



Dennis J. Anderson
Interim Superintendent

Todd D'Anna
Business Administrator

Action Meeting Agenda *January 18, 2023*

2022 - 2023 Board Goals

1. The board will resurrect the LEAP Grant and engage in the process of grant implementation, and consider and evaluate recommendations therein for future action.
2. The board will complete a self-evaluation and a superintendent evaluation, in compliance with code, by June 30.
3. The board will develop strategies to increase attendance at board, school, and community events.
4. The board will seek opportunities to expand shared services arrangements with relevant agencies and schools.

2022 - 2023 District Goals

1. The district will continue to support a comprehensive curricular program with new opportunities and experiences for ambitious teaching and learning that increase and expand success through rigorous academic and intervention programs.
2. The district will ensure that Port Republic students entering high school are well prepared by the education they receive in Port Republic.
3. The district will continue its program of community awareness that improves district communications through effective tools determined by the Superintendent.
4. The district will, in consultation with key stakeholders, update the existing long range facilities plan in accord with acceptable LEAP Grant recommendations.

Goals Board approved on April 27, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

I, Joy Hooper, President, 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 as 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 January 16, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pride Respect Success

Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent
Joy Hooper, President		
Kathryn Cox		
Eric Stevenson, Vice President		
Kevin Wessler		
Jill Yochim		
Dennis J. Anderson, Interim Superintendent		
Todd D'Anna, Business Administrator		
Amy Houck-Elco, Board Solicitor		
	was	was not
A quorum was/was not established.		

Approval of Minutes

MOTION that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes of December 21, 2022 and January 4, 2023.

December 21, 2022
December 21, 2022
January 4, 2023

Action Meeting
Executive Minutes
Reorganization Meeting

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			

Presentations – Cooper Levenson Holiday Card Art Contest

Carl Taylor, Attorney

Tom Briglia, Photographer

(scanned copy of Holiday Card Winner - Kennedy Burton, 7th Grade)

Elks Lodge Essay Contest

Congratulations to: Jordyn Berret, Braelynn Harrison, Brauden Norris, Dominic Bufardeci and Olivia Williams. Staff, parents and students are invited to an award ceremony at the Lions Blind Center on January 17, to receive their monetary award.

School Board Recognition Month - THANK YOU to the Board of Education for their time and commitment.

Board President's Report

A. None at this time.

Board Committee Reports

A. **Fiscal Affairs (Stevenson, Wessler)**

1. None at this time

B. **Educational Affairs (Cox, Yochim)**

1. None at this time.

C. **Budget (Cox, Stevenson)**

1. None at this time

D. **Negotiations Committee (Hooper, Yochim)**

1. None at this time.

E. **Special Committees (Ad Hoc as needed)**

1. None at this time.

Superintendent's Report

MOTION to approve all recommendations listed in items A through N of the Superintendent's Report.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			

A. **Monthly Report/[District Flyers](#)**

1. Upcoming

- 2/15/23 8th Grade High School Scheduling
- 2/17/23 SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher in Service
- 2/20/23 SCHOOL CLOSED - Presidents Day

2. **Student Enrollment** as of **January 18, 2023** is **107**.

3. **Suspension Report**

	In	Out
Monthly	0	0
Year Total	0	0

B. **Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Incident Report**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve to affirm the Superintendent's decisions associated with the harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) incidents.

Date Reported to Superintendent	Case Number	Result	Action
N/A	0	0	0

C. **Safety and Security**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following Safety and Security Drills.

Date	Time	Type	# of Staff Present	# of Students Present	# of Visitors Present
1/4/23	9:30 am	Fire	19	104	0
1/12/23	9:28 am	Bomb Threat	17	103	4

D. **Field Trips**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following Field Trips.

Date	Grade(s)	Teacher(s)	Location
3/3/23	K - 8	All Teaching Staff & School Nurse	Franklin Institute - Sponsored by the Port Republic Education Foundation

E. **Facilities Use**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following Facilities Use Requests.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Organization

F. **Personnel**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following positions.

Position	Name	Amount

G. **Curriculum and Instruction**

1. N/A

H. **Professional Development**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following Professional Development opportunities.

Date	Staff Member	Workshop	Location	Cost
N/A				\$0.00

I. **District Policies:**

Policy Number	Policy

J. **QSAC**

1. None at this time.

K. **NJ Department of Education State Reports**

1. None at this time.

L. **Student Teacher Field Placement Requests**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following student teaching placements.

Grade Level Assignment	Name	Length of Assignment
Kindergarten with Mrs. Mull	Jenna Price	1/17/23 - 4/27/23

M. **Calendar Revisions**

1. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the **TENTATIVE** 2023-2024 Port Republic School Yearly Calendar.

N. **Discussion Items:**

1. None at this time.

School Business Administrator's Report

MOTION to approve all recommendations listed in items A through H of the School Business Administrator's Report.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			

- A. **Cash Report of Board:** Motion to accept the Report of School Monies for the month ending December, 2022.
- B. **Board Secretary's Reports:** Motion to accept the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December, 2022.
Fund 10
Fund 20
- C. **Budget Transfers:** Motion to accept the attached budget transfers in the amount of \$74,500.
- D. **Revenue Changes:** There are no revenue changes.
- E. **Bill List:** Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Bill List for the period of xxxxxxxx, in the amount of \$xxxxxxxxxx
- F. **Contracts**
1. None at this time.
- G. **Grants**
1. None at this time.
- H. **Discussion Items**
1. None at this time.

Old Business

- A. None at this time.

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New Business

A. Special Election

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THAT THE MARCH 14, 2023 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION POLLING WILL BE HELD FROM 4PM-8PM AT PORT REPUBLIC CITY HALL, WARD 01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the City of Port Republic, in the County of Atlantic, that:

WHEREAS, the city of Port Republic held a referendum vote, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:9-9 et seq., to transition the Board of Education of the city of Port Republic from a Type I district with a five-member school board to a Type II district with a nine-member school board; and

WHEREAS, the referendum vote of November 8, 2022 passed, which results have since been certified by the County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Port Republic School District is now a Type II school district pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:9-9, and thus shall be made up of a nine rather than a five- member board of education; and

WHEREAS, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:9-10, the District must now hold a special election to add four additional board members, who will have staggered terms so arranged that as soon as possible the term of each member of the board shall be three years and the terms of three members shall expire each year; and

WHEREAS, specifically, there will be two three-year terms, one two-year term, and one one-year term added to fill the four new slots; and

WHEREAS, according to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, Type II special elections may only be held on the 4th Tuesday in January, the 2nd Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the 2nd Tuesday in December, and whereas January and March are the only two options to hold a special election within the specific timeframe contemplated by N.J.S.A. 18A:9-9 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, by way of separate Resolution, the District voted to hold the Special Election as required by this transition to the 2nd Tuesday in March, 2023, which is March 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, according to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, the Board of Education has now given the superintendent of elections, the municipal clerk, and the county board of elections 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, by way of separate Resolution, the District moved all future general, non-special school board elections to November, commencing in November 2023, with January reorganizations commencing in January 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Republic Board of Education that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:9-9 et. seq., and N.J.S.A. 19:8-1 et. seq., the March 14, 2023 special school board election shall be held from 4PM to 8PM at Ward 01, Port Republic City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic, New Jersey 08241; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Port Republic has agreed, by way of Resolution by their own governing body, to make this polling location available for the Port Republic School Board Special Election on March 14, 2023, at no cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this will be the sole polling location utilized for the March 14, 2023 special school election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Port Republic and the Port Republic Board of Education may enter into a hold harmless and/or indemnification agreement to effectuate these terms, as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Superintendent of Elections, the City of Port Republic Clerk, the Atlantic County Board of Elections, and the Atlantic County Clerk.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			

Public Comments – Open the meeting to the public.

Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			
Time Opened			

Recognition of Citizens – for agenda items only

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff have had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited to 5 minutes in length.

Public Comments – Close the meeting to the public.**Motion to close the meeting to the public.**

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			
Time Closed			

Adjournment**Motion to adjourn the Board of Education Regular meeting.**

Member	Motion	Seconded by	Vote
Joy Hooper, President			
Kathryn Cox			
Eric Stevenson, Vice President			
Kevin Wessler			
Jill Yochim			
Time Adjourned at			