



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

July 20, 2020

35 W. Washington Street

Hagerstown, MD 21740

240-313-2050

Present:

Board:

Martin Lumm, Board President (via teleconference)

Tammy Downin, Board Vice President

Bill Blazes, Board Secretary

Connie Mozingo, Board Assistant Secretary

Jim Schultheis, Board Member

Brian Kane, Board Attorney (via teleconference)

Staff:

Kaye Robucci, Election Director II

Barry Jackson, Deputy Election Director II

Absent:

Guest:

Donald "Chip" Brown (in person)

Dean Robucci (via teleconference)

Peter Perini, Democratic Central Committee (in person)

Kimberly Duff, Democratic Central Committee (via teleconference)

MaryAnne Kaiser (via teleconference)

Nora Slick (via teleconference)

Shannon Clayton (via teleconference)

Caroline Morse (WDVM) (via teleconference)

Dave McMillion (Herald Mail) (via teleconference)

President Marty Lumm called the special meeting to order at 4:07PM at the Washington County Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Hagerstown, MD 21740. There was a quorum present.

President Marty Lumm reviewed the reason for the special meeting (lack of election judges to sufficiently staff 49 polling places) and turned the meeting over to Director Kaye Robucci.

Ms. Robucci projected a total turnout of 80%, of which 50% will vote in person on Election Day.

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Ms. Robucci reported that the proposed consolidations will affect 34,331 registered voters in Washington County, or 33% of registered voters. The breakdown of the affected voters by party is as follows:

1. Democratic – 35%
2. Republican – 42%
3. Unaffiliated – 21%
4. Others – 2%

The board then began to consider and vote on each consolidation, one by one:

1. Consolidate 11002 – Potomac Valley Fire Hall with 01000 – Sharpsburg Elementary School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
2. Consolidate 03002 – Emmanuel United Methodist Church and 03003/03005 – Emma K. Doub Elementary School with 03004 – Girls, Inc. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
Comment: Stanchions may be required.
3. Consolidate 06002 – Boonsboro Middle School with 06001 – Boonsboro High School. Brian Kane recommended to accept the resolution with the stipulation that the high school gymnasium is available. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation. The Board received confirmation later in the meeting from the Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) that the gymnasium was, in fact, available.
Comment: Accessibility Survey will need to be completed for the gymnasium.
4. Consolidate 07001 – Smithsburg Elementary School with 07002 – Smithsburg Middle School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
5. Consolidate 11001 – Pleasant Valley Elementary School with 08000 – Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
6. Consolidate 10001 – E. Russell Hicks Middle School and 10004 – Washington County Technical High School with 10002 – South Hagerstown High School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
7. Consolidate 18003 – Hagerstown Community College ARCC with 10003/10005 – Eastern Elementary School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
8. Consolidate 13002 – Maugansville Ruritan Club with 13001 – Maugansville Elementary School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
9. Consolidate 14001 – Ringgold Ruritan Club with 14002 – Cascade Elementary School. Nora Slick said voters in Ringgold would not take well to moving to Cascade and suggested that they be moved to Leitersburg instead. Brian Kane agreed that going from Ringgold to Cascade could be a challenge for some voters, but speaking as a former chief judge at Leitersburg, he said Leitersburg would not be a suitable alternative. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.

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10. Consolidate 18002/18004 – Maranatha Brethren Church with 18001 – Bethel United Methodist Church. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
11. Consolidate 21001 – Potomac Heights Elementary School and 21003 – Northern Middle School with 21002 – North Hagerstown High School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation with the stipulation that the high school gymnasium will be available. The Board received confirmation later in the meeting from WCPS that the gymnasium was, in fact, available.
Comment: Accessibility Survey will need to be completed for the gymnasium. Provide signage from back parking lot.
12. Consolidate 22001 – Trinity Lutheran Church with 22002 – Pangborn Elementary School. Peter Perini asked that consideration be given to those voters in 22001 without transportation. Kimberly Duff committed to providing transportation on Election Day. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
13. Consolidate 24001 – WACOHU Grange Hall with 23000 – Heritage Academy. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
Comment: Provide signage on Route 40.
14. Consolidate 25003/25004 – Salem Avenue Elementary School with 25002 – Western Heights Middle School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.
15. Consolidate 26004 – Hickory Elementary School with 26001 – St. Joseph's Catholic Parish. Marty Lumm recommended the use of the new Election Board facility on Virginia Avenue for the consolidation of District 26. There was much discussion on the subject. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation and the use of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish for 2020 with the stipulation that Virginia Avenue be used as a polling place for 2022.
16. Consolidate 26003 – Valley Grace Brethren Church with 26002 – Lincolnshire Elementary School. Marty Lumm recommended the use of the new Election Board facility on Virginia Avenue for the consolidation of District 26. There was much discussion on the subject. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation and the use of Lincolnshire Elementary School for 2020 with the stipulation that Virginia Avenue be used as a polling place for 2022.
17. Consolidate 27001 – Fountaindale Elementary School with 27002 - Paramount Elementary School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consolidation.

Marty Lumm opened the floor for comments. Brian Kane made a point of order that the Board is consolidating polling places, not precincts.

Peter Perini asked if precinct results will be kept separate. The answer is yes.

Peter Perini complimented the Board and staff "for doing a good job in a difficult situation."

Peter Perini commented that the COVID-19 virus is still "raging." "Voting in person in November 2020 is going to be dangerous." Peter Perini encouraged the Board to send a letter of complaint to the Governor. He said that, because voters were sent a ballot in

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the Primary Election, they will receive a specimen ballot, mark it and send it in, thinking it is their official ballot.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

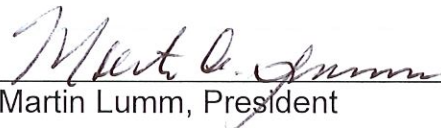
The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 3:00PM. The location is Washington County Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8.

Adjournment:

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Marty Lumm called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. At 6:20PM, Tammy Downin made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and reconvene the Board of Canvassers. Connie Mazingo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Compiled by Barry Jackson
Deputy Election Director II

Respectfully Submitted,

 8/11/2020
Martin Lumm, President Date

 8/11/2020.
Bill Blazes, Secretary Date