

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

The Reorganization Meeting of the Eastampton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm by Pat Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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 January 5, 2022
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* on January 9, 2022 and the *Courier Post* on January 11, 2022
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 6, 2022
- 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.

1. ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson--present (arrived at 7:08)

Len DiGiacomo-present

Edward Hill-present

Walter Maluchnik-present

Florencia Norton-present

Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent of Schools

Pat Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FIRE EXITS

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS – November 8, 2022:

Board of Education Candidates:

Two three-year term seats were available:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Kerry Douglas	1648
Edward Besko	34

OATH OF OFFICE:

The following individuals were sworn in:

Kerry Douglas

Edward Besko

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- A. Call for nominations for Board President by Board Secretary - Ms. Austin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board President. Len DiGiacomo nominated Kerry Douglas with Edward Hill seconding the motion. There were no more nominations. Roll call vote:
Unanimous

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson – absent for the vote
Edward Besko - yes
Len DiGiacomo – yes
Kerry Douglas –yes
Edward M. Hill - yes
Walter Maluchnik - yes
Florescia Norton –yes

Motion carried for Kerry Douglas as President

The meeting was turned over to Ms. Kerry Douglas.

- B. Call for nominations for Board Vice-President by Board President – Kerry Douglas opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice-president. Kerry Douglas nominated Walter Maluchnik. A second nomination was made by Edward Hill for Florescia Norton

First nomination for Vice President: Walter Maluchnik

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson – absent for the vote
Edward Besko - yes
Len DiGiacomo – no
Kerry Douglas - yes
Edward M. Hill - no
Walter Maluchnik - yes
Florescia Norton –no

Motion was not carried with a tie vote

Second nomination for Vice President: Florescia Norton

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson – yes – arrived for the vote
Edward Besko - yes
Len DiGiacomo – yes
Kerry Douglas - no
Edward M. Hill - yes
Walter Maluchnik - no
Florescia Norton –yes

Motion carried for with a 5/2 vote for Florescia Norton as Vice President

C. Reading and signing of New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

D. Appointment of Committee Chairs – appointment of committee chairs was tabled by Kerry Douglas:

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Open Public Meetings Act – Establish Meeting Dates, Time and Place

RESOLVED that the Eastampton Board of Education, pursuant to Chapter 231, PAL. (Open Public Meetings Act) does hereby proclaim the public meetings of the Board of Education will be held in the Library at the Eastampton Community School, 1 Student Drive, Eastampton, NJ 08060 at 7:00 p.m. **and an executive session to begin at 6:30pm** as set forth below unless indicated otherwise:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Regular Meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby designate the *Burlington County Times* and the *Courier Post* as official newspapers to receive notices of meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notices of meetings of the Board of Education will be posted in the Front Office showcase and on the District website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education reserves the right to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time to discuss such matters that may be considered in closed session. However, the Board will first adopt a resolution stating the general nature of the subject to be discussed, and, as precisely as possible, the time and circumstances under which disclosure to the public will be made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The Board vests in its President, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals or organizations desiring notification of Board Meetings shall request such notification through the Board Secretary's Office and be charged an annual fee of \$25.00, paid in advance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

January 17	August 29
February 21	September 19
March 21	October 17
April 25 - Budget Public Hearing	November 14
May 16	December 19
June 13	January 9, 2024 (Reorganization)

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS:

On a motion by Kerry Douglas, seconded by Florencia Norton, both Policy and Reorganization Appointments/Designations agenda items were approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

A. Action Items:

1) Recommend the board approve the following reorganization items for the 2023 calendar year:

a. POLICY:

- i. Adopt Existing bylaws and policies for continuity of operation of the Board and the school system.
- ii. Adopt Code of Ethics established by New Jersey Department of Education 18A:12-21 et. Seq.
- iii. Adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the basis for the conduct of all meetings of the Board.

b. APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS:

i. Finance:

- 1. Recommend the Board approve Parker McCay as district solicitor for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

ii. Curriculum:

- 1. Continuation of existing curricula and textbooks and materials.
- 2. Authorization of pupil records to be collected and maintained by authorized certified school personnel as outlined by State rules and regulations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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)).

- No participants

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. on the motion of Kerry Douglas, seconded by Edward Hill. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Austin
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary