

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2017
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the Davies Middle School by Anne-Marie Fala, Board Secretary. **Call To Order**

Mrs. Fala led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Pledge of Allegiance**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Record and its affiliates and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library as well as all the schools of the district. A mechanical device is being used to both audio-tape and video-tape this meeting.

There are two opportunities to address the members of the Board. The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, is when residents may address the Board on any school-related issue. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes and you are not permitted to yield your time to another. The public comments portion of the meeting, during both sessions, will not exceed 30 minutes. Upon being recognized, persons wishing to speak should stand and identify themselves by name and address.

At this time the Board Secretary administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board Members:

Nanci Barr	3 year term
Greg Ciambrone	3 year term
Kim Melton	3 year term

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Eric Aiken, Mrs. Nanci Barr, Mr. Greg Ciambrone, Ms. Margaret Erickson, Mrs. Amy Hassa, **Roll Call**

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Mr. Derek Haye, Mr. James Higbee, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, and Mrs. Kim Melton

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Mr. Frank Vogel, Superintendent
Mrs. Anne-Marie Fala, Business Administrator
Mr. Eric Goldstein, Solicitor

Moment of silence for private reflection

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Melton, to nominate Eric Aiken for the position of President.

Motion by Mrs. Melton, seconded by Mrs. Kupp to close nominations for President.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (9-0-0)

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mrs. Melton.
(9-0-0)

Mr. Aiken assumed the President's chair at this time and thanked the Board for their confidence in him as President. He then asked for nominations for the position of Vice President.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mr. Haye, to nominate Kim Melton for the position of Vice President.

Motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Melton, to nominate Amy Hassa for the position of Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Haye, to close nominations for Vice President.

Voice Vote: All in favor. (9-0-0)

Roll Call Vote to elect Mrs. Melton as Vice President: Seven in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. Nay: Ms. Erickson and Mrs. Hassa (7-2-0)

Mrs. Melton is elected Vice President.

A. Reorganization

Meeting Dates, Times and Place

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Melton to approve the dates and times of Regular Board of Education Meetings, as per attachment X-A. These meetings will be held at the William Davies Middle School, 1876 Dr. Dennis Foreman Drive, Mays Landing, NJ.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

B. New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Erickson, to approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per attachment X-B.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

C. Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Ms. Erickson, to accept the preliminary results of the Annual School Board Election held November 8, 2016, as per attachment X-C:

	<u>Name</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Three Year Term	Greg Ciambrone	4,833
	Kim Melton	4,854
	Nanci Barr (write ins)	257

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Erickson congratulated the new and returning Board members being sworn

in tonight.

Mrs. Hassa complimented the students at the Hess School for the caroling at each of the houses during the holiday. She also congratulated the new and returning Board members.

Mr. Aiken reminded everyone that the first Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m and he invited all to attend.

Mr. Aiken congratulated the boys' basketball team for winning the Basketball Tournament in Linwood over the holiday break. He also wanted to congratulate Noel Gonzales for winning the MVP award. He wished all of the winter sports good luck for the season.

Mr. Aiken also recognized the Police Department during Law Enforcement Day.

SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF REPORTS

(A) Information Items

1. **Dates to Remember**

a. **January 16, 2017** – Schools Closed – Martin Luther King Day

(B) Mr. Vogel noted the staff members who were recognized as Teacher of the Year, Education Professional of the Year, and Paraprofessional of the Year.

COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE/SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Motion by Mr. Haye, seconded by Mrs. Melton, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To accept AtlantiCare's Sustainable Edible School Garden Grant award in the amount of \$800.00 for the Davies School, as per attachment Finance-1.
2. To approve staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences, including costs related to applicable reimbursable expenses, during the 2016-2017 school year, as per attachment Finance-2.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton,

and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent in accordance with 18A.

Motioned by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Melton, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve district substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year, as per attachment Personnel-1.
2. To approve Jillian Bernisky as a full-time, 10 month, Davies School teacher for the period January 14, 2017 through June 30, 2017, B.A., Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$50,050.00, pro-rated as per attachment Personnel-2.

Ms. Bernisky is a replacement for Lauren Baglivo.

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. Contract Negotiations.

3. To approve David Smitley as a part-time, 10 month, 29 hours/week Shaner School Paraprofessional for the period January 11, 2017 through June 30, 2017, Paraprofessional Guide, Step 1, with a total annual salary of \$15,979.00, pro-rated, as per attachment Personnel-3.

Mr. Smitley is a replacement for Wendy Annitti.

Salary subject to change at the completion of the H.T.E.A. Contract Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion by Mrs. Hassa, seconded by Ms. Erickson, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve Policy #0155 – Board Committees on first reading, as per attachment Policy-1.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Mrs. Melton, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ethics Workshop with Maryann Friedman, Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association

Some discussion was held regarding committee structure.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Ms. Erickson, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (9-0-0)

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Anne-Marie Fala
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary