

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2015**

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

**Present:** Ms. Cantillo, Mr. Conti, Ms. Cusanelli, Mr. Pannucci, and Mr. Talty

**Absent:** Ms. Suter

**Also present:** Dr. Uszenski, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Dr. Morgan, Academic Officer  
Dr. Caldes, Education Specialist  
Mr. Sahradnik, Legal Counsel  
And Ms. Osborn, Human Resources Manager

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. REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Board Secretary reads Statement of Election Results  
Members of the Board of Education, Brick Township  
Votes Processed - Polling Place/Percent: 57 out of 57 Districts Reported**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>VOTE COUNT</b>
David J. Fischer	22.39%	4,505
Sharon Cantillo	35.06%	7,053
Lawrence K. Reid	18.96%	3,814
John Barton	23.15%	4,658
WRITE-IN	0.43%	87

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

Ms. Sharon Cantillo and Mr. John Barton

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. Cantillo, seconded by Mr. Conti with the following roll call vote:

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

**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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Cantillo asked for a motion for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Cusanelli makes a motion to nominate Mr. John Talty, seconded by Ms. Cantillo, with the following roll call vote:

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

6. **To approve Board Meeting dates until the next Reorganization Meeting, as attached:**

 **2015 BOARD MEETING DATES**

Ms. Cantillo asked for a motion to approve the Board Meeting dates until the next Reorganization Meeting:

Motion: Mr. Pannucci  
Second: Ms. Cusanelli

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Pannucci, seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, the Board of Education approved the Meeting Dates with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Conti	Yes
Ms. Cusanelli	Yes
Mr. Pannucci	Yes
Ms. Suter	Absent
Mr. Barton	Yes
Ms. Cantillo	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**

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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 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 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 asked for a motion on #7 & 8

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 approved items 7 & 8 with the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

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11. **To appoint James W. Edwards, Jr. as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO).**
  
12. **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of School 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 Reorganization Meeting to the Board Reorganization Meeting in the next calendar year.**
  
13. **Adoption of all existing Board Policies and Regulations.**

Ms. Cantillo ask for a motion for items 9 through 13

Motion: Mr. Pannucci  
Second: Ms. Cusanelli

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Mr. Pannucci, seconded by Ms. Cusanelli, the Board of Education approved items 9 through 13 with the following roll call vote:

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

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Barton discussed his election to the Board and how he is confident that he will do a good job and looks forward to being part of the Board of Education. He thanked everyone for their votes.

Mr. Pannucci congratulated Ms. Cantillo and Mr. Barton.

Mr. Conti congratulated Ms. Cantillo and Mr. Barton on their election to the Board of Education.

Ms. Cusanelli looking forward to a successful New Year.

Mr. Talty congratulated Ms. Cantillo and Mr. Barton and hopes we can work together for the betterment of our children. He also thanks Mr. Reid on his time and dedication to the Board of Education.

Ms. Cantillo welcomed Mr. Barton to the Board of Education and extends her support to him as a new Board Member. She also thanked everyone from Central Administration for all of their hard work. She also commented on how much she has learned from Mr. Reid and thanked him for his service.

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**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENT:**

Dr. Uszenski commented on what a pleasure it is to work with all of the members of the Board who volunteer their services, time and dedication for our children. He also Congratulates Mr. Barton, Ms. Cantillo and Mr. Talty on their elected positions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, at 7:25 PM a motion was made by Mr. Pannucci, seconded by Mr. Conti with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Pannucci

Second: Mr. Conti

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING DATES  
JANUARY 2015 – JANUARY 2016**  
The Board of Education reserves the right to change  
its schedule of annual meeting dates as necessary

Thursday	01/29/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	02/26/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	03/19/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	04/30/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	05/28/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location BTHS
Thursday	06/25/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	07/30/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	08/27/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	09/24/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	10/22/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	11/19/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	12/17/15	Regular Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS
Thursday	01/07/16	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 PM, Location: BTHS