

Sussex-Wantage Regional School District
January 4, 2024
Annual Reorganization Meeting

The Regular Session Meeting of the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Christina Riker, Board Secretary, on January 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Sussex Middle School Media Center, 10 Loomis Avenue, Sussex, NJ.

The meeting opened with the flag salute.

The following statement was read by Mrs. Riker

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Sussex Wantage Regional School District Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the school buildings and notice of said meeting sent to the New Jersey Herald and The Star Ledger.

Open Public Meetings Act

Mr. Gall read the Sussex Wantage School Mission Statement: The Sussex Wantage Regional School District is a responsive, caring, child-centered community. Our mission is to educate each individual to become a confident, competent, lifelong learner and productive, responsible citizen, by providing challenging opportunities in a safe environment through a partnership of families, schools and communities.

Mission Statement

At this time, Mrs. Riker read the results of the November 8, 2023 General Election into record.

Certification of Election Results:

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Results of the November 7, 2023 General Election are as follows:

**Member Board of Education/Wantage Township
3-Year Term**

Caitlyn Space	1,447
Stevie Vallone	1,274
Nicholas D'Agostino	1,034
Write-In	24

Oath of Office:

Oath of Office for the following Board members was given by Mrs. Riker, Board Secretary:

Oath of Office

Nicholas D'Agostino, Caitlin Space, Stevie Vallone

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Roll Call:

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Members Present: Mrs. Alissa Cecchini, Mr. Nicholas D’Agostino, Mrs. Taylor Dely , Mrs. Brittney Simmons, Mrs. Caitlin Space, Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella, Mrs. Stevie Vallone, Mrs. Dorothy Witte, Mrs. Danielle Zill-Barry

Members Absent: none

Also in attendance were: Mr. Michael Gall, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Christina Riker, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

Mrs. Riker took nominations for President at this time.

Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Cecchini that Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella be nominated as President of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education.
Carried; Yes 7, No 2 (Dely, Witte), Absent 0

President

At this time, Mrs. Riker turned the meeting over to Mrs. Stephanie Tortorella as President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Tortorella, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino that Mrs. Alissa Cecchini be nominated as Vice-President of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education.
Not Carried; Yes 3, No 6 (Dely, Simmons, Space, Vallone, Witte, Zill-Barry), Absent 0

Vice- President

Moved by Mrs. Zill-Barry, seconded by Mrs. Vallone that Mrs. Dorothy Witte be nominated as Vice-President of the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education.
Carried; Yes 6, No 3 (Cecchini, D’Agostino, Tortorella), Absent 0

Report of the Supt.

Report of the Superintendent:

- Mr. Gall congratulated all the new Board Members.
- Mr. Gall congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Space on their new positions.
- Mr. Gall said he would report out on district happenings at the meeting at the end of the month.

Mrs. Tortorella thanked the Board for the opportunity. She said she is looking forward to this year. She congratulated Mrs. Vallone, Mrs. Space and Mr. D’Agostino.

Audience Remarks:

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- None

Adjournment

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Moved by Ms. Dely, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christina M. Riker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Christina M. Riker
Board Secretary