessions will be scheduled before and/or following each Regular and Work Session Meeting. The annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on December 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the December Work Session. The December 2024 Regular Monthly Public Board Meeting will be held on December 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m. on motion of Mr. Koennecker, second by Mr. Zimmerman and approval of all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardy, Secretary  
Octorara Board of School Directors