

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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 12, 2020.
- B. Mailed written notice to the *Burlington County Times* and the *Courier Post* on January 12, 2020.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Eastampton Township on January 8, 2020.
- 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 5, 2021 via conference call. Members of the public desiring to listen to and participate in the Board of Education meeting will be able to access the conference call by following the directions below:

DIRECTIONS:

1 231-942-4478 PIN: 725 328 522#

ROLL CALL:

Glenn Forney - present
Susan Taylor - present
Brian Curtis - present
Kerry Douglas - present
Deanna McGinnis – present

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

FIRE EXITS

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS – November 3, 2020:

Board of Education Candidates:

Two three-year term seats were available:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Len DiGiacomo	2,431
Kyle Aaronson	39

OATH OF OFFICE:

The following individuals were sworn in:

Len DiGiacomo
Kyle Aaronson

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. Glenn Forney nominated Susan Taylor with Len DiGiacomo seconding the motion. There were no other nominations. Roll call vote: Unanimous. The meeting was turned over to Ms. Taylor.
- B. Call for nominations for Board Vice-President by Board President – Sue Taylor opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice-president. Sue Taylor nominated Glenn Forney with Deanna McGinnis 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 tabled by Susan Taylor

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

On a motion by Susan Taylor, seconded by Brian Curtis, the following resolution was approved. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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 26	August 24 at 6pm
February 23	September 21
March 16	October 19
April 27 Budget Public Hearing	November 16
May 18	December 21
June 15	January 4, 2022 (Reorganization)

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS:

On a motion by Susan Taylor, seconded by Kerry Douglas, 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, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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.

ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING:

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)).

- Heather Chapman wanted to congratulate Ms. Taylor as President of the Board. She also wanted to thank both Mr. Duckett and Ms. Rucci with the conversations with RV and showing their support.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on the motion of Susan Taylor, seconded by Glenn Forney. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Austin
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary