

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REORGANIZATION SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 6, 2020**

**6:30 PM**

The Reorganization Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Library, Belvidere, NJ. Mrs. Huff opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to the Express-Times, NJ Herald and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **ACCEPT A RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Panetta to accept the resignation of Board member, Rachel Burris-Nikolopoulos, effective 1/1/20. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **RESULTS OF THE ELECTION**

Mrs. Huff noted that Mr. Havlusch and Mrs. Sroka have been elected for three-year terms. Mrs. Huff swore in the new and re-elected members.

#### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to open the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Mr. Panetta was nominated by Mrs. Sroka and second - Mr. Havlusch.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to close the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Ms. Howell to elect Frank Panetta as President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Panetta to open the nominations for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Mrs. Williams was nominated by Mrs. Sroka and second - Mr. Havlusch.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to close the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Panetta to elect Colleen Williams as Vice-President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The following members were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Panetta, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mrs. Sroka, Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Havlusch. William Thompson, CSA and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as 1 member of the public. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Smith were unable to attend.

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**APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2020 YEAR**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as follows: Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- \* January 6, 2020 – Reorganization  
January 27, 2020
- \*\* January 30, 2020 – Strategic Planning  
February 24, 2020
- \*\* March 5, 2020 – Strategic Planning  
\* March 16, 2020
- \*\* April 2, 2020 – Strategic Planning  
April 27, 2020
- \* May 18, 2020 – Reappointment  
June 22, 2020  
July 27, 2020  
August 24, 2020  
September 28, 2020  
October 26, 2020  
November 23, 2020  
\* December 21, 2020
- \* January 4, 2021 – Reorganization

Meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. and are held in the White Township Municipal Building, 555 C.R. 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823. (Exceptions noted - \*held in the White Township School Library and \*\*held in the White Township School Cafeteria, 565 CR 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823.) Action may be taken at all meetings.

**REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF ETHICS**

The Board read the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics. Mrs. Huff asked Board members to sign the acknowledgement form indicating that they read and understand the code of ethics.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**PERSONNEL**

Approve a Revised Hourly Rate for Substitute Cafeteria Aides and Substitute Paraprofessionals

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve a revised hourly rate for substitute cafeteria aides and substitute paraprofessionals to \$11/hour for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**FINANCE**

Approve Staff Travel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve William Thompson, Crystal Garvey, Alison Walsh and Tadgh LaBar to attend a workshop “Standards Based Report Cards” on January 23, 2020 at Belvidere School District. The cost per attendee is \$175. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed consolidation of Committees as well as member assignment to each Committee. Mr. Panetta will make a final determination of committee member assignments and send out notification to the group.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Evans noted that she is enjoying the Association and Board working together and looks forward to continuing the relationship moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary