PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Reorganization Meeting Agenda

January 6, 2026

2025-2026 Board Goals

1. The Board will support the Superintendent in the development and implementation of a district strategic plan in the areas of education/professional development, finance, community.

2. The Board will continue to develop and improve avenues of communication at all levels including Superintendent and Board, committee, member, staff, community.

3. The Board will continue to support high student achievement and citizenship including increased review and monitoring of educational data.

4. The Board will be actively involved in long-term finance and facility planning with the end goal offering a high quality education to our students, achieving financial sustainability, and continual awareness of community impact.

2025-2026 District Goals

1. The District will continue to support a comprehensive and rigorous K-8 curricular program while enhancing academic and intervention opportunities that promote ambitious teaching and learning, that all Port Republic students are well prepared for success in high school and beyond.

2. The District will continue its program of community awareness and input that improves district communication through effective tools as determined by the Superintendent and the Board.

3. The District will, in consultation with key stakeholders, update strategic planning to include long-range educational, finance and facility planning.

Goals Board approved on August 26, 2025

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

I, **Todd D'Anna**, Board Secretary, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at **5:00 pm.**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with provisions of this act, the Port Republic Board of Education has caused adequate notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time and place published in the Press of Atlantic City on December 30, 2025.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

November 4, 2025, Election Results

Brian Hartmann	422
Kristina Hanselman	420
Kathryn Cox	407
Write-In	16

Swearing in of new Board Members: Mr. D'Anna administers the oath of office.

3. **Roll Call**

Member	Present	Absent
Joy Hooper, President	**X**	
Kathryn Cox	**X**	
Brenda Crema	**X**	
Kristina Hanselman	**X**	
Brian Hartmann	**X**	
Eric Stevenson		**ABSENT**
Kevin Wessler	**X**	
Jennifer Williams	**X**	
Jill Yochim	**X**	
Amanda Redrow, Superintendent	**X**	
Todd D'Anna, Business Administrator	**X**	

Amy Houck-Elco, Board Solicitor	**X**	
	was	**was not**
A quorum was/was not established.	**X**	

4. Nominations and Election for the 2026 Calendar Year School Board President
The Business Administrator/Board Secretary will, at this time, ask for nominations for the position of President of the Port Republic Board of Education.

NOMINATIONS: Joy Hooper.

The Board Administrator/Board Secretary will close the nominations for the President of the Port Republic Board of Education. Vote to Approve: Joy Hooper

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox		**X**	**X**
Brenda Crema			**X**
Kristina Hanselman			**X**
Brian Hartmann			**X**
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			**ABSENT**
Kevin Wessler			**X**
Jennifer Williams			**X**
Jill Yochim	**X**		**X**

Approved:	**Joy Hooper**

AT THIS TIME THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ASSUMES CHAIR

5. Nominations and Election for 2026 Calendar Year School Board Vice President
The Business Administrator/Board Secretary will, at this time, ask for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Port Republic Board of Education.

NOMINATIONS: Jill Yochim

The Board Administrator/Board Secretary will close the nominations for the Vice President of the Port Republic Board of Education.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper	**X**		**X**
Kathryn Cox			**X**
Brenda Crema			**X**
Kristina Hanselman			**X**
Brian Hartmann			**X**
Eric Stevenson			**ABSENT**
Kevin Wessler		**X**	**X**
Jennifer Williams			**X**
Jill Yochim			

Approved:	**Jill Yochim**

6. Board of Education Code of Ethics Review

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

A. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

B. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

C. I will continue my board action policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

D. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

E. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

F. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgement to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

G. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the school which, if disclosed, would needlessly

injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

H. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrator officer.

I. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

J. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21, that each member of the Board of Education has reviewed the New Jersey School Boards Member Code of Ethics.

Roll Call Vote:

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper	X		X
Kathryn Cox		X	X
Brenda Crema			X
Kristina Hanselman			X
Brian Hartmann			X
Eric Stevenson			ABSENT
Kevin Wessler			X
Jennifer Williams			X
Jill Yochim			X

7. **MOTION to approve all recommendations listed in items A through G.**

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper			X
Kathryn Cox		X	X
Brenda Crema			X
Kristina Hanselman			X

Brian Hartmann			**X**
Eric Stevenson			**ABSENT**
Kevin Wessler			**X**
Jennifer Williams			**X**
Jill Yochim	**X**		**X**

A. Appointment of 2026 Calendar Year Delegates/Representatives
RESOLVED, that the Port Republic Board of Education designate the following delegates/ representatives from the membership of the Port Republic Board of Education:

	2025	2026
ACSBA Delegate	Jill Yochim	Jill Yochim
Alternate	Joy Hooper	Joy Hooper
NJSBA Delegate	Brian Hartmann	Brian Hartmann

B. Appointments
RESOLVED, that the Port Republic Board of Education approve the following committee appointments for the 2026 Calendar Year:

	2025	2026
Education	Cox, Stevenson, Yochim	Cox (Chair), Stevenson, Yochim
Facilities	Hartmann, Wessler, Williams	Hartmann, Wessler (Chair), Williams
Finance	Crema, Stevenson, Wessler, Yochim	Crema, Stevenson, Wessler (Chair), Yochim
Personnel	Hanselman, Hooper, Yochim	Hanselman, Hooper, Yochim (Chair)
Policy	Crema, Hanselman, Hartmann	Crema, Hanselman, Hartmann (Chair)

C. Bylaws, Policies and Regulations
RESOLVED, that the Port Republic Board of Education approves the bylaws, policies and regulations of the Board of Education as contained in the district policy book and documents issued by the Board and Superintendent for the 2026 Calendar Year.

D. Official Newspapers

RESOLVED, that the Port Republic Board of Education appoints the Atlantic City Press and the Current for the 2026 Calendar Year.

E. Depository of Funds
RESOLVED, that the Port Republic Board of Education appoints the following Depository of School Funds for the 2026 Calendar Year.

Ocean First Bank
NJ Cash Management Fund

F. Authorization to Sign Warrants (Checks)
RESOLVED, that the following lists those authorized to sign warrants on accounts:

General Fund	Two (2) At least 1 live signature	Board President, Business Administrator, Board Vice President (Alternate)
Payroll	Two (2)	Board President, Business Administrator, Board Vice President (Alternate)
Payroll Agency	Two (2)	Board President, Business Administrator, Board Vice President (Alternate)
Student Activities	Two (2) At least 1 live signature	Superintendent, Business Administrator

G. Board of Education 2026 Calendar Year Monthly Meeting Dates and Time
RESOLVED, that the set date and time of the regular Port Republic Board of Education meetings are 5:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, as detailed below.

Month	Date	Year	Time
January	**20**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
February	**17**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
March	**17**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
April	**28**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
May	**19**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
June	**16**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**

July	**21**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
August	**18**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
September	**15**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
October	**20**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
November	**17**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**
December	**15**	**2026**	**5:00 pm**

**** The BOE may have other special meetings for budget, personnel, etc.**

9. Public Comments – Open the meeting to the public.
Motion to open the meeting to the public.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT.

11. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the Board of Education Reorganization meeting.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper	**X**		**X**
Kathryn Cox			**X**
Brenda Crema			**X**
Kristina Hanselman			**X**
Brian Hartmann			**X**
Eric Stevenson			**X**
Kevin Wessler		**X**	**X**
Jennifer Williams			**X**
Jill Yochim			**X**