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Methacton School District Board of School Directors Appoints Citizen Tax Study Commission

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NORRISTOWN - During a special action meeting convened prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on the evening of Tuesday, September 12th, members of the Board selected nine individuals to serve on the Methacton School District's Citizen Tax Study Commission, from among a slate of 17 candidates.

The nine members are Kristine Bundschuh, Ron Evans, James Franz, Michael Hones, Les Konkoly, Deborah McQuiston, Dave Plager, Jeff Reiche and Natalie Sitsis. The newly appointed group will now attend a brief informational session, be provided with the data collected by Public Financial Management LLC* and decide upon a meeting schedule. Meetings of the District's Tax Study Commission will be advertised and conducted publicly in accordance with Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law.

Candidates were selected from among applications sent into the District, or nominations by members of the Board of School Directors. After deciding by majority vote that the commission shall include nine members, Tuesday's vote was conducted via roll call, with two rounds necessary to narrow the field to the nine members who received a majority vote of the Board.

As required by ACT 1 of the Commonwealth's Special Session - Local Tax Reform, the Methacton School District formed a "Citizen Tax Study Commission" for the purpose of making a non-binding recommendation to the School Board as to whether or not to shift a portion of property taxes to either an increase in the earned income tax or a personal income tax. The Board's decision will be included in the mandatory referendum question in May of 2007. The study process shall take no more than 90 days, including scheduled evening meetings.

*PFM was hired by a consortium of Montgomery County districts organized through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. The firm collected data pertinent to the work of the individual tax study commissions for participating districts.

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