

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2013**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM, Brick Township High School
346 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick, NJ 08723

Present: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Terebush, Mr. Reid,
Ms. Suter, Mr. Talty, and Ms. Cantillo

Also present: Dr. Uszenski, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Hrycenko, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sahradiuk, Legal Counsel
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Edwards opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, moment of silence and roll call

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Mr. Edwards announced: "The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon." In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be posted on the Administration Office bulletin board, the official District website and Channel BTV-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Ms. Cantillo, Ms. Suter and Mr. Talty present Ms. Terebush, Mr. Cuppari and Mr. Campbell with a gift and thank them for their dedication to the Brick Township Public Schools.

Dr. Uszenski and Mr. Hrycenko also thank the exiting Board Members and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Board Secretary Reads Statement of Election Results

Member of the Board of Ed. Brick Twp – 3 3 Year Terms
Votes Processed – Polling Place/Percent: 57/57 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
- David J. Fischer	6,177	10.67%
- Susan J. Suter	9,608	16.60%
- Lois Turner	6,711	11.59%
- Frank Pannucci Jr.	10,036	17.34%
- Richard Lau	6,649	11.49%
- Walter F. Campbell	6,052	10.46%
- Michael R. Conti	8,140	14.06%
- Victor Fanelli	4,385	7.58%
Write-In	128	0.22%
Total	57,886	100.00%

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Member of the Board of Ed. Brick Twp - 1 Yr Unexp.

Votes Processed – Polling Place/Percent: 57/57 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
- John Barton	6,571	32.42%
- Karyn Cusanelli	7,192	35.48%
- Brenda J. Calderone	6,451	31.83%
Write-In	55	0.27%
Total	20,269	100.00%

2. **Board Secretary Administers Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members:** Michael Conti, Karyn Cusanelli, Frank Pannucci, Jr. and Susan Suter

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitutes of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications of membership prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education, and that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19:4-1, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. I declare that I am not disqualified due to conviction of a crime or office listed in N.J.S.A 18A:12-1, so help me God

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3. Adoption of Code of Ethics for School Board Members – The School Board Members read the following out loud:

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

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- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

4. Board Secretary Seeks Nominations For President

Mr. Edwards asked for a motion for nomination for President. Mr. Talty makes a motion to nominate Ms. Sharon Cantillo seconded by Mr. Reid. No objections

5. President Assumes the Chair and Seeks Nominations for Vice President

Mr. Reid makes a motion to nominate Mr. Talty as Vice President, seconded by Ms. Suter. No Objections

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6. Approval of the List of Board Meeting Dates until the next Organization Meeting

<p>BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING DATES JANUARY 2013 – JANUARY 2014</p> <p>The Board of Education reserves the right to change its schedule of annual meeting dates as necessary</p>			
Thursday	01/31/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	02/28/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	03/21/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	04/18/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	05/30/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	06/27/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	07/25/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS

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Thursday	08/22/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	09/26/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	10/17/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	11/21/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	12/19/13	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	01/02/14	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS

Ms. Cantillo presented the meeting dates listed above for approval.

Motion: Mr. Reid

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education approved the above listed meeting dates with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti Yes
 Ms. Cusanelli Yes
 Mr. Talty Yes
 Mr. Pannucci Yes
 Ms. Suter Yes
 Mr. Reid Yes
 Ms. Cantillo Yes

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7. Adoption of Official District Newspaper

To adopt the Asbury Park Press as the official newspaper and the Brick Times and the Star Ledger as the alternate newspapers for the District, in accordance with N.J.S.A.10:4-18

Ms. Cantillo presented the Official District Newspaper listed above for approval.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Mr. Talty

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Mr. Talty, the Board of Education approved the above Newspapers with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

8. Authorization of Personnel to Sign Checks

To authorize the personnel listed below to sign checks, effective from this date until the 2014 Organization Meeting, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the President, Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies be empowered to sign all checks, drafts, notes, acceptances, or other evidences of indebtedness of the Brick Township Board of Education, effective from this date until the 2014 Organization Meeting, and granting authority to have necessary signature plates made to be used to sign checks.

RESOLVED, that the Principal, Assistant Principal, Board Secretary and/or Assistant Business Administrator be empowered to sign all checks for the high school and middle school Student Activities Account. Each check shall require (2) signatures.

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RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Assistant Business Administrator be empowered to sign all checks for the Elementary School Student Activity Account.

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies be empowered to sign all checks for the District-wide Payroll Account. Each check shall require two (2) signatures.

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies be empowered to sign all checks for the District-wide Payroll Agency Account. Each check shall require two (2) signatures.

Ms. Cantillo presented the Authorization of Personnel to sign checks listed above for approval.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Mr. Pannucci

Questions/Comments from the Board: Ms. Suter questioned the Elementary Schools signatures, Mr. Edwards explained.

On the motion made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Mr. Pannucci, the Board of Education approved the above Personnel to sign checks with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

9. To appoint Edward McFadden as the District Affirmative Action Officer

Ms. Cantillo presented the Affirmative Action Officer listed above for approval.

Motion: Ms. Cusanelli

Second: Mr. Talty

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Ms. Cusanelli, seconded by Mr. Talty, the Board of Education approved the above Affirmative Action Officer, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes

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Mr. Reid Yes
Ms. Cantillo Yes

10. To appoint Darlene Ciesla as the District 504 Coordinator

Ms. Cantillo presented the District 504 Coordinator listed above for approval.

Motion: Mr. Conti

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Conti, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education approved the above District 504 Coordinator with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti Yes
Ms. Cusanelli Yes
Mr. Talty Yes
Mr. Pannucci Yes
Ms. Suter Yes
Mr. Reid Yes
Ms. Cantillo Yes

**11. To appoint James W. Edwards, Jr. Public Agency Compliance Officer
(PACO)**

Ms. Cantillo presented the Public Agency Compliance Officer listed above for approval.

Motion: Mr. Talty

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Talty, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education approved the above Public Agency Compliance with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti Yes
Ms. Cusanelli Yes
Mr. Talty Yes
Mr. Pannucci Yes
Ms. Suter Yes
Mr. Reid Yes
Ms. Cantillo Yes

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12. **RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Brick Township Board of Education or their designee, be designated as the Board's agents to request state and federal funds under the existing State and Federal Laws for the period from the date of this Organization Meeting to the Board Organization Meeting in the next calendar year.

Ms. Cantillo presented the State and Federal Fund requesters listed above for approval.

Motion: Mr. Pannucci

Second: Mr. Talty

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Pannucci, seconded by Mr. Talty, the Board of Education approved the above Public Agency Compliance with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

BOARD COMMENT: Ms. Suter welcomes all of the new members of the Board. Mr. Conti would like to thank everyone involved, including his family and looks forward to working with the Board. Mr. Pannucci comments on how much it means for him to have been elected and thanks everyone and wishes them a Happy New Year. Ms. Cusanelli would also like to thank everyone and she hopes to see a lot more parents getting involved. Mr. Talty would like to thank the exiting Board Members. Ms. Cantillo welcomes all new Board Members to the team.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A town council member extends congratulations to the new Board Members and thanks the exiting Board Members for their hard work. He also congratulates Ms. Cantillo on reappointment of Board President.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 8:10 PM a motion was made by Mr. Talty, with the following roll call vote,, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Talty

Second:

Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Pannuccil	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



James W. Edwards, Jr. CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary