

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - January 10, 2022

Approved 2/14/22

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Secretary, Tim Mantz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act 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 either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in the Express Times posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of meeting.

II. ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS – NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Mr. Mantz announced the results of the annual school election.

The following individuals were elected to serve three year terms:

- Joseph Kresefsky
- Ya’el Kresefsky
- Melissa Vitalos

III. OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected board members take the oath of office.

Mr. Mantz reviewed that due to the ongoing public health emergency necessitating a virtual meeting this month, that the annual review of School Ethics Act will take place at the February Board Meeting, when it is anticipated that we may be able to return to in-person meetings.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present

- Chris Bauknight
- Ana Del Salto
- Lisa Eller
- Carmine Freda
- Bartley Howley
- Joseph Kresefsky
- Ya’el Kresefsky
- Melissa Vitalos

Absent

- Holly Masenior

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V. NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Melissa Vitalos nominated Bartley Howley, seconded by Chris Bauknight.

Hearing only one nomination, a motion was made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Carmen Freda, to close nominations for School Board President and elect Bartley Howley as School Board President.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Lisa Eller nominated Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Ana DelSalto.

Hearing only one nomination, a motion was made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Ana DelSalto, to close nominations for School Board President and elect Bartley Howley as School Board President.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. REORGANIZATION MOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Reorganization Motions

Motion made by Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Lisa Eller, to adopt reorganization motions number 1 through 2 as a slate.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote.

1. To establish the 2022 annual meeting calendar as presented.
2. To adopt and ratify as our own, the actions taken by the outgoing Board of Education on this date of December 31, 2021.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Jenkins: Supervisor of Instruction (Provided by Mrs. Nassry on behalf of Mr. Jenkins)

- District Smartboard Installation has been completed, this completes the planned technology upgrades at this time.
- Security Drills will resume with instructions to ensure safe practices with COVID protocols
- Results of the Start Strong testing will be presented at the February Board Meeting. Individual student assessments have already been sent home.

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Mrs. Koeppen: Principal/CST

- Preschool Enrollment will be opening at the end of January. Continued funding is contingent on the district’s rating for the program in accordance with state guidelines. GO NJ is a valuable resource for staff professional development.

Mrs. Nassry: Superintendent

- The district has increased the COVID-19 cleaning protocols due to the recent uptick in community-wide cases. We have brought in additional staffing to provide extra “high touch” area cleaning in our buildings. Updated guidance was released by the Department of Health today, it will be reviewed and discussed at a county-wide meeting later this week.
- COVID testing to students will commence this week, by the vendor Mirimus. It is available only to Washington Boro students who are symptomatic or under quarantine status, and requires parental consent.
- Recognition and thank you to district staff for their flexibility going above and beyond this past week as schedules change and transitioning due to absences and coverage. The Washington Boro staff has always risen to the occasion, despite the challenges, and this time is no different, Thank you.
- Welcomed the 2 new Board Members, Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. ACTION ITEMS: Superintendent’s Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education for reading and study are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

A. Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Chris Bauknight, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote

- 1.1 To approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Carmen Freda, seconded by Ana DelSalto, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1** through **2.2**.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote

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- 2.1 To approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of December 2021 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)f, The Board of Education certifies that as of December 31, 2021, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 2.2 To approve the 1/10/22 current expense food service and regular account bill list.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Ana DelSalto, seconded by Lisa Eller, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.1** through **3.7**

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote

- 3.1 To approve the comprehensive student and staff attendance data (*with all fire drill reports, if applicable*) for the Month of December, 2021.
- 3.2 To approve, with regret, the resignation letter from Mrs. Allison Chatel effective February 17, 2022.
- 3.3 To approve, with regret, the resignation letter from Ms. Samantha Richards effective February 28, 2022.
- 3.4 To approve to advertise for the following: Elementary School Teacher / Teacher of the Handicapped.
- 3.5 To approve Ms. Nicole Horack as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2021-22 school year at a rate of \$21.62 (Step 1A) per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week beginning January 11, 2022.
- 3.6 To amend the maternity leave request for Mrs. Megan Wade from January 3, 2022 to March 25, 2022 for FMLA returning on March 28, 2022.
- 3.7 To amend the start date for Ms. Michele DeMott as a long-term substitute grade K classroom teacher from January 3, 2022 through May 11, 2022 at a prorated salary of 52,440. (Step 1, BA) on the 2021-2024 W.E.A. salary guide with single benefits

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Carmen Freda, seconded by Chris Bauknight, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1**

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote

- 4.1 To approve the English Language Learner Three-Year Program Plans 2021-2024

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lisa Eller seconded by Melissa Vitalos, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectively submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary