

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2016**

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

**Present:** Mr. Barton, Ms. Cantillo, Ms. Cusanelli, Mr. Conti, Ms. Suter

**Absent:** Mr. Pannucci and Dr. Gagliardi

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

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.

**1. Board Secretary reads the Statement of Election Results  
Members of the Board of Education, Brick Township  
Votes Processed - Polling Place/Percent:**

NAME	PERCENT	VOTE COUNT
3 Year Term		
Leonard Figula	5.76%	1,388
John Lamela	14.48%	3,491
Stephanie A. Wohlrab	15.89%	3,831
Madeline Colagiovanni-Iannarone	9.70%	2,338
Walter Campbell	9.10%	2,194
Victoria Pakala	16.62%	4,006
Victor Finamore	4.12%	993

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David Fischer	6.60%	1,591
Lawrence K. Reid	7.35%	1,771
Lois Turner	10.07%	2,427
Write In	0.33%	79
1 Year Term		
John Talty	44.66%	3,742
George W. White	55.08%	4,615
Write in	0.26%	22

**2. Board Secretary Administers Oath of Office to New Board Members**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution 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 this State, under the authority of the people, So help me God.\*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability, So help me God.

Mr. Edwards asked for a motion for the Adoption of the Code of Ethics, a motion was made by Ms. Cusanelli, seconded by Ms. Cantillo with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

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**3. Adoption of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members**

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 judgement 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.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the Chief 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.

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**4. Board Secretary Seeks Nomination for President**

Mr. Edwards asked for a motion for nomination for President, Ms. Cantillo makes a motion to nominate Mr. White seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	No
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	No
Ms. Pakala	No
Mr. White	Respectfully Decline No
Ms. Wohlrab	No

Mr. Edwards asked for any other nominations for President, Ms. Pakala makes a motion to nominate Mr. Lamela seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

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

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion for nominations for Vice President, Ms. Pakala makes a motion to nominate Ms. Wohlrab, seconded by Mr. White, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

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- 6. To approve Board Meeting dates until the next Reorganization Meeting.  
Attachment #1.**

Ms. Pakala asked for an amendment to the dates to include January 14, 2016 and delete January 28, 2016 and to add a Regular Meeting on February 4, 2016.

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to adopt the Board Meeting dates with the amendment as presented by Ms. Pakala, seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Abstain
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

- 7. 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.**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to adopt the official newspaper and alternate newspapers for the District, with a motion made by Ms. Pakala seconded by Ms. Cantillo, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

- 8. To authorize the personnel listed below to sign checks, effective from this date until the 2016 Reorganization 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 2016 Reorganization Meeting, and granting authority to have necessary signature plates

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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.

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 Agency Account. Each check shall require two (2) signatures.

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to authorize personnel to sign checks from this date until the 2016 Reorganization Meeting, with a motion made by Ms. Pakala seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

Mr. Lamela asked a question on #9, Dr. Caldes answered.

**9. To appoint Megan Osborn as the District Affirmative Action Officer.**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Osborn as the District's Affirmative Action Officer, with a motion made by Ms. Pakala seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

**10. To appoint Susan Jurewicz as the District 504 Officer/Homeless Liaison.**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Jurewicz as the District 504 Officer/Homeless

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Liaison with a motion made by Mr. White seconded by Ms. Cantillo, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

**11. To appoint James W. Edwards as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO).**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Edwards as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer with a motion made by Ms. Pakala seconded by Mr. White, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

**12. BE IT 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 Boards' agents to request state and federal funds under the existing State and Federal Laws for the period from the date of this Reorganization Meeting to the Board Reorganization Meeting in the next calendar year.**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to approve designees to request state and federal funds with a motion made by Ms. Cantillo seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes

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Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

**13. Adoption of all existing Board Policies and Regulations**

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to adopt all existing Board Policies and Regulations with a motion made by Mr. Barton seconded by Mr. White, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Abstain
Ms. Cusanelli	Abstain
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

Ms. Pakala makes a motion to amend the agenda at this time to add an additional six items, seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	No
Ms. Cusanelli	No due to the fact she was not made aware of the additional items
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

Ms. Cantillo asked a question on the additional motions, Mr. Lamela answered.

14. Mr. Barton makes a motion to appoint a provider of Legal Services as Board Attorney – General Counsel to Nicholas C. Montenegro (Law Firm of Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro and Genz) for 45 days at a rate of \$145/hour in a total amount not to exceed \$16,500 seconded by Ms. Wolhrab, with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Abstain
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes



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Ms. Cusanelli asked a question on the appointment of General Counsel, Mr. Lamela answered.

15. Ms. Pakala made a motion to instruct and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue no later than 1/10/16, written thirty day notices of contract termination to the following vendors, Board Attorney/General Counsel – Berry Shardnik Kotzas and Benson, Special Education Counsel – Schwarz Simon Edelstein and Celso, Bond Counsel – McManimon Scotland & Bauman, Labor Negotiations Counsel – Schwartz Simon Edelstein and Celse, Insurance Broker Medical – Conner Strong and Buckelew, Insurance Broker Workers Compensation – William Connolly, Auditor – Jump Scutellaro, Architect – DiCara/Rubino, Engineer – T & M Associates, Financial Advisor – Phoenix Adviors and School Physician – Dr. Lionel Foz seconded by Ms. Wohlrab.

