

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

8:00 PM

PENNSAUKEN HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 327

CALL TO ORDER - BOARD SECRETARY PRESIDES

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post. Notice appeared in the legal notice section of the Courier Post stating the time, date, location and that formal action would be taken at that time. Notice was also posted with the Township Clerk.

Mrs. Ricketts, Board Secretary, declares this to be a legal meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education.

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

<u>Three-year Term</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Margaret M. Snyder	<u>2182</u>
Nicholas Perry	<u>2041</u>
JoAnn Young	<u>1326</u>
Michael E. Stargell	1296
William A. Snyder, Sr	1281
Bernhard H. Kofoet	1176
Matthew J. McDevitt	1115
Almar Dyer	955

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS – ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Piarulli, Solicitor, administered the Oath of Office to Margaret M. Snyder, Nicholas Perry.

Mrs. Ricketts administered the Oath of Office to JoAnn Young.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Snyder, Ms Young. Also in attendance were Mrs. Martinez Superintendent, Mrs. Ricketts Business Administrator/board Secretary, Mr. Wrzeszczynski Director of Personnel, Mr. Oliver Director of Elementary, Mr. Piarulli Solicitor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE NEXT REORGANIZATION MEETING IN 2014

Board Secretary Mrs. Ricketts opened the floor for nominations and election of the President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Rodriguez seconded by Mrs. James-Wilson
Dr. Meloni nominated Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. Nguyen
Mr. Rodriguez nominated Mrs. James-Wilson seconded by Mr. Brown

Mr. Nguyen made a motion to close nominations seconded by Dr. Meloni.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Stephanie James-Wilson – Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Young voting yes. Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder voting no. (4-5-0)

Mr. O'Brien – Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder voting yes, Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Young voting no. (5-4-0)

Mr. Rodriguez – Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Young voting yes. Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder voting no. (4-5-0)

Therefore by a majority of the votes (5-4) Mr. O'Brien was elected Board President

Mr. O'Brien, Board President, called for Nominations and Election of the Vice President of the Board of Education

Mrs. James-Wilson nominated Mr. Rodriguez seconded by Mr. Brown.
Dr. Meloni nominated Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Mrs.. Snyder

Mr. Brown made a motion to close nominations seconded by Mrs. James-Wilson.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. James-Wilson – Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Young. 4 votes
Mr. Nguyen – Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder. 5 votes

Therefore by a majority of the votes, (5-4) Mr. Nguyen was elected Board Vice President.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education recognizes that the schools are the concern of all members of the community. With this in mind, the Board of Education welcomes and solicits input from the public. During the regular monthly Business Meeting, members of the community are afforded an opportunity to express their views. It does, however, respectfully suggest that citizens attempt to resolve concerns by speaking directly to school administrators before bringing it to the Board. Individuals with a relevant interest in the functions or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

Mrs. Tabako
Pennsauken, NJ

- Congratulations to the new Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Young and seconded by Mrs. James-Wilson to close public comment. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. James-Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting.

Before vote was taken, Dr. Meloni asked to bring up a new business.

A roll call vote was done for the active motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was defeated (4-5) with Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder voting no, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Stephanie James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Young voting yes.

Mrs. Snyder left the meeting before discussion and vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to approve the following resolution: The motion was defeated by a roll call vote (4-4) with Mr. Brown, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Young voting no. Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Perry voting yes.

1. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken*** that the legal opinion received by the Pennsauken Board of Education on the 21st of November 2013 from Frank P. Cavallo, Jr., Esquire that the Pennsauken Board of Education waives attorney-client privilege;

BE FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken that copies of the legal opinion received by the Pennsauken Board of Education on the 21st of November 2013 from Frank P. Cavallo, Jr., Esquire shall be made available to the public tonight, the 7th of January 2014.

Mrs. Snyder returned to the meeting after the roll call vote.

Mr. Perry brought to the floor the below resolution. Discussion was conducted by the board to gather additional information before payment is approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to table until a time certain, January 16, 2014 Conference meeting the below resolution. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (8-0-0-1) with Mr. O'Brien who recused.

2. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education Township of Pennsauken*** to approve payment of \$160,378.81 to the Township of Pennsauken for the costs of Police officers assigned to Pennsauken Board of Education Schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken that the \$160,378.81 check is delivered to the Pennsauken Township Finance Office at 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken New Jersey 08110 by 2:00pm on Wednesday the 8th of January 2014.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. James-Wilson and seconded by Dr. Meloni to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Ricketts
Board Secretary