

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 5, 2022**

The Reorganization meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:09 p.m. in the William Davies Middle School Cafetorium by Anne-Marie Fala, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL: The following answered Roll Call: Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers.

Absent: Ms. Newman

Also present: Dr. Jefferey Zito, Superintendent, Mrs. Anne-Marie Fala, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Amy Houck-Elco, Solicitor.

Mrs. Fala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence for private reflection.

2. Public Session

Notice of Advertisement of Meeting

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and notices posted at the Township Clerk's Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Mizpah Post Office, Atlantic County Library, as well as all the schools of the district. A mechanical device is being used to record this meeting and this meeting is also being video-taped.

There is one opportunity to address the members of the Board. The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. If your remarks are about students and/or personnel, you should follow the chain of command as the Board cannot respond to those comments. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

The public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items and non agenda items. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes and you are not permitted to yield your time to another. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. Upon being recognized, persons wishing to speak should stand and identify themselves by name and address.

3. Office Election Results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 2, 2021.

Mrs. Fala read the official election results from the November Election.

Mrs. Fala stated that a letter was received from Mr. James Erickson stating that he will be unable to accept the position on the Board due to personal reasons. Because of this, an advertisement will need to be placed for the vacant position.

4. Oath of Office

Ms. Houck-Elko administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board Members.

5. Nominations for President

At this time, Mrs. Fala opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Board President.

Dr. Nelson nominated Mrs. Barr. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

There were no other nominations for the position of President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7-0-0) Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers.

6. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Barr at this time.

7. Nominations for Vice President

Mrs. Barr asked for nominations for the position of Vice President.

Mrs. Barr nominated Dr. Nelson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

There were no other nominations for the position of Vice President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7-0-0) Mrs. Ankrah, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, Mr. Rogers, and Mrs. Barr.

8. Reorganization Items

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the dates and times of Regular Board of Education Meetings. These meetings will be held at the William Davies Middle School in the Cafetorium located at 1876 Dr. Dennis Foreman Drive, Mays Landing, NJ.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7-0-0) Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers.

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7-0-0) Mrs. Ankrah, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, Mr. Rogers, and Mrs. Barr.

10. Administration

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Lihach, to approve Ms. Dawn Pineda as a full-time, 10-month School Nurse at the William Davies Middle School at a prorated salary of \$64,788 (MA Step 11) with start date to be determined.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6-0-1) Mrs. Ankrah, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mrs. Barr. Abstained: Mr. Rogers.

Board Member Comments: Mrs. Miller welcomed the new Board members and congratulated Mrs. Barr and Dr. Nelson on being nominated to the positions of President and Vice President.

Mrs. Barr also congratulated the new Board members. She also noted that a date will need to be decided on to hold a Special Meeting for interviewing candidates to fill the Board vacancy.

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Lihach, to hold a Special Meeting on January 12, 2022 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for a position on the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6-0-0) Mrs. Ankrah, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mrs. Barr. Nay: Mr. Rogers

At this time, Mrs. Barr asked for Board members to send her an email for their preferred committee assignments. She will contact each member when the committees are confirmed.

11. Public Comment - None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Nelson, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: 7-0-0

Th Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Fala
Business Administrator/Board Secretary