

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

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 11, 2021
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* on January 8, 2021 and the *Courier Post* on January 13, 2021
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 8, 2021
- 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.

The Board of Education shall conduct its meeting scheduled for January 4, 2022 via Google Meet. Members of the public desiring to participate in the Board of Education meeting remotely will be able to access the meeting by following the directions below:

DIRECTIONS:

Meeting ID – meet.google.com/ura-dwmp-ptx

Or by telephone – 1 530-481-6178 PIN: 899 896 559#

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson - present
Brian Curtis - present
Len DiGiacomo - present
Kerry Douglas - present

Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Superintendent of Schools
Pat Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FIRE EXITS

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS – November 2, 2021:

Board of Education Candidates:

Three three-year term seats were available:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Edward M. Hill	723
Florencia Norton	734
Walter Maluchnik	610

OATH OF OFFICE:

The following individuals were sworn in:

Edward M. Hill
Floencia Norton
Walter Maluchnik

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 Brian Curtis with Kerry Douglas seconding the motion. Kyle Aaronson nominated Kerry Douglas with Ed Hill seconding the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

First nomination for President: Brian Curtis

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson – no
Brian Curtis - yes
Len DiGiacomo – yes
Kerry Douglas - no
Edward M. Hill - no
Walter Maluchnik - no
Floencia Norton –no

Motion was not carried

Second nomination for President: Kerry Douglas

ROLL CALL:

Kyle Aaronson – yes
Brian Curtis - no
Len DiGiacomo – yes
Kerry Douglas - yes
Edward M. Hill - yes
Walter Maluchnik - yes
Floencia 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 Brian Curtis with Edward Hill seconding the motion. There were no other nominations. Roll call vote:
Unanimous
- C.** Reading and signing of New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.
- D.** Appointment of Committee Chairs – appointment of committee chairs was made by Kerry Douglas:

- a. Personal – Kyle Aaronson
- b. Finance – Edward Hill
- c. Policy – Len DiGiacomo
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Florencia Norton
- e. Buildings and Grounds – Walter Maluchnik

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 or Cafeteria 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 18	August 30 at 6pm
February 15	September 20
March 15	October 18
April 26 Budget Public Hearing	November 15
May 10	December 20
June 14	January 3, 2023 (Reorganization)

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS:

On a motion by Kyle Aaronson, seconded by Len DiGiacomo, 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 2021 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, 2022 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.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Kyle Aaronson, seconded by Edward Hill, the following agenda item was approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

A. Action Item:

- 1) Recommend the Board approve a ten-month contract of employment for SY 2021-2022 for Jamie L. Fischer as music teacher, BA/Step 4 – \$55,781, prorated from her start date of February 22, 2022 through June 30, 2022, pending completion of paperwork.

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)).

- Ambrose Duckett congratulated the new Board members and thanked them for their service
- Ed Besko also welcomed the new Board members

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on the motion of Kerry Douglas, seconded by Kyle Aaronson. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Austin
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary