

LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
SPECIAL MEETING FOR ADJUDICATION OF THE MAY 2023 PRIMARY  
ELECTION

MAY 19, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Penn Place Building Room 301

20 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

CALL TO ORDER 9:08 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:09-9:50 AM-Potential litigation regarding the Wyoming Valley West school board race; ballots for Larksville Ward 3 were given out instead of the correct Larksville 303 for some voters; 40 Democratic and 17 Republicans were not given the correct ballotst; he solicitor is researching the issue; the Board sill count Larksville election day ballots first

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Alissa Fusaro moved to adopt the agenda 2nd Jim Mangan, unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Gerard Gauchan representing Mayor George Brown-requests a hand count of the paper ballots so that write-in votes where the bubbles are not colored in are counted

Paula Radick- advised that they must petition the court if they want those votes to be counted

Bob Prescott, Harveys Lake Borough-wants to know which candidates will be on the ballot

Advised that the process will take days and he should check the website

Walter Griffith-concerning the adjudication of over votes

Advised that this would be done during the write-in adjudication

ADJUDICATION

The Chair reviewed the process

Walter Griffith representing Republicans, Tom Shubilla representing Democrats not present

Mail-in Votes-Death of Voter-2

Paula Radick advised do not count

Both ballots were not voted as they were returned to the Bureau unopened

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Mail-in Canceled by Bureau Because New Ballot Issued-4

(71 provisionals that should be election day being transposed by bipartisan team; request machines be checked for any additional provisionals; 10:37 AM Tom Shubilla present)

Denise Williams moved to confirm as canceled the 3 ballots canceled and replaced by the Bureau 2nd Dan Schramm

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

(Alyssa Fusaro asked if the Larksville machines had been checked; Emily Cook advised that the machines have not been returned and would be checked as soon as they were)

Denise Williams moved to add 1 to the total of canceled and replaced ballots 2nd Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

ID Not Verified-14

Paula Radick advised voters have 6 calendar days to verify ID; these ballots can be adjudicated on Tuesday morning

No Signature on File-0

Undeliverable Ballots-168

Ballots canceled in SURE; voters given the the opportunity to correct

Mail-in Outer Envelope

No Outer Envelope-3

Paula Radick-reject

Denise Williams moved to reject the 3 ballots without the outer envelope 2nd Dan Schramm

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

No Signature-26

Paula Radick-reject

Reviewed and reported 22 with no signature and 4 other

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 22 with no signature 2nd Audrey Serniak

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to accept the 2 ballots with signatures in the wrong spot

Walter Griffith asked if voters were notified if ballot was rejected by the Agilis; advised yes

Denise Williams moved to accept 1 ballot with the signature in the witness section

2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to accept 1 ballot with the signature in the witness spot

2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passes

Two ballots have witness signatures but not voter mark

Paula Radick advised to reject as both a mark and witness signature are required

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject the 2 ballots without a voter mark 2ns Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Two ballots move forward-secrecy envelopes ok and no marks on ballots

Bad Affirmation-58

Paula Radick advised to reject; need the signature of the voter but if there is a reason to accept lean toward enfranchise

32 ballots appear to be members of the same household

Alyssa Fusaro moved to accept the 32 paired/same address ballots 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to accept the one ballot where the voter made their mark but the witness signed in the wrong place 2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Jim Mangan moved to accept the ballot where the husband signed but match had no signature but then withdrew the motion

Denise Williams moved to accept 1 that doesn't have a bad affirmation 2nd Dan Schramm

Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passes

Denise Williams moved to accept the 1 that was signed in the wrong place 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro no,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Jim Mangan moved to approve 1 ballot with married name 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous (35 ballots moving forward)

Alyssa Fusaro moved to approve 2 with 'short' signatures 2nd Dan Schramm

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject bad affirmation(X) 2nd Audrey Serniak

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan no, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams no, 3 yes, 2 no, motion passes

Lunch 12:25-1:20 PM

Chair reported that 71 provisional ballots which were transposed will be reviewed

No Date-97

Paula Radick-do not count but segregate

Alyssa Fusaro moved to move 2 ballots from no date to wrong date category 2nd Dan Schramm

Jim Mangan no, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passes

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject but segregate 95 ballots with no date 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Wrong Date-95 (range 4/22-5/16)

