I. CALL TO ORDER

The annual reorganization meeting of the Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education was called to order by Board President Aaron J. Bialon at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008 in the District Administration Office Board Room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bialon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Board Secretary James M. McKevitt recorded the following in attendance.

DIRECTORS—(Present): Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)

(Absent): None (0)

SOLICITOR: M. Janet Burkardt, Esq. – Law Offices of Ira Weiss

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent
       Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager
       David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation
       Jason E. Zadrozny, Director of Buildings and Grounds
       Jesse J. Cramer, Athletic Director
       Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: Lori Waryanka, *Times Sun*, West Newton PA
ADMINISTRATOR ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS

Director Jackson recognized the supervisors in attendance at this meeting and requested that all administrators be requested to attend all regular Board meetings.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON TO CONDUCT ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

A motion to appoint Solicitor Burkardt temporary chairperson to conduct the election of Board President was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
                  Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

V. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Solicitor Burkardt called for nominations for Board President.

Director Jackson nominated Director Dale K. Patterson for Board President. Director Puglia seconded the nomination.

A motion to close the nominations for Board President was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
                  Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

Director Patterson was elected to the office of Board President on a 9-0 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
                  Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

Director Patterson thanked the Board for the vote of confidence in electing him President and he also thanked Director Bialon for his many years service in this position.

VI. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS
[Vice President]

Director Aaron J. Bialon was nominated for Vice President by Director Kraft and the nomination was seconded by Director McKevitt.

A motion to close the nominations for Vice President was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

Director Bialon was elected Vice President on a 9-0 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

[Secretary]

Director Jackson nominated Director James M. McKevitt for the office of Secretary; this was seconded by Director Bialon.

A motion to close the nominations for Secretary was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

Director McKevitt was elected Secretary on a 9-0 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill       (9)
NO .............. None   (0)

[Assistant Secretary]
Director Daniel J. Sepesky was nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary by Director Jackson and seconded by Director Puglia.

Director Kraft moved that the nominations for Assistant Secretary be closed; Director Puglia seconded, and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

Director Sepesky was elected Assistant Secretary on a 9-0 roll call vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

VII. APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

A motion to retain the Law Offices of Ira Weiss as the School District Solicitor was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 7-2 roll call vote:

YES ............. Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (7)
NO ............... Godzak, Sepesky (2)

VIII. DESIGNATE DAY, TIME AND PLACE FOR YEAR 2009 MEETINGS

|Agenda Meetings|

A motion to schedule agenda meetings for 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month on a rotating basis between the District Administration Office and Bellmar Middle School was made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

|Regular Meetings|
Director Sepesky moved that regular meetings be scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month on a rotating basis between the District Administration Office and Bellmar Middle School. Director Jackson seconded and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)

NO .............. None (0)

[SECRETARY’S NOTE: Director Sepesky exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m. due to a prior commitment. Action from this point forward will reflect eight (8) Directors present.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Substitute Superintendent Russell asked all Board members to make every effort to attend the Education and Curriculum Committee meeting on December 8th inasmuch as important issues relative to curriculum changes will be discussed.

Director Jackson thanked Director Bialon for stepping down as President of this Board in order to accept the presidency of the Central Westmoreland County Career and Technology Center Board and wished him well in that capacity.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft,
McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)

NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Sepesky (1)

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James M. McKevitt  
Board Secretary

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