

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

JANUARY 7, 2019

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, Star Ledger and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

Mrs. Huff noted that Ms. Howell was re-elected for a three year term and Ms. Nusser-Meany and Mrs. Smith were newly elected for three-year terms.

Mrs. Huff swore in the new and re-elected members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to open the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Ms. Lee was nominated by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nusser-Meany.

Mr. Panetta was nominated by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to close the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to elect Mr. Panetta as the President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – Ms. Lee, Ms. Nusser-Meany – Ms. Lee, Ms. Howell – Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Sroka – Ms. Lee, Mrs. Lensi – Ms. Lee, Mrs. Williams – Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Smith – Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – Mr. Panetta and Mr. Panetta – Mr. Panetta.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to open the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Ms. Lee was nominated by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mr. Panetta.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to close the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to elect Michele Lee as the Vice-President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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

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APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 YEAR

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as follows. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

- * January 7, 2019 – Reorganization
 - January 28, 2019
 - February 25, 2019
 - * March 18, 2019
 - April 29, 2019
- * May 20, 2019 – Reappointment
 - June 24, 2019
 - July 22, 2019
 - * August 19, 2019
 - September 23, 2019
 - October 28, 2019
 - November 25, 2019
 - * December 16, 2019
- * January 6, 2020 – 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 are held in the White Township School Library, 565 CR 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823). Action may be taken at all meetings.

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 acknowledgment form indicating that they read and understand the code of ethics.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huff noted the need for an additional finance motion this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta asked members to reach out to him this week if they would like to serve on a particular Board committee. Mr. Panetta will finalize committee assignments next week.

FINANCE

Block Motion – Finance

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the following agenda items #1 through #2. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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Block Motion – Finance - continued

1. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- Margaret Sheneman to attend a workshop “First Steps in Music with Orff” in Burlington, VT on January 26, 2019. The cost for the workshop is \$75.

2. Approve an Agreement for Ancillary Educational Services

To approve an agreement with Sussex County Educational Services Commission for Ancillary Educational Services, as needed, at their hourly public/itinerant program rates, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to convene to Executive Session at 7:03 to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Be it resolved by the White Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to discuss a personnel issue.

The board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary