

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DATE: JUNE 8, 2015**

Location/Time: 6:30 PM, Technology Training Center
101 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, NJ 08724

Present: Mr. Barton, Ms. Suter, Mr. Conti, Ms. Cusanelli, Mr. Pannucci and
Ms. Cantillo

Also present: Dr. Caldes, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. McNamara, District Testing Coordinator
Ms. Osborn, Human Resources Manager
and, Mr. Sahradnik, Legal Counsel

Ms. Cantillo 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 BTW-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

Ms. Cantillo explained the process for the interviews.

The following nine candidates were interviewed for the Board Vacancy

Brenda Calderone, Walter Campbell, Leonard Figula, Victor Finamore, Patricia Marsden, Lawrence Reid, John Talty, Lois Turner and George White

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS ASKED OF EACH CANDIDATE

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Brick Board of Education?
2. Why you, what makes you the candidate we should choose tonight?
3. Do you have any closing statements you would like to make?

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

One member of the public suggested that the Board should re-instate Mr. John Talty.
One member of the public commented on the experience that Mr. Talty has.
One member of the public spoke of Mr. Talty's character and would like to see him re-instated.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Conti thanked all the candidates for coming out.

Ms. Cusanelli makes a motion to nominate Mr. Talty for the Board Vacancy.

Motion: Ms. Cusanelli

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Ms. Cusanelli, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education failed the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	No
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Conti	No
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	No
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

Mr. Conti makes a motion to nominate Ms. Calderone for the Board Vacancy.

Motion: Mr. Conti

Second: Mr. Pannucci

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Conti, seconded by Mr. Pannucci, the Board of Education failed the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Suter	No
Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	No

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Ms. Suter makes a motion to nominate Mr. Talty for the Board Vacancy.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Ms. Cusanelli

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, the Board of Education failed the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	No
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Conti	No
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	No
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

Mr. Conti makes a motion to nominate Ms. Calderone for the Board Vacancy.

Motion: Mr. Conti

Second: Ms. Pannucci

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Conti, seconded by Mr. Pannucci, the Board of Education failed the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Suter	No
Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	No

BOARD COMMENT:

Ms. Suter commented that she choose John Talty because of his experience and she feels he is the best person for the job.

Ms. Cusanelli reminded the Board Members of the Code of Ethics and what is in the best interest of the children.

Mr. Pannucci wanted all the candidates to know that they did a great job and he recommended Ms. Calderone because she would bring a different perspective to the board.

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Mr. Conti thanked all the candidates and discussed his support for Ms. Calderone was based on her Special Education background and that she would offer a different vantage point than what we currently have.

Ms. Cusanelli agrees that the Special Education is a great vantage point but Mr. Barton has background in that area.

Mr. Barton shared that ever since he started to run for the Board Ms. Calderone's name kept coming up. He shared that the special education areas are in turmoil and he thinks Ms. Calderone would be beneficial.

Ms. Cantillo explained that she is looking for the experience and knowledge that Mr. Talty has and she feels it is a shame that we can't come to a decision.

Mr. Sahradnik explained the process if the Board did not fill the vacancy within 65 days, it would go before the County Superintendent to make the decision.

Ms. Suter asked when that 65 days would be.

Mr. Sahradnik stated that it would be right at our June 25, 2015 Board Meeting.

Ms. Suter makes a motion to send the Board Vacancy to the Ocean County Superintendent for a decision.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Ms. Barton

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

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

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 8:00 PM a motion was made by Mr. Pannucci, seconded by Mr. Conti, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Pannucci

Second: Mr. Conti

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes

Respectfully submitted,


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