

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

Pursuant to notices sent to each member of the Board of Education, the reorganization meeting was held in person on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in the Community Room at the Middletown Township Public Library, 55 New Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ.

1. Call to Order by Mrs. Doherty and Reading of the Sunshine Announcement at 7:00 p.m.

"Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending such notice to the Asbury Park Press, The Middletown Patch, and the Middletown Twp. Public Schools District Website and the posting of such notice at the August T. Miner Administrative Offices and each elementary, middle, and secondary school website in the district".

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- *Abby Dunn, a student in the High School South Multiple Disabilities program, passed away on January 3 after a long battle with medical issues. We extend our deepest condolences to the Dunn family.*

3. Election Results and Announcement of New Board Members/Term of Office - Amy P. Doherty

Mrs. Doherty reported the results of the Election held on November 2, 2021:

- Kate Farley 2022-2024 (3 year term)
- Joan Minnuies 2022-2024 (3 year term)
- Deborah Wright 2022-2024 (3 year term)

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

Mrs. Doherty administered the oaths of office to newly elected Board members:

- Kate Farley
- Joan Minnuies
- Deborah Wright

5. Roll Call of New Board of Education

Present: Leonora Caminiti, Frank Capone, Kate Farley, Barry Heffernan,
John Little, Joan Minnuies, Jacqueline Tobacco, Deborah Wright
Absent: Michael Donlon
Also Present: Mary Ellen Walker, Amy Doherty and Bruce Padula, Esq.

6. Nomination and Election of President

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the Office of President of the Board of Education.

Motion for President: Mrs. Minnuies Nominated Mr. Capone for President

Roll Call Vote for Frank Capone:

Ayes: (7) Mrs. Caminiti, Mr. Capone, Mrs. Farley, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little
Mrs. Minnuies, Mrs. Tobacco
Noes: (1) Mrs. Wright

Motion carried, as a result of the roll.

7. Board Secretary Turns Meeting Over to New President

Mrs. Doherty turned the meeting over to the new Board President, Frank Capone.

8. Nomination and Election of Vice President

The Board President called for nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education:

Motion for President: Mrs. Minnuies nominated Jacqueline Tobacco for Vice President

Roll Call Vote for Jacqueline Tobacco:

Ayes: (7) Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Farley, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Minnuies,
Mrs. Tobacco, Mr. Capone

Noes: (1) Mrs. Wright

Motion carried, as a result of the roll.

9. Approval of 2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Attachment Reorg-1

Motion made by Mrs. Minnuies, seconded by Mrs. Caminiti for approval of **item #9**. Motion carried on a voice vote:

Ayes: (8) Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Farley, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Minnuies, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone,
and Mrs. Tobacco

Noes: (0)

10. Superintendent’s Report

- CDC Recommendations for COVID Isolation Protocols.
 - Mrs. Walker recommended that the Board’s Policy Committee review and update the Safe Return Plan based upon the recent CDC’s changes to their guidelines for isolation and quarantine.

11. New Business

- Mr. Capone requested Board members submit their committee preferences by Friday 1/7.
- Mrs. Tobacco made a motion to shorten the number of student isolation days to align with the teacher isolation rules of 5 days. After some discussion, Mrs Tobacco withdrew the motion.
- Mr. Little made a motion to reconsider the 2022-2023 School Calendar previously adopted at the 12/13/2021 BOE Voting Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Minnuies and carried on a roll call vote:
Ayes: (6) Mrs. Farley, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Little, Mrs. Minnuies, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Capone
Noes: (2) Mrs. Caminiti, Mrs. Tobacco
- Mrs. Minnuies recommended that Administration survey teachers regarding potential professional development days on the 2022-2023 calendar.

12. Public Comment

- Jen Bruno of Lincroft entered a formal complaint to the Board and all Governing bodies in NJ for violation of the Constitutional Rights of her children.
- Gary Tulp commented on the revisions of the CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine.
- Ann Marie Losquinos asked the Board to request Governor Murphy not extend the mask mandate.
- Joe Gerace commented in support of rescinding Governor Murphy’s mask mandate.

13. Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting for Executive Session 8:00 p.m. – Motion made by Mr.

Heffernan, seconded by Mrs. Caminiti to go into executive session for; confidential personnel matters.

1/5/2022

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy P. Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Amy P. Doherty

APD/tn

January 10, 2022