

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2019
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the Davies Middle School by Anne-Marie Fala, Board Secretary. **Call To Order**

Mrs. Fala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING

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

There will be 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. 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.

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.

At this time the Board Secretary administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board Members:

James Higbee	1 year term
Eric Aiken	3 year term
Margaret Erickson	3 year term
Amy Hassa	3 year term

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Eric Aiken, Mrs. Nanci Barr, Mr. Greg Ciambrone, Ms. Margaret Erickson, Mrs. Amelia Francis, Mrs. Amy Hassa, Mr. Derek Haye, Mr. James Higbee, and Mrs. Barbara Kupp.

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Mr. Frank Vogel, Superintendent
Mrs. Anne-Marie Fala, Business Administrator
Eric Goldstein, Solicitor

Moment of silence for private reflection

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Ms. Erickson to nominate Eric Aiken for the position of President.

There were no other nominations for the position of President.

Roll Call Vote: Eight in favor: Mr. Aiken, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, and Mrs. Kupp, Nay: Mrs. Francis (8-1-0)

Mr. Aiken assumed the President's chair at this time and thanked the Board for returning him to the position.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Kupp to nominate Amy Hassa for the position of Vice President.

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

Roll Call Vote: Eight in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken. Nay: Mrs. Francis (8-1-0)

A. **Reorganization**

Meeting Dates, Times and Place

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Kupp to approve the dates and times of Regular Board of Education Meetings, as per attachment X-A. These meetings will be

held at the William Davies Middle School, 1876 Dr. Dennis Foreman Drive, Mays Landing, NJ.

Discussion was held to change the Monday, November 25, 2019 meeting to Tuesday, November 26, 2019 and to make a correction for the Goals/Board Meeting in August. The Goals/Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The Board was in agreement.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

B. New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Hassa, to approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, as per attachment X-B.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

C. Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Barr, to accept the results of the Annual School Board Election held November 6, 2018, as per attachment X-C:

	<u>Name</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Three Year Term:	Eric Aiken	5,022
	Margaret Erickson	4,677
	Amy Hassa	3,661
One Year Unexpired Term:	James Higbee	3,263

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

COMMITTEES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Kupp, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve staff attendance at seminars, workshops and conferences, including costs related to applicable reimbursable expenses, during the 2018-2019 school year, as per attachment Finance-1.

2. To approve the refunding of Energy Savings Plan and Refunding Bond Resolution on first reading as per attachment Finance-2.
3. To approve a Resolution to approve the ESP and the submission of the LFP (Local Finance Board) application, as per attachment Finance-3.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken.
(9-0-0)

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Personnel and Discipline):
All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion by Mrs. Kupp, seconded by Mrs. Barr, to approve the following motion, as presented:

1. To approve a building transfer for Traci Brittain, Paraprofessional from Hess School to the Shaner School.
2. To approve Karl Kelchner, a Montclair State University student, to complete his 300 hours of Education Leadership internship at the Hess School.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Mr. Ciambrone, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, and Mr. Aiken.
(9-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

Mr. Aiken read a letter from the State of New Jersey regarding the OFAC Audit recently held. He noted that the audit was in the favor of the District.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Amy Hassa noted that the Music Department performed at a local nursing home during the holiday season. One of the residents was a 101-year old woman who helped conduct the choir. Mrs. Hassa felt this was a wonderful gift to the residents of the nursing home.

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The second meeting of the Mental Health Task Force was held in December Mrs. Hassa attended and she felt this was again very informative and helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Hassa, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (9-0-0)

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Anne-Marie Fala
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary