

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 3, 2024**

The Reorganization meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the William Davies Middle School Cafetorium by Christopher Veneziani, Board President.

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 are two opportunities 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. 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 first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, is when residents may address the Board on any school-related issue. 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, during both sessions, 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

The following members answered Roll Call: Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, and Mrs. Poretto.

Absent: Mr. Rogers

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

Mr. Veneziani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Veneziani asked for a moment of silence for private reflection

3. OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Miller to accept the official results of the annual School Board Election held on November 7, 2023.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor: (8-0-0)

4. OATH OF OFFICE

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

5. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Mr. Veneziani opened the floor for nominations for Board President.

Mrs. Barr nominated Dr. Nelson for the position of Board President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor: Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, and Mrs. Poretto. (8-0-0)

6. MEETING TURNED OVER TO THE PRESIDENT.

The meeting was turned over to Dr. Nelson at this time.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

The floor was opened for nominations for the Office of Board Vice President.

Dr. Nelson nominated Mrs. Barr for the position of Vice President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor: Mrs. Ankrah, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Cirino, Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Lihach, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Nelson, and Mrs. Poretto. (8-0-0)

8. REORGANIZATION ITEMS

8.1: Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Dr. Cirino, to approve the Board of Education meeting calendar for 2024.

8.2: Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, to approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor: (8-0-0)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

Dr. Nelson made a motion to close public comment.

VOICE VOTE: All in favor: (8-0-0)

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Barr thanked the Board for electing her to the position of Vice President.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Poretto, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (8-0-0)

The Reorganization meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Veneziani

Board Secretary