Paula Radick-reject but segregate

Denise Williams moved to moved 1 to the no date category 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to reject that ballot 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Jim Mangan moved to accept 1 ballot with corrected year 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to reject 1 ballot with a bad affirmation and move it into that category

2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Jim Mangan moved to accept 9 ballots that allow for the possibility of European/military style dating 2nd Audrey Serniak

Walter Griffith-we are on dangerous grounds, a wrong date is a wrong date

Tom Shubilla-ok due to voter intent

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm no,

Denise Williams yes, 3 yes, 2 no, motion passes

Jim Mangan moved to reject and segregate the 83 ballots with wrong date (10 moving forward)

2nd Audrey Serniak

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams no, 4 yes, 1 no, motion passes

Seal Issues Outer Envelope-5

Paula Radick-Board's discretion

Alyssa Fusaro moved to accept 3 ballots that appear to be ripped by machine 2nd Jim Mangan  
Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to accept 2 ballots that appear to have been opened and resealed  
2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes,  
Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries (5 accepted)

Inner (Secrecy) Envelopes

No Secrecy Envelope (Naked Ballot)-73

Paula Radick-reject

Alyssa Fusaro move to reject the 73 without a secrecy envelope 2nd Jim Mangan  
Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

ID Mark-17

Jim Mangan moved to move 1 from ID mark to wrong date 2nd Alyssa Fusaro  
Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to accept 3 with no ID mark 2nd Jim Mangan  
Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Audrey Serniak moved to reject 13 with ID marks 2nd Dan Schramm  
Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Not Fully Sealed-0

Ballots with ID Marks-7

Board discussion resulted in not recognizing possible initials as ID marks  
Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject one with full signature 2nd Jim Mangan  
Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,  
Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Jim Mangan moved to accept the remaining 6 ballots for scanning 2nd Dan Schramm

Walter Griffith-initials are ID marks under law

Tom Shubilla-disagrees because you can't ID voter from initials

Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries

Mail-in Damaged-0

Anything Else?-Agilis rejected but ok-30

Alyssa Fusaro moved to allow 30 ballots to move forward 2nd Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Break 3:13-3:38 PM

PROVISIONALS-151

No Outer Envelope-3

Paula Radick-a signature and voter information is required; do not count

Discussion-JoEs will be contacted; cards are being attached to the rejected Provisionals with the reason they are rejected

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 3 without the outer envelope 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Voter Received Mail in and Voted at the Poll-4

2 did not surrender the mailin ballot and are moved to that category

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject the 2 that voted provisionally and the mail in was received

2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Mail in Not Voted or Surrendered-84

Paula Radick-OK to accept

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 1 ballot where the mailin was received 2nd Audrey Sernia

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to accept for processing the 83 provisionals where mailins were not surrendered  
2nd Dan Schramm

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

4:09 PM Denise Williams moved to recess 2nd Jim Mangan, unanimous

May 22, 2023

9:04 AM- All present

Executive Session-9:04-9:19 AM to discuss potential litigation or complaint

Undeliverable Ballots-168

Ballots; 2 confirmed deceased; 15 with incomplete addresses for the recipient; 1 mail in returned ballot  
in undelivered ballot pile

Audrey Serniak moved to process the 1 ballot 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Outer Envelope Issues-4

Poll Worker Signatures-Paula Radick-advised that the law states 2 signatures needed but there is room  
for Board discretion and the Board has allowed one pollworker signature in the past

Board discussion included that the law must be followed or changed and not the voter's fault if JoE or  
Minority Inspector did not sign

Denise Williams moved the 4 ballots with no pollworker signature be accepted 2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak no, Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm no,

Denise Williams yes, 2 yes, 3 no, motion fails

No Voter Signature in Affirmation Section-4

Paula Radick-need a signature but courts have ruled both with and without signatures, Board has  
accepted without signatures in the past in the past

Jim Mangan moved to accept the 2nd Denise Williams

Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries

Denise Williams moved to accept 2 with no voter date but dated by JoE 2nd Jim Mangan



Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro no,

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries

Alyssa Fusaro asked how we knew that voter was not cring their ballot which should be done at the Bureau on election day?

