

BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Brady Mr. Kuhrt
 Mr. Krzyzanowski Mr. Lanouette
 Mr. Pasquale Mr. Sterling
 Mr. Thurrell

Guests Present: Dr. Mark Holodick, Superintendent, Brandywine School District
 Joseph Brumskill, Member, Brandywine School District Board of Education
 Marty Tracy, Community Chair, Brandywine School District Referendum Committee

Staff Present: Mr. Albence, Director
 Mr. Sholl, Deputy Director
 Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner

1. Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Mr. Brady recognized guests and invited guests to offer remarks related to their request to add Harlan Elementary School as a polling place for the March 28, 2012, Brandywine School District Referendum. Following these remarks, Mr. Thurrell moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded the motion to add Harlan Elementary School as an additional polling place. Motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that the Department provide an update on voter turnout at the new polling place.
3. Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Kuhrt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Sholl provided an update on the Department's financial status. Expenditures for the current fiscal year are on track. The Department is closely monitoring energy cost for the warehouse.
5. Mr. Sholl reported that the Voter Registration Unit is current on all work and informed the Board on the number of registered voters in New Castle County
 - Feb 1, 2012: 374,219
 - Jan 1, 2012: 373,427
 - Nov 1, 2010: 389,657

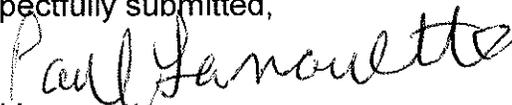
6. Mr. Albence informed the Board of the following 2012 elections:
 - Feb 7: Correctional Officers Union
 - Feb 28: Red Clay School District – Bond referendum
 - Mar 5: Middletown
 - Mar 28: Brandywine School District – Operating referendum
 - Apr 3: Delaware City
 - Apr 10: Newark
 - Apr 24: Presidential Primary
 - May 8: School Board
 - Sep 11: Primary
 - Nov 6: General Election
7. Mr. Sholl reported that activity on the Department's Web Site is consistent with expectations.
8. Mr. Sholl provided an update on Department work on redistricting following the 2010 Census/Redistricting:
 - The General Assembly passed the clean-up bills to address some outstanding redistricting issues.
 - Almost all issues were addressed. Two very small Election Districts were retained.
9. Mr. Albence provided an update on the Department's new warehouse. He reported that some final finish work must be completed, and the phone system is now installed. In addition, he reported that plans for the training room are progressing. A general contractor has been finalized (Ventresca Brothers), furniture has been ordered, and some items (chairs) have been delivered. Due to the delay in the project timeline, the Department is seeking alternate training space for Election Officer training for the Presidential Primary.
10. Mr. Sholl provided the following updates regarding proposed Federal legislation:
 - HR 3463: Bill eliminating the Election Assistance Commission
 - Bill passed House, but is expected to fail in Senate.
11. Mr. Sholl reported the legislation in the General Assembly regarding the following topics:
 - A bill amending Title 15 passed the House in June and is waiting to be considered by the Senate. It includes updates regarding list maintenance, a mandate for facilities receiving State funds to be available as polling places, and authorization to extend the option for electronic transmittal and return of absentee ballots to voters with disabilities.
 - A Title 15 "cleanup bill" should be introduced later this month. This bill modifies some dates related to the Presidential Primary, clarifies

voter assistance, permits scanning of absentee ballots starting the Friday prior to an election, revises the formula used to calculate the ratio of voting machines required per registered voters, and eliminates obsolete language in the Code.

- A constitutional amendment bill, introduced in June 2011, should also be considered this session.
12. Mr. Sholl updated the Board on a project the Department completed for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has assisted the Department in the past with obtaining poll workers employed by member businesses.
 13. Mr. Albence reported that materials to be archived are being prepared for delivery to the State Archives.
 14. Mr. Albence updated the Board on the voting machine moving contract. The contract was awarded to three vendors: Delaware Moving & Storage, Hopkins & Sons, and Office Movers.
 15. Mr. Sholl updated the Board on a reminder mailing sent to military and overseas voters. A mailing to domestic permanent absentee voters is forthcoming. Mr. Albence reported that heavy-duty tables have been ordered for the new absentee equipment (HAVA expense).
 16. Mr. Sholl updated the board that a Republican Presidential Primary is now scheduled. Two candidates have qualified for the election.
 17. Mr. Kuhrt nominated Mr. Brady to serve as President. Mr. Pasquale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Thurrell nominated Mr. Lanouette to serve as Secretary. Mr. Sterling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 18. Commissioner Manlove reported the following updates from the Office of the State Election Commissioner (SEC):
 - At the recent National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) meeting, the State of New York expressed interest in copying the eSig system.
 - A total of 11 election staff travelled to Dallas, TX, January 17-20 for training on the new absentee voting equipment at the Dominion Voting training facility. A follow-up, "refresher" ballot building training will be held in the next few weeks, facilitated by Dominion Voting staff.
 - A revised municipal elections bill is being considered in the General Assembly.
 - The Commissioner has been reappointed for another four year term.

19. Old Business: None
20. New Business:
 - Next regularly scheduled meeting: **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**
21. Board Removals & Birth Date Corrections:
 - Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Kuhrt seconded the motion to:
 - Remove 71 names from the voter registration rolls due to a move out of state.
 - Remove 35 names from the voter registration rolls through the address verification process.
 - Remove 3 names from the voter registration rolls based on a voluntary request.
 - Make 2 corrections to birth years noted in voter registration records.Motion passed unanimously.
22. Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Thurrell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Lanouette
Secretary