

**WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2024**

For the Reorganization Meeting of the White Township Board of Education
Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center.

“White Township Consolidated School is committed to inspire, engage and educate our students by providing innovative, personalized opportunities for growth and learning. With a foundation based on academic excellence and a focus on social emotional learning, our students will achieve their full potential and become productive, responsible, resilient members of the community and contributing members of society.”

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Secretary Mrs. Tirone called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

OPENING

The Board Secretary read the open meeting statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure 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. In accordance with this provision of the act, the White Township Board of Education has sent notice of this meeting to the New Jersey Herald and the Express Times stating date, time, and place and posted same in the White Township School and Municipal Building.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reelection of Board Members

The Board Secretary announced the election of Board Members George Jonkoski, Kevin Murray, and Frank Panetta, who will each serve for a 3 year term. Ref: 18A: 12-2.1

Oath of Office

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to elected Board Members George Jonkoski, Kevin Murray, and Frank Panetta.

Nomination of President

The Board Secretary opened the floor for nominations of the position of Board President. Ref: 18A:15-1.

MOTION by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany, to open nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Lensi nominated Mr. Panetta as President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany.

The Board Secretary asked if there were any further nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany, to close nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

Nomination of Vice-President

The President opened the floor for nominations of the position of the Vice-President. Ref: 18A:15-1.

MOTION by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mr. Murray, to open nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Lensi nominated Ms. Nusser-Meany Vice-President of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Murray.

The President asked if there were any further nominations.

MOTION by Mr. Panetta, seconded by Mrs. Lensi, to close nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Gardella	<i>Absent</i>	Ms. Nusser-Meany	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Havlusch	<i>Absent</i>	Mr. Panetta	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Jonkoski	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Pinkerton	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Lensi	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Vesper	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Murray	<i>Present</i>		

Also present, Mr. William Thompson, CSA and Mrs. Lori Tirone, SBA/BS

APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2024 YEAR

MOTION by Mr. Murray, and seconded by Mrs. Lensi, to approve the 2024 meeting schedule.

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the White Township Consolidated School District will be held on Fourth Monday of each month, except where scheduled holidays or a scheduling conflict exist, in the Media Center at the White Township Consolidated School, 565 County Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey, 07823 with exceptions designated by the Board of Education, and, be it further;

RESOLVED that all meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Action may be taken at all meetings.

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 22, 2024
February 26, 2024
March 11, 2024
April 22, 2024 - Reappointment
May 20, 2024
June 24, 2024
July 29, 2024
August 26, 2024
September 23, 2024
October 28, 2024
November 25, 2024
December 16, 2024
January 6, 2025 – Reorganization

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF ETHICS

The CSA reviewed the Board of Education Code of Ethics with the appointed board members.

PERSONNEL

Block Motion – Personnel

MOTION by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3.

1. Approve a Chess Club Advisor

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Henry Skirbst as Advisor of the Chess Club for students grades 5 - 8 at an hourly rate of \$45/hour with the total amount of the club not to exceed \$900.

2. Approve a Woodshop Club Advisor

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Henry Skirbst as Advisor of the Woodshop Club for students grades 6 - 8 at an hourly rate of \$45/hour with the total amount of the club not to exceed \$900.

3. Approve a Video Club Advisor

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Anthony Marinelli as Advisor of the Video Production Club for students grades 4 – 8 at an hourly rate of \$45/hour with the total amount of the club not to exceed \$900.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

OPERATIONS

Block Motion – Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 and #2.

1. Approve Schematic Plans Prepared for the Rooftop Unit Replacement Project and Submission of Plans to the Warren County Superintendent and the NJ Department of Education for Approval

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board"), would like to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of: Rooftop Unit Replacement (the "Project") at the White Township School;

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Warren County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated "Other Capital" and the Board is not seeking state funding.

The Board hereby authorizes, the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

The White Township Board of Education authorizes the School District's appointed architect for the Project, Parette Somjen Architects, LLC to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the District of any required filing of all required forms, plans, and specifications, and LRFP Update.

2. Approval of Official Depositories and Signature Authority

BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Township Board of Education (Board of Education) hereby approves First Hope Bank as the designated depository for the Board of Education funds, and affirms that First Hope Bank is insured by either the SLIC or the FDIC as required by both Federal and State statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes that investments can be secured in any other bank holding a current certificate of eligibility for the State of New Jersey Banking Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or designee be authorized to wire/transfer Board of Education funds between Board of Education accounts only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or designee be authorized to enter into agreement(s) with the State of New Jersey to allow the State to initiate credit entries to Board of Education accounts in its depositories by automatic deposits when appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds on deposit in the district accounts be subject to withdrawal at any time upon presentation of warrants, checks, notes, bonds, bond coupons or other instruments or orders for the payment of money when signed, live or facsimile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to deliver, upon demand, signatures of required authorities to the above-approved depositories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following authorized signatures for money market, checking and savings accounts at First Hope Bank or other bank holdings (facsimile stamps can be used):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the White Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President, and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to sign any documents on behalf of the White Township Board of Education with regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

Account	Number of signatures	Authorized Signatures
Custodial General	3	Board President
Maintenance Reserve	3	Superintendent
Emergency Reserve	3	School Business Administrator
Capital Reserve	3	/Board Secretary
Payroll	3	
Payroll Agency	3	
Cafeteria	3	
Class Funds	2	Superintendent
		School Business Administrator
		/Board Secretary

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta discussed Committee Assignments and meeting dates with the board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mrs. Lensi, seconded by Mr. Murray.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori A. Tirone, SFO

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary