

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 4, 2023**

The Reorganization meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in the William Davies Middle School Cafetorium by Dr. Jeffery Zito, Superintendent.

1.2 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. The meeting is being recorded.

There is one opportunity to address the members of the Board. This opportunity is to discuss agenda items only. 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.

2. PUBLIC MEETING OPENING

Dr. Zito led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Amy Houck-Elco read the official election results from the November 8, 2022 election.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Amy Gatto administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members.

ROLL CALL:

The following members answered Roll Call: Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Dr. Lihach, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers. Mrs. Ankrah arrived at 5:14 p.m.

Absent: Mrs. Miller and Ms. Newman

Also Present: Dr. Jeffery Zito, Superintendent and Amy Houck-Elco, Solicitor

Motion by Dr. Lihach, seconded by Mrs. Barr to approve the official election results of November 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Dr. Lihach, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers. (6-0-0)

Dr. Nelson, motioned to appoint Dr. Jeffery Zito as Board Secretary, Pro-Tem to officially take minutes for tonight's Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (6-0-0)

5. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Ms. Houck-Elco asked for nominations for the Office of Board President.

Dr. Lihach nominated Mrs. Barr.

There were no other nominations for the office.

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

Mrs. Barr was elected as Board President.

6. Ms. Houck-Elco continued the meeting.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms. Houck-Elco asked for nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Mrs. Barr nominated Dr. Nelson.

Ms. Houck-Elco motioned to elect Dr. Nelson for the Office of Vice President. Motion was moved by Dr. Lihach and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Dr. Lihach, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers. (6-0-0)

Dr. Nelson was elected as Vice President.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment on agenda items only. - None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Nelson and Mrs. Barr welcomed Dr. Cirino to the Board. Mrs. Barr thanked the Board for the nomination of President.

10. Reorganization Items

10.1: Motion by Dr. Nelson seconded by Dr. Lihach to approve the Board of Education meeting calendar for 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Dr. Lihach, Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Poretto, and Mr. Rogers (6-0-0)

Mrs. Ankrah entered the meeting at this time. (5:14 p.m.)

10.2: Motion by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Lihach, to approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rogers to enter into Executive session.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (6-0-0)

Resolved that pursuant to Section 7 and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving discussion of:

- Attorney Client Matters

Be it further resolved that the discussion of such subject matter in executive session can be disclosed to the public when formal action is taken on such subject matter or at any other appropriate time.

Be it further resolved the Board may take action on items discussed in executive session.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board will be in executive session for approximately 10 minutes.

The Board entered into Executive session at 5:17 p.m.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Nelson to reconvene to the public session of the meeting.

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

The Board resumed the Regular session of the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rogers to change the January 18, 2023 Board of Education Meeting to January 11, 2023.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn the meeting.

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

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Zito, Superintendent/Board Secretary Pro-Tem