



**PITMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 6, 2021
7:00 P.M. – PUBLIC MEETING
(Virtual Per Governor’s Executive Order)**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Building on our unique traditions, the mission of the Pitman School District, in partnership with families and our community, is to educate all students through exceptional learning experiences to be discerning, ethical, confident citizens. It is the expectation of this school district that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.

Students, parents, community, and the Board of Education are responsible for sharing, pursuing, and achieving this vision.

Mrs. Brazelton opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT FOR RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Notice of the Re-Organization Meeting of the Pitman Board of Education was advertised in the South Jersey Times, posted at Borough Hall, a copy thereof delivered to all Pitman Schools to be posted, and posted on the district’s website. Further, notice was posted and filed as required by law stating that the Board would meet at 7:00 p.m. for the Re-Organization Meeting. Because the Governor of the State of New Jersey has declared a public health emergency, the Board of Education shall conduct a virtual meeting utilizing a conference call. Members of the public desiring to listen to and participate in the Board of Education meeting will be able to access the virtual meeting by following the directions posted on the district website.

The Board Secretary shall entertain any objections, with supporting reasons, to the conduct of this meeting on the grounds that it violates the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Chris Long administered the Oath of Office for Mrs. Darlene Powell and Mrs. April Miller

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Motion:

Mrs. Brazelton,
2nd by Mrs. Powell

1. “That the Pitman Board of Education certifies the Annual School Board Election Results as listed below:

Candidate Vote Count (*elected for two (3) year terms as a board member):

*Darlene Powell – 4,324

*April Miller - 4,357”

ROLL CALL: 7-0

Yes: Miller, Pappalardo, Powell, Savage, Uyehara, Wilson-Doherty, Koniecki

No: 0

Abstain: 0

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Brazelton opened the nominations for President :

Mrs. Savage nominated Mary Beth Koniecki , seconded by Mr. Uyehara

Mrs. Brazelton called for any other nominations, hearing none

Roll Call: Yes- Savage, Uyehara, Pappalardo, Wilson –Doherty, Miller, Koniecki

Mrs. Brazelton opened the nominations for Vice President:

Mrs. Savage nominated Mrs. Darlene Powell, seconded by Mr. Uyehara

Mrs. Brazelton called for any other nominations, hearing none

Roll Call: Yes- Savage, Uyehara, Pappalardo, Wilson –Doherty, Miller, Koniecki

Mrs. Koniecki and Mrs. Powell were congratulated on their new appointments.

Mrs. Brazelton turned the meeting over to Mrs. Koniecki

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Koniecki

Second: Savage

1. That the following board members serve on committees as listed (committee chairperson is listed first):

Committee	Board Members
Facilities & Finance	R. Uyehara*, M. Koniacki, B. Savage
Curriculum, Instruction & Personnel	B. Savage*, A. Miller, D. Powell
Communication & Policy	D. Powell*, R. Wilson-Doherty, S. Pappalardo”

All in favor, no objections or abstentions

FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEE –

No motions.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE –

No motions.

COMMUNICATION & POLICY COMMITTEE –

Motion: Powell

Second: Pappalardo

1. “That Robert’s Rules of Order be adopted as the basis for the conduct of all meetings of the Pitman Board of Education.”
2. “That the Annual Schedule of Meetings, as listed, shall serve as sufficient notice of the Pitman Board of Education’s regularly scheduled meetings, and shall be posted at Pitman Borough Hall, filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Pitman and delivered to the Board’s official newspaper.

Day	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
Wednesday	January 20, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action Meeting
Wednesday	February 17, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action/Budget Meeting
Wednesday	March 3, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Budget Development Meeting/Action Meeting
Wednesday	March 17, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action/Budget Submission Meeting
Wednesday	April 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action Meeting
Wednesday	May 5, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Public Hearing on the Budget/Action Meeting
Wednesday	May 19, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action Meeting
Wednesday	June 9, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Student, Staff and Community Recognition Awards/Action Meeting
Wednesday	June 23, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Action Meeting
Wednesday	July 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting

Wednesday	August 18, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting
Wednesday	September 15, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting
Wednesday	October 20, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting
Wednesday	November 17, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting
Wednesday	December 15, 2021	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting
Wednesday	January 5, 2022	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Re-Organization & Action Meeting
Wednesday	January 19, 2022	7:00 p.m.	High School Media Ctr.	Action Meeting

Meetings will begin as noted above with Executive Closed Session, followed by the Action Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; except for the Student, Staff, and Community Recognition Awards Program on June 9, 2021 and the Re-Organization Meeting on January 5, 2022. That will start at 7:00 p.m.”

3. “That the Pitman Board of Education, in compliance with the Ethics Acts, certifies the following by roll call vote:
 - a. That the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members has been received and discussed.
 - b. That Policies and Procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members have been adopted, and
 - c. That each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics.”
4. “That the Chairperson of Communication and Policy is appointed as the Pitman Board of Education representative to the Gloucester County School Boards Association Executive Committee, NJSBA Delegate, and that the Board President is appointed Liaison to Borough Council.”
5. “That the Pitman Board of Education approves Kelly A. Brazelton for the following appointment for the 2020/2021 fiscal school year.
 - a. Public Agency Compliance Officer as required for public agencies awarding contracts under P.L. 1975, c.127, Affirmative Action regulations.”

Roll Call: 7-0-0

Yes: Miller, Pappalardo, Powell, Savage, Uyehara, Wilson-Doherty, Koniecki

No: 0

Abstain: 0

PUBLIC HEARING – (15 minutes)

This is public comment and not a dialogue between the board and the public. Commenters may send their written questions and remarks via email to boepublichearing@pitman.k12.nj.us. We ask that you only send one message during each comment period. During the meeting public comment will be monitored, and comments and questions will be read aloud into the public record.

At the close of public comment, we will respond to questions to the best of our ability. If we do not have the information available at that time and, if appropriate, we will get back to you.

Sean and Erin Cunningham of S. Fernwood Ave as well as Dan Miller of Linden Avenue:

Members of the Board of Education and Dr. McAleer-

In light of today marking the deadliest day so far in the Covid19 pandemic, I would like to ask you to consider extending the virtual at-home instruction beyond this week. A study released yesterday suggests teachers are over 3 times more likely to contract the virus. There is also evidence that the new strains of the coronavirus are not only more contagious overall, but are affecting children more than what has been experienced so far. With the vaccine in our sights, the only logical course of action is to continue down the path of caution and safety, and continue with virtual learning. Thank you for your consideration of the health and safety of the staff and students of the Pitman School District.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Savage, seconded by Uyehara at 7:12 p.m

Voice vote, all in favor , no objections and no abstentions

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 and will be virtual.

The Pitman Board of Education reserves the right to add and/or delete motions or make changes to motions in this agenda up to the time of the meeting and during the actual meeting.