

Boone School Board reorganizes, swears in new board members

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The Daniel Boone School Board swore in four new school board members at its Reorganization Meeting on Dec. 1.

Among the four new members, 18-year-old Connor J. Kurtz, representing Amity Township, is the board's youngest member.

Two days prior to the meeting, Kurtz sent a press release announcing that he would be sworn-in and that he is the youngest elected official in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and "quite possibly in the United States."

Kurtz states that he won his election in November's general election with approximately 90 percent of the vote in Amity Township and that he overwhelmingly defeated three opponents in both the Republican and Democratic primary elections.

He said he campaigned on restoring fiscal responsibility to the school district by reducing spending and controlling property taxes, which he said are in the top 15 percent of the Commonwealth's 500 school districts.

The board's other new members include Monica Hamill and Michael Wolfe, representing the Borough of Birdsboro, and Robert McLaughlin, representing Union Township.

The Oath of Office was re-affirmed with board members Scott Potts and Walter Sheehan, Amity Township, and Frank Cerminaro, Union Township.

The Oath of Office was issued to Andrew Basile, Union Township, and to Kevin F. McCullough, the Borough of Birdsboro.

Basile was re-elected as school board president.

Sheehan was elected as board vice president and Legislative Action Representative.

Potts was unanimously elected as Pennsylvania School Boards Representative.

After declining nominations to be a representative to Berks Earned Income Tax and also to the Berks Career and Technology Center, he accepted and was unanimously approved as a representative to the Berks County Intermediate Unit for a one-year term.

Wolfe was appointed representative to the Berks Earned Income Tax and Berks Career and Technology Center.

Hamill will be an alternate representative to the Berks Career and Technology Center.

Kevin F. McCullough will be a board representative for the Borough of Birdsboro to the Economic Revitalization Advisory Group.

Basile said the objective of the Economic Revitalization Advisory Group is to brainstorm measures for new revenue within the school district.

He said the group has supported Amity Township's Western Industrial Park (AWIP) from the concept stage through the adoption of the Planned Business/Office/Industrial zoning ordinance on Nov. 3, 2010.

Board members need to submit their committee appointment requests to Basile by the Jan. 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Committees include Finance, Facilities, Meet and Discuss, Curriculum and Instruction, Revenue Enhancement.

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