

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2021**

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,
Ms. Pakala and Ms. Wohlrab

Also present: Dr. Farrell, Superintendent
Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Cranston, Director of Human Resources
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:

None

REORGANIZATION MEETING

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
Micah Bender	12,126	19.52%
Michael Blandina	12,977	20.89%
Jessica Clayton	12,963	20.87%
Melissa Lozada	10,187	16.40%
Melissa Parker	13,543	21.80%
Write-In	320	0.52%

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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.

Mr. Blandina and Ms. Parker take seats at the Board table as Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton step down.

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
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: 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.

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

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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

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

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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. Siebert, seconded by Ms. Gagliardi, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Abstain
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Abstain
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. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Siebert, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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8. To authorize the personnel listed below to sign checks, effective from this date until the 2021 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 2021 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 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 shall require two (2) signatures.

Ms. Wohlrab asked for a motion to authorize personnel to sign checks from this date until the 2022 Reorganization Meeting, with a motion made by Ms. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Haffner, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: 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. Siebert, seconded by Ms. Pakala, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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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. Pakala, seconded by Mr. Blandina, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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. Pakala, seconded by Ms. Blandina, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: 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. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Pakala, with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

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PRESENTATION:

Board Member Recognition – Ms. Wohlrab and Dr. Farrell present recognition plaques to Ms. Clayton and Ms. Foster. Ms. Foster provides comments and thanks in regards to her time serving on the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

Ms. Gagliardi thanked Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton for their time and dedication to the Board. She also welcomed Ms. Parker and Mr. Blandina and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Haffner stated that she hoped everyone enjoyed their holidays and spoke about how she is looking forward to a healthy and happy 2021. Ms. Haffner thanked Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton for their dedication to Brick Township. She thanked all of the residents who decided to run for the Board and she thanked everyone for voting. She also congratulated and welcomed Mr. Blandina and Ms. Parker.

Ms. Pakala welcomed Mr. Blandina and Ms. Parker and stated that she is looking forward to working with them. She thanked Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton for their relentless efforts and research. She also stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone in 2021.

Ms. Siebert welcomed Mr. Blandina and Ms. Parker. She spoke about how well all the Members of the Board work together as a team.

Ms. Parker wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton. She thanked her family, Dr. Farrell and the Board. She commented on how eager she is to work for the community and school district.

Mr. Blandina wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked Ms. Foster and Ms. Clayton. He spoke about his years in the community and the rough conditions the school district is faced with. He spoke about how he looks forward to working on the Board and he thanked the voters of Brick Township.

Ms. Wohlrab welcomed Mr. Blandina and Ms. Parker, she spoke about what a great team the Board is. She spoke about how she is looking forward to the New Year and getting things back to normal. She thanked all of the Board Members.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME
JANUARY 21, 2020	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM BPDC

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ADJOURNMENT

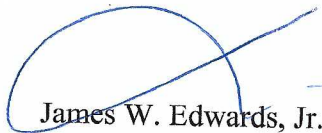
There being no further business before the Board, at 7:39 PM a motion was made by Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Pakala, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Motion: Ms. Haffner

Second: Ms. Pakala

Ms. Haffner: Yes
Mr. Blandina: Yes
Ms. Gagliardi: Yes
Ms. Pakala: Yes
Ms. Parker: Yes
Ms. Siebert: Yes
Ms. Wohlrab: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



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

ATTACHMENT #1

BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING DATES for 2021 and 2022 Reorganization The Board of Education reserves the right to change its schedule of annual meeting dates as necessary			
THURSDAY	01/21/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	02/18/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	03/18/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	04/29/2021	PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET	7:00 PM, Location BPDC
THURSDAY	05/20/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM Location BPDC
THURSDAY	06/24/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	07/15/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	08/19/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	09/30/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	10/21/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	11/18/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	12/16/2021	REGULAR MEETING	7:00 PM, Location: BPDC
THURSDAY	01/06/2022	REORGANIZATION MEETING	6:00 PM, Location: BPDC