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Board Members Take Oath of Office and Elect Leadership at Board Organization Meeting

***Sharene Shealey Joins Board as District 1 Representative
Theresa Colaizzi Re-elected President***

PITTSBURGH, December 8, 2009 – The Pittsburgh School Board looks a little different tonight following the Swearing-In Ceremony of newly elected District 1 Representative Sharene Shealey. Ms. Shealey joined fellow re-elected Board Members Theresa Colaizzi (District 5), Jean Fink (District 7), Floyd McCrea (District 9) and Thomas Sumpter (District 3) in taking the Oath of Office, administered by Judge Michael McCarthy, at this evening's Board Organization Meeting. As the Board's District 1 Representative, Ms. Shealey will serve the Homewood, East Hills, North Point Breeze, South Point Breeze, Lincoln-Lemington, Friendship, parts of East Liberty, and Shadyside areas of the city.

Ms. Shealey, of North Point Breeze, is a mother of three and currently works as an air quality specialist with Reliant Energy. She holds a BA and MS degrees in Chemical Engineering from Howard University and Carnegie Mellon University respectively. Ms. Shealey is an active participant in the Parent Student Community Council at Pittsburgh Colfax K-8, where her two youngest children attend school. Ms. Shealey's term with the Board expires in 2013.

Ms. Shealey is the second new member to join the Board this year. In August, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl announced the appointment of Dr. Dara Ware Allen as Pittsburgh Public Schools Board District 2 Representative, which was left vacant with the resignation of Heather Arnet. Dr. Allen will complete the remainder of Ms. Arnet's term, which expires on December 5, 2011.

Theresa Colaizzi Re-elected Board President

In addition to the Swearing-In Ceremony, the Board elected officers for the 2010 fiscal year. Current President Theresa Colaizzi was re-elected President. Thomas Sumpter was re-elected First-Vice President and William Isler was re-elected Second-Vice President.

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The Board also elected Superintendent Mark Roosevelt as Secretary of the Board, along with four Assistant Secretaries, a School Treasurer and Deputy School Treasurer.

The Public School Code of 1949 requires that the directors of all school districts hold an organization meeting to elect various officers for the forthcoming fiscal year. A majority vote of all the directors is required for election to any office.

Board President Theresa Colaizzi

Theresa Colaizzi, business owner of a hair salon, has served on the School Board in various capacities since 2001. Mrs. Colaizzi has held the position of Board President since 2009. Prior to becoming Board President Mrs. Colaizzi held the position of Second-Vice President since 2005. Mrs. Colaizzi has chaired the Personnel and Government Relations Committees. Mrs. Colaizzi currently chairs the Negotiations Committee, a position she has held since 2001.

First-Vice President Thomas Sumpter

Thomas Sumpter joined the Board in 2005 and has served as its First Vice-President since 2009. Prior to serving as First Vice-President, Mr. Sumpter was elected Second Vice-President in 2008. Mr. Sumpter has chaired the Board's Education Committee since 2005. He currently serves as the District Representative with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and serves on both the Board's ad-hoc and Government Relations committees.

Board President William Isler

William Isler, President of Family Communications, Inc., has served on the School Board in various capacities since 1999. Mr. Isler held the position of Board President from 2003-2008. Mr. Isler has chaired the Finance, Personnel, Public Relations and Right to Education Committees. He also serves as the District Liaison to the Council of Great City Schools, a position he has held since 1999.

The chart below details Pittsburgh Public Schools Board Members and the areas of the City each represent.

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Board Member	District Representative	Areas Represented
Mrs. Theresa Colaizzi	5	Southside, Lincoln Place, Greenfield, South Oakland, Central Oakland, Summerset at Frick Park, Hazelwood, Swisselm Park and Squirrel Hill
Mr. Thomas Sumpter	3	Bloomfield, Garfield, Upper Hill District, parts of Stanton Heights, parts of Oakland and East Liberty .
Mr. William Isler	4	Squirrel Hill, Oakland, Regent Square and Hazelwood .
Dr. Dara Ware Allen	2	Spring Hill, East Allegheny, Polish Hill, Morningside, Spring Garden, Washington’s Landing, Strip District, Highland Park, Troy Hill, Lawrenceville, Stanton Heights
Mr. Mark Brentley, Sr.	8	Manchester, Beltzhoover, parts of Northside, part of Hill District and Downtown
Mrs. Jean Fink	7	Allentown, Arlington, Bon Air, Carrick, East Brookline, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Overbrook and Southside Slopes
Mrs. Sherry Hazuda	6	Brookline, Beechview, Banksville, West End, Mt. Washington, Westwood and East Carnegie
Mr. Floyd McCrea	9	Sheraden, Windgap, Brighton Heights, Perry Hilltop, Crafton Heights, Chartiers City, Observatory Hill, parts of Northside, Elliot, Esplen and Marshall-Shadeland
Ms. Sharene Shealey	1	Homewood, East Hills, North Point Breeze, South Point Breeze, Lincoln-Lemington, Friendship, parts of East Liberty, and Shadyside

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