

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT (7:00 P.M.)

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, adequate public notice of this meeting has been given by the Business Administrator in the following manner:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Eastampton Community School on May 10, 2024.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* on May 13, 2024.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on May 10, 2024.
- D. Posted official notice on the district's website.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival Time
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		
Florencia Norton, Vice President	X		
Edward Besko	X		
Edward Hill		X	
Walter Maluchnik		X	
Stephanie McHugh	X		
Jamie Smith	X		

☒ Ashlee Caldwell, DBA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FIRE EXITS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

All meetings must be open to the public at all times except for those meetings at which certain excepted matters are discussed. However, the right of the public to be present at the meeting should not be confused with public participation. The public body retains the right to permit, regulate or prohibit active participation of the public at any meeting. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (a)).

This meeting will now be open to the public; however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel or negotiations, we ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

-No participants.

NEW BUSINESS: (Kerry Douglas, Board President)

A. Action Item(s):

- 1) Recommend the Board rescind the remainder of the Employment Contract between the Eastampton Board of Education and Ambrose F. Duckett, III as Superintendent/Principal effective July 16, 2024.
- 2) Recommend the Board appoint Ambrose F. Duckett, III as Director of Transition Services from July 16, 2024 to August 31, 2024.
- 3) Recommend the Board approve the following resolution appointing Lianne Kane as Superintendent/Principal effective July 16, 2024:

**RESOLUTION OF THE
EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPROVING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/PRINCIPAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton (“Board of Education”) desires to hire Lianne Kane (“Kane”) as the Superintendent of Schools/Principal for the Eastampton Township School District commencing on July 16, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15 et. seq. requires that the Board of Education provide Kane with a written Employment Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated the terms and conditions of an Employment Agreement, with a term commencing on July 16, 2024 through June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has submitted the Employment Agreement to the Burlington County Executive County Superintendent of Schools, Raymond Marini, for review and approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves entering into an Employment Agreement with Lianne Kane for a period commencing on July 16, 2024 through June 30, 2028.
2. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Lianne Kane as Superintendent of Schools/Principal in accordance with said Agreement. This contract was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on May 8, 2024.

Roll Call on Action Item(s)

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kerry Douglas, Board President	X		X			
Florencia Norton, Vice President			X			
Edward Besko			X			
Edward Hill						X
Walter Maluchnik						X
Stephanie McHugh		X	X			
Jamie Smith			X			

- ☒ Motion Carries
☐ Motion Fails

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-Daniel Wythoff, ETEA Co-President presented a new idea to address teachers that have had medical issues and are low on sick days; this particularly affects a member who has been with the district for 23 years. Daniel Wythoff requested a sick days sharing agreement and stated the ETEA is interested in a direct staff-to-staff direct transfer, not a pool, through a sidebar agreement. Daniel Wythoff will have the language drafted by NJEA and sent to Mr. Duckett and Dr. Caldwell. Kerry Douglas responded that although we do not have the structure or policy in place, the board of education would like to look at it further.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Kerry Douglas	Edward Besko	Yes	

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ashlee Caldwell

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