

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
120 N. MAIN STREET
MULLICA HILL, NEW JERSEY

REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026
7:00 PM**

Mr. Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary, called the Reorganization Meeting of the Harrison Township Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the music room at Pleasant Valley School. It was announced that the Board might adjourn into Executive Session during the meeting to discuss personnel, student issues, property, or any other matter appropriate for this session, the results of which would be made public at a later time.

I. Call to Order: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975 was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Harrison Township Board of Education has caused notice of the meeting to be published by having the dates, time, and place thereof posted on the Harrison Township School District website, at the Harrison Township School Building, and mailed to the Township Municipal Clerk, the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post.

II. Flag Salute:

Led by Mr. Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary of the Harrison Township Board of Education.

III. Report of School Election Place: Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary

District School Election of the School District of Harrison Township, in the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, pursuant to the notice given in accordance with State Law.

I, Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary, after electronic counting of the ballots by the Gloucester County Board of Elections, announced the results of the election as follows:

<u>Three-Year Term (3 seats):</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Tim Bast	4,216
b. Jennifer A. Bowen	4,215
c. Walter Bright	4,094

A total of 548 votes were received for write-in candidates for the three-year terms.

IV. Administration of the Oath: Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary

- 1) Tim Bast
- 2) Jennifer A. Bowen
- 3) Walter Bright

V. **Roll Call:**

2024 – 2026

Todd Baron
Janette Coslop
Shannon Williams

2026

Alexis Rubino

2025 - 2027

John Cavanaugh (*absent*)
Colleen Kendrick

2026 – 2028

Tim Bast
Jennifer Bowen
Walter Bright

VI. **Reorganization of the Board of Education:**

A. Election of Officers

Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary, declared the nominations for the Office of Board President open.

Motion by Janette Coslop to nominate Shannon Williams for Board President.

Roll Call: (8-0) Carried: Yes

The Board Secretary declared Shannon Williams elected to the Office of Board President.

Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the Board President, Shannon Williams. The meeting was turned over to the Board of Education President.

Shannon Williams, President of the Board of Education, declared the nominations for the Office of Board Vice-President open.

Motion by Walter Bright to nominate Jennifer Bowen for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Roll Call: (8-0) Carried: Yes

Christopher C. DeSanto, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the Vice-President, Jennifer Bowen.

B. Approval of Board of Education Meeting dates for the period from January 2026 through January 2027. (***Attachment: Reorg. #VI.B.***)

Motion: Mr. Bright Second: Mrs. Kendrick
Roll Call: (8-0) Carried: Yes

VII. Superintendent's Report:

A. Administration

1. Resolution to designate Dr. Peretti as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) pursuant to the requirement of the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property.

Motion: Mrs. Bowen
Roll Call: (8-0)

Second: Ms. Rubino
Carried: Yes

VIII. Audience Participation:

None

IX. Old Business:

Dr. Peretti gave an update on the playground repairs at PVS.

Dr. Peretti spoke about the ½ page ad in Clearview's program book for their *Legally Blonde* production.

Mr. Bright asked the Board if any of them had any questions about the email they had received.

X. Adjournment:

There was no further business. A motion was made to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Bright
Roll Call: Voice

Second: Mrs. Coslop
Carried: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher C. DeSanto
Board Secretary