Denise Williams moved to accept 73 ballots were the voter did not vote their mailin but voted provisionally at the poll 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro-going forward would like to compare provisionals with the cure lists

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 2 with signed inner envelopes 2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 1 naked ballot 2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

10:53 AM Walter Griffith in for Republicans; Break until 11:21 AM

Voter Mail in Canceled in SURE System; Voted Provisionally-0

Voted Wrong Precinct-9

Paul Radick-accept for common races

Denise Williams moved to accept 9 ballots to be transposed for the common races

2nd Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Voter Not In Poll Book; No Change of Address-0

Voter Not Located in Poll Book But Was in Sure-12

1 was third party member; 1 with no poll worker signature

Alyssa Fusaro moved to accept 11 ballots were voters were not found in poll book

2nd Audrey Serniak

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject 1 with no poll worker signature 2nd Dan Schramm

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan no, Dan Schramm yes

Denise Williams no, 3 yes, 2 no, motion carries

Not Registered-7

Paula Radick-reject

6 not registered, 1 canceled

Alyssa Fusaro moves to reject 7 ballots where voter was not registered 2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Voter Registered Out of County-0

Voter Required But Unable to Show ID-0

Voter Eligibility Challenged-0

Special Court Order Regarding Voter Status-0

Special Court Order Regarding Extended Hours-0

Voter Requested to Vote Provisionally-0

Voter Claimed Different Party Registration-0

Other-Non-Affiliated or Third Party Voters-28

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject the 28 ballots where voters were registered third party or independent 2nd Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to have her and Dan Schramm contact these voters to see if they needed to change their registration 2nd Dan Schramm

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams no, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries

Walter Griffith objected to the Board's contacting these voters because it is not the job of the Board to solicit change of registration; looks like swaying a voter registration; Bureau should do it

Alyssa Fusaro disagreed because it is the Board of Elections and Registration

Bipartisan team, Alyssa Fusaro and Dan Schramm; Chair wants to see a script; voter has to ask for form first

Lunch-12:15-1:13 PM

Other Machine Problems-13

Denise Williams-errors not fatal

Alyssa Fusaro moved to approve 13 without poll book signatures 2nd Jim Mangan

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Others

1 wrong precinct added to 9

Denise Williams moved to approved voters in wrong precinct to be transposed 2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams moved to revise prior 2nd Alyssa Fusaro

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

7 additional provisional caste as regular ballots from Ross Township

Denise Williams moved to accept the 7 additional Ross Township provisional used in place of regular ballots to be transposed 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Break 2:00-2:15 PM

Transposing and reviewing the transposed ballots continues

Paula Radick-regarding the write in in the one race on one of the out of precinct ballots transposing should be done only for the common races

Jim Mangan moved to reject the particular race with the write in candidates in the wrong school district 2nd Dan Schramm

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Adjourn to continue at 9 AM tomorrow (transposing, military, ID not verified, public comment; write in set up)

Alyssa Fusaro moved to adjourn 2nd Jim Mangan, unanimous

4:04 PM

May 23, 2023

9:00 AM resuming; Audrey Serniak , Alyssa Fusaro, Jim Mangan, Dan Schramm,

Denise Williams present

Emergency bins are still being checked, 4 ballots found; Walter Griffith in for the Republicans 9:30 AM

ID Not Verified-0

Military-one more day to arrive

Military/Overseas-2

Alyssa Fusaro moved to accept 2 military ballots 2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

No more ballots found in the scanners; scanning in remaining ballots

Public Comments

Walter Griffith, Trucksville-First the attention to detail is fabulous; time consuming, tedious and intense; Bureau too; people should be aware of the process, they should come and watch;concerned with the curing process, scanning takes place a week in advance, party reps should receive a daily list, there's not enough time on election day to do this

Bureau advised that this is an automatic process prior to election day; voter receives an email

Paula Radick-prior to election day this would be considered pre-canvassing which is not allowed; prior to election can only contact the voter, on election day can give to party chairs; list of rejected ballots can be obtained through a right to know request

Linda Joseph, Wilkes Barre-came to observe the work we do; commend us all

Bob Caruso-room is too small with a presidential election coming up; there are incidental mistakes by the voters and every effort should be made to investigate

Jim Mangan-educate, don't know what else we can do; there are ongoing issues

Denise Williams-undeliverable ballots; there were 18 with incomplete addresses; asks Bureau to investigate

Adjourn to continue into the write in, overvote and ambiguous marks part of the meeting

Alyssa Fusaro moved to adjourn 2nd Dan Schramm, unanimous 10: AM

10:38 AM 3 more provisionals located

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject the 2 provisional ballots without outer envelopes 2nd Jim Mangan

Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject the 1 marked provisional ballot 2nd Jim Mangan

Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

Denise Williams-unofficial results due for state wide races; total Democratic and Republican votes

11:13 AM-began determining scattered races

Lunch-12:35-1:30 PM continued determining scattered categories

Since we use optical scanner, write in votes need to have the bubble filled in to be valid; don't need to review undervotes

Alyssa Fusaro moved to reject any write in votes that come up without the bubble filled in

2nd Dan Schramm

Audrey Serniak yes, Alyssa Fusaro yes, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes,

Denise Williams yes, unanimous

3:45 PM-signed unofficial results

4:50 PM-stopped for the day

May 24, 2023

9:00 AM-all Board members present

Denise Williams questioned Paula Radick about the Wyoming Valley West school board race; machine ballots for the 3 effected ards were done; the mail in ballots need to be processed

Paula Radick advised this needs to be tabled for now

No more military/overseas ballots came in

School Board Race-Paula Radick advised 10 votes were needed to get on the ballot; no issue on the Democratic side; on the Republican side 17 people didn't get to vote in the school board race; there are no active write in campaigns;no voter complaints, no party complaints; Office of Law opinion is that this was a harmless error on the part of the poll workers; bring in party chairs for a discussion and give them the information and see what they say; it is up to the party to challenge; very slim chance of effecting the outcome; candidate can go to court to cumulate

Alyssa Fusaro-17 people didn't get to vote

Paula Radick-slim chance of effecting the outcome and that's how the courts will probably rule; also need to factor in the costs which the county will have to pay an costs of a revote; no fraud indicated; 23 Democrats and 17 Republicans didn't get to vote in that race

Lunch- 12:35-1:20 PM

4:50 PM-stopped for the day

May 25, 2023

9:00 AM-Jim Mangan, Alyssa Fusaro, Denise Williams, Audrey Serniak present; Dan Schramm in 10:03 AM

Continuing the processing of mail ins

Executive Session to discuss pending litigation 9:50-10:03 AM

Break 10:03-10:23 AM

Lunch 12:05-12:50 PM

1:56 PM-Party Chairs Kathy Bozinski, Democrat and PJ Pecora, Republican present for a discussion of the Wyoming Valley West Third District school board race; where 40 voters did not receive the correct ballot; Larksville Ward 3 is a split district; ballots were coded 3 and 3-03; the 3-03 ballots were not given out

Paula Radick advised the Board not to answer any questions regarding the write in bubble issue which is in litigation; there is a Democrat on the ballot so no issue; there isn't a Republican on the ballot so the write ins will determine the candidate

Alyssa Fusaro-17 people didn't get to vote and that is what she struggles with

Denise Williams-this has been publicized and there have been no complaints

Paula Radick-no complaints from the voters; harmless error on the part of the poll worker; it can be an open race in November or a write in candidate can cumulate; Board decided to follow the statute so that if a candidate wants to cumulate votes they can follow the court procedure; Office of Law advises not to petition the court for a special election

Kathy Bozinski-17 voters out there

PJ Pecora-theoretically could be a tie but it is close; still 17 out there

Denise Williams-accept what is or request the court

Paula Radick-candidates have 5 days from certification to petition to cumulate; county would have to pay for a special election; also can disenfranchise people who have voted

Dan Schramm-small number of voters

Denise Williams-concern is people didn't get a chance to vote

Audrey Serniak-have to consider the entire county, the confusion and cost; candidate can easily cumulate; this is the remedy

Kathy Bozinski-candidate can cumulate there are 18 versions at this time; no court challenge at this time but will want the totals

Denise Williams moved to go on with the canvassing and not petition the court to act on the Larksville 3rd Wyoming Valley West school board race 2nd Jim Mangan

Alyssa Fusaro no, Jim Mangan yes, Dan Schramm yes, Audrey Serniak yes

Denise Williams yes, 4 yes, 1 no, motion carries

Break 2:42-3:00 PM

5:02 PM stopped for the day

May 26, 2023

9:10 all Board members present; mail in ballot review continues

Lunch 12:01-12:50 PM

Executive Session to discuss litigation 3:40-3:48 PM

3:50 PM stopped for the day

May 30, 2023

9:12 AM all Board members present

Will work 9:15 AM-5:00 PM today

11:30 AM court hearing, Denise Williams will attend

Set date for certification on June 5, 2023; time depends on availability of the council room

2% audit-Audrey Serniak contends that the Bureau should do it; Board consensus is Board should oversee and help if necessary

10:45 AM- Denise Williams to the courthouse

Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

All Board members present; review of ballots continues

4:45 PM stopped

May 31, 2023

9:05 AM all Board members present

10:45 AM Denise Williams to courthouse

Lunch 12:00-12:50 PM Jim Mangan out

Executive Session 12:54- 3:06 PM to discuss litigation

4:45 PM stopped

June 1, 2023

9:00AM Dan Schramm, Audrey Serniak, Denise Williams in; Alyssa Fusaro in 9:20 AM

12:00 PM finished ballots

Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

Brown Court Order completed 2:25 PM

2:30 PM stopped

June 2, 2023

11:00 AM Dan Schramm, Audrey Serniak, Denise Williams, Alyssa Fusaro present

George Court Order completed 11:33 AM; results to be uploaded to website

Lunch until 1:20 PM all Board members present

2% audit conducted by the Board and Bureau employees; 4:00 PM Jim Mangan out

Board discussed the fact that the bags were not sealed and the report totals were time stamped this morning; decided to use the scanner tapes from Election Night as the report totals

4:45 PM stopped

June 5, 2023

9:00 AM all Board members present

2% audit continues

10:30 AM 2% audit completed

11:15 AM Denise Williams advised 2% audit passes

11:20 AM Tie Breakers-6 (Berwick School District results reported to Columbia County to be added to their results) conducted by Eryn Harvey and Beth McBride

Ashley Boro Council 4 years Rep-ballot position-2nd Lisa Wildes, 3rd Frank Sorokach

Duryea Boro Tax Collector Dem-to appear on the ballot-between Anissa Akulonis and Ann arie Mullin-Ann Marie Mullin will be on the ballot

Harveys Lake Council 4 years Rep-candidate on the ballot-David Sebolka will be on the ballot unless Alexia Wells cumulates

Nuangola Boro Council 2 years Rep-ballot position-2nd Jeff Beck 3rd Joe Delia

West Hazleton Boro Council Dem-ballot position- 2nd Fermin Diaz 3rd Maria Rodriguez



Wilkes Barre Twp Council Rep-ballot position- 1st Mary Waskevich 2nd Kati Krutski Arnone

Reconciliation

Denise Williams-numbers don't match up

Eryn Harvey-we don't have the poll book numbers because they go to ES&S for processing and are not back yet

Audrey Serniak-those numbers were not always back in time; we usually rely on the voter lists

Most issues were resolved by checking against the poll book tapes and the scanner tapes or finding errors on the spread sheet

Wilkes Barre Ward 3 and Wilkes Barre Ward 15 remained

Wilkes Barre 3 had 126 on the voter list, 84 ballots scanned and no poll book tape

Wilkes Barre 15 had 225 on the voter list , 176 scanned and no poll book tape

12:40 PM-recess to go to the courthouse to begin the certification meeting

1:40 PM-resumed reconciliation

Sent Bureau employees to check the machines again; no ballots were found

Eryn Harvey reviewed the voter list names and determined that mail in voters named had been added to the voter lists; JoEs will be advised not to do that and to run the poll book tapes at poll closing

Public Comments-none

Motion to adjourn made by Alyssa Fusaro 2nd Dan Schramm, unanimous

Adjourned 2:55 PM

ELECTION DAY NOTES

MAY 16, 2023

7:35 AM Dan Schramm, Audrey Serniak, Denise Williams present

7:50 AM Jim Mangan present

8:04 AM Started; 15 processors, 2 machine opener operators, 2 scanner operators; drop box 7568, mail 7089, total 14657

9:15 AM Alyssa Fusaro present

9:45 AM Dan Schramm out

9:50 AM Alyssa Fusaro and Denise Williams to the Bureau for curing

12:13 PM Dan Schramm present

1:45 PM Denise Williams back from curing

2:20 PM Alyssa Fusaro present

2:50 PM Jim Mangan, Audrey Serniak, Denise Williams to the Bureau for curing

3:35 PM Jim Mangan, Audrey Serniak, Denise Williams back from curing; Alyssa usaro out

4:20 PM Alyssa Fusaro present

5:30 PM Audrey Serniak out

7:30 PM Finished processing ballots

7:55PM All Board members present

9:20 PM Drop box and final mail ballots completed; Dan Schramm out; remaining members to the Bureau; waiting for the 4 cards left in the scanners

12:40 PM Done