Ms. Cantillo questioned the thirty day notice letter of contract termination, Mr. Lamela answered.

Ms. Cusanelli questioned the cost of the termination, Mr. Montenegro Answered.

Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to amend the termination to exclude Board Attorney/General Counsel Berry Sharadnik Kotzas and Benson with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Abstain
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

Ms. Cusanelli asked for a motion to table the terminations to the next Board Meeting seconded by Ms. Cantillo with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	No
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	No
Ms. Pakala	No
Mr. White	No
Ms. Wohlrab	No

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Mr. Lamela asked for a motion to approve the amended motion of item #15 as follows to instruct and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue no later than 1/10/16, written thirty day notices of contract termination to the following vendors, Special Education Counsel – Schwarz Simon Edelstein and Celso, Bond Counsel – McManimon Scotland & Bauman, Labor Negotiations Counsel – Schwartz Simon Edelstein and Celse, Insurance Broker Medical – Conner Strong and Buckelew, Insurance Broker Workers Compensation – William Connolly, Auditor – Jump Scutellaro, Architect – DiCara/Rubino, Engineer – T & M Associates, Financial Advisor – Phoenix Adviors and School Physcician – Dr. Lionel Foz seconded by Ms. Wohlrab.

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Abstain
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

17. Mr. White asked for a motion to instruct and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary (no later than 1/10/16) to place an advertisement in the Asbury Park press, post on the District's website and to post in house for the position of Interim Superintendent seconded by Ms. Wohlrab with the following roll call vote.

Mr. Barton	Yes (Amended to Abstain as listed below)
Ms. Cantillo	No (Amended to Abstain as listed below)
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

Ms. Cusanelli questioned the motion to post the advertisement of Interim Superintendent, Mr. Sahradnik answered.

Mr. Barton asked to amend his vote to abstain, Mr. Lamela allows the amendment.

Mr. Lamela asked a question on #17, Mr. Sahradnik answered.

Ms. Cantillo asked to amend her vote to abstain, Mr. Lamela allows the amendment.

16. Ms. Pakala asked for a motion to instruct and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to post Request for Proposals to be received and opened 2/1/16 for the following positions Board Attorney/General Counsel, Special Education Counsel, Bond Counsel, Labor Negotiations Counsel, Workers Compensation Counsel, Conflict – Special Assignment Counsel, Insurance Broker (Medical) Insurance Broker (Property-

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Counsel), Insurance Broker (Workers Compensation), Auditor, Architect, Engineer, Financial Advisor and School Physician, seconded by Ms. Wohlrab with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Cusanelli asked a question on#16, Mr. Edwards answered.

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Abstain
Ms. Cusanelli	No
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

18.Ms. Pakala asked for a motion to instruct the Board Attorney Montenegro to review the pending matters related to Superintendent Uszenski and to report to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting on the status and this Board's legal rights and options regarding termination of his existing contract seconded by Ms. Wohlrab, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Cusanelli asked a question on #18, Mr. Lamela answered.  
Mr. Barton asked a question on #18, Mr. Sahradnik answered.

Mr. Barton	Unfairly Abstain
Ms. Cantillo	Abstain
Ms. Cusanelli	Abstain
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

19.Ms. Pakala asked for a motion to instruct the Board Attorney Montenegro to obtain a list of all pending engagements/lawsuits from current Board Counsel, Special Education Counsel, Bond Counsel and Labor Negotiations Counsel and to report a status of same to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting, seconded by Ms. Wohlrab with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Abstain
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Mr. White	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes

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**BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Barton introduces Ms. Crate New Town Council Member and congratulates all new Board Members.

Mr. White acknowledged his wife and family and thanked the voters.

Ms. Cusanelli congratulated the new Board Members and looks forward to working with everyone.

Ms. Cantillo congratulated the new Board Members.

Ms. Wohlrab thanked everyone who supported us and looks forward to working with everyone.

Ms. Pakala thanked council members and supporters.

Mr. Lamela thanked the public and current board members and also the appointment to Board President and looks forward to putting students first.

Mr. Lamela spoke about some of the ground rules that he would like to see put in place.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

One member of the public congratulated the new Board Members and talks about the code of ethics.

One member of the public congratulated the new Board Members and thanked them for volunteering for the betterment of the students of Brick Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

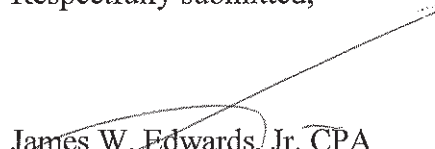
There being no further business before the Board, at 8:20 PM a motion was made by Mr. Lamela, seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Lamela

Second: Ms. Cusanelli

Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Lamela	Yes
Ms. Pakala	Yes
Ms. Wohlrab	Yes
Mr. White	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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

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PUBLIC MEETING DATES  
for 2016 and 2017 Reorganization  
The Board of Education reserves the right to change  
its schedule of annual meeting dates as necessary**

THURSDAY	01/28/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BMHS
THURSDAY	02/25/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	03/17/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	04/28/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	05/26/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	06/30/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	07/28/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	08/25/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	09/29/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	10/27/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	11/17/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	12/22/16	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
THURSDAY	01/05/17	REORGANIZATION MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS