

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
DATE: JANUARY 2, 2020**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM, Brick Professional Development Center
101 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, NJ 08724

Present: Ms. Haffner, Ms. Clayton, Ms. Gagliardi, Ms. Foster, Ms. Siebert
and Ms. Wohlrab

Absent: Ms. Pakala

Also present: Mr. Cranston, Acting Superintendent
Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. McNamara, Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation
Dr. Anderson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Ben Montenegro, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One member of the public questioned items #9, #13 and #14, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Cranston, Ms. Wohlrab and Mr. Montenegro answered.
One member of the public questioned item #14, Mr. Montenegro answered.

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

NAME	VOTE	PERCENTAGE
Joseph Aulisi Jr.	3,596	18.33%
John Barton	3,533	18.01%
Melita Gagliardi	3,985	20.32%
Daisy Haffner	3,940	20.09%
Robert Canfield	2,636	13.44%
Cassidy Busa	1,851	9.44%
Write-in	74	0.38%

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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.

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

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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

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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 schools.

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. Gagliardi made a motion to nominate Ms. Wohlrab, seconded by Ms. Siebert, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion for nomination for Vice President, Ms. Foster made a motion to nominate Ms. Gagliardi for Vice President, seconded by Ms. Haffner, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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

Attachment #1

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to approve Board Meeting dates until the next Reorganization Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Siebert, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: 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.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to adopt the official newspaper and alternate newspapers for the District, with a motion made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Haffner, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

8. To authorize the personnel listed below to sign checks, effective from this date until the 2020 Reorganization Meeting, as follows:

RESOLVED, the President, Board 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 2020 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 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

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shall require two (2) signatures.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to authorize personnel to sign checks from this date until the 2021 Reorganization Meeting, with a motion made by Ms. Siebert, seconded by Ms. Clayton, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

9. To appoint Sean Cranston as the Appointing Authority.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to appoint Sean Cranston as the Appointing Authority, with a motion made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Siebert, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

10. To appoint James W. Edwards, Jr., CPA as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO).

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to appoint James W. Edwards, Jr., CPA as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO), with a motion made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Haffner, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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11. 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 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.

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

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

12. Adoption of all existing Board Policies and Regulations.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to adopt all existing Board Policies and Regulation with a motion made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Haffner, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

13. TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO JOIN IN THE FILING OF AN OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST WITH, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATED LITIGATION AGAINST, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING THE CALCULATION AND ALLOCATION OF STATE AID

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA), N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, reflects the current New Jersey law that governs State Aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (State) has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State arbitrarily determines how much State Aid to allocate to each school district, without regard to district need or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Brick School District is receiving substantially less State Aid than it otherwise should receive; and

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WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither “equal” nor “equitable” and is without a rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the State should be transparent in how it calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, to protect the interests of its school children, each school district is entitled to obtain data and records from the State as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, the Brick Township Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of its residents, taxpayers, and school children to file an Open Public Records Act request with, and if needed, related litigation against, the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education (and such other parties as may be appropriate) for data and records as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brick Township Board of Education hereby joins in the filing of the attached Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request at no cost to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the OPRA request is denied, the Board may join in the litigation against the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education to obtain data and records from the State of New Jersey and its various Departments as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district (OPRA Litigation); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Weiner Law Group, LLP is hereby appointed to represent the Brick Township Board of Education and all of the participating school districts in connection with the filing of the OPRA request and future OPRA Litigation against the State, if needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Brick Township Board of Education joins in the OPRA Litigation, the Board is hereby directed and authorized to provide whatever assistance is reasonably required in order to pursue such OPRA Litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Brick Township Board of Education joins in the OPRA Litigation, the Board shall contribute \$1,000.00 to support the filing of the OPRA Litigation pursuant to a retention letter to be executed by the parties.

OPRA

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the OPRA request with a motion made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Siebert, with the following roll call vote:

- Ms. Haffner: Yes
- Ms. Clayton: Yes
- Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
- Ms. Pakala: Absent
- Ms. Foster: Yes
- Ms. Siebert: Yes
- Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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14. To approve a contract for Thomas G. Farrell as Superintendent of Schools, effective March 2, 2020 through June 30, 2024 (or earlier date upon early release, if granted) in the amount of \$197,500, pro-rated for the 19-20 sy, \$197,500 for the 20-21 sy, \$202,931 for the 21-22 sy, \$206,990 for the 22-23 sy and \$211,130 for the 23-24 sy.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to approve the contract for Mr. Farrell with a motion made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Clayton, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

Mr. Cranston congratulated Mr. Farrell and ask him to speak.

Mr. Farrell thanked the Board of Education for his appointment and he spoke about his enthusiasm and hope for this community in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One member of the public commented that he liked Mr. Farrell's speech about working together in Brick.

One member of the public questioned #14 and Teachers absences, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Cranston answered.

One member of the public questioned why we have not gone out for any Grants, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Cranston answered.

BOARD COMMENT:

Ms. Clatyon thanked Mr. Farrell for his dedication to Social and Emotional Learning. She reminded everyone to keep tweeting and advocating for Brick.

Ms. Haffner thanked everyone for coming out and hoped everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year. She welcomed Mr. Farrell and spoke about how she is looking forward to working with him. She thanked the public for voting for her reelection to the Board.

Ms. Gagliardi thanked the members of the community for voting for her reelection. She spoke about how passionate and committed she is to the town and community. She spoke about unity and coming together to stay focused. She thanked the public for their suggestions on the budget crisis and let everyone know that we are working very hard and need the support. She also welcomed Mr. Farrell.

Ms. Foster congratulated Ms. Gagliardi and Ms. Haffner on their reelection. She thanked the community for coming out and welcomed Mr. Farrell.

Ms. Siebert thanked everyone for coming out. She welcomed Mr. Farrell and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Wohlrab welcomed Mr. Farrell. She asked Mr. Edwards about the Grant Writer RFP, Mr. Edwards answered.

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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME
JANUARY 20, 2020	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	SCHOOLS CLOSED
JANUARY 29 & 30, 2020	HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS	EARLY DISMISSAL HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY
JANUARY 31, 2020	PROFESSIONAL DAY	STAFF ONLY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

ADJOURNMENT

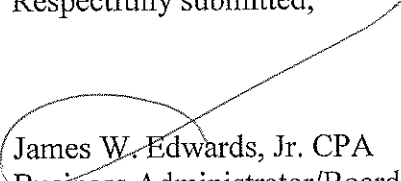
There being no further business before the Board, at 8:12 PM a motion was made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Clayton, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Ms. Haffner

Second: Ms. Clayton

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Ms. Clayton: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Absent
Ms. Foster: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

Respectfully submitted,


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

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING DATES
for 2020 and 2021 Reorganization
The Board of Education reserves the right to change
its schedule of annual meeting dates as necessary**

THURSDAY	01/16/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	02/13/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	03/19/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	04/09/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	04/30/20	PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET	7:00 PM, Location BPDC
THURSDAY	05/14/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM Location BPDC
THURSDAY	06/11/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	07/09/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	08/13/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	09/10/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	10/15/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	11/12/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	12/10/20	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	01/07/21	REORGANIZATION MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC