

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

JANUARY 4, 2021

6:30 PM

The Reorganization Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held via Google Meet on the above date. Mrs. Huff opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and stated that in accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided (by sending a notice of the time, date, instructions for remote access and making public comment) to the NJ Herald and Express Times on December 30, 2020. Mrs. Huff further noted that copies of this notice, along with a meeting agenda, have been placed in the Board Office, posted on the District website, and sent to the Township Clerk.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

Mrs. Huff noted that Mr. Murray, Mr. Panetta and Mrs. Williams have been elected for three-year terms and Mrs. Lensi for a two-year unexpired term. The elected members were sworn in.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Panetta to open the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Mr. Panetta nominated Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Lensi.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to close the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Howell to elect Frank Panetta as President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions - 0.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to open the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Mrs. Williams nominated Ms. Nusser-Meaney and seconded by Mrs. Lensi.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to close the nominations for Vice-President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Howell to elect Michelle Nusser-Meany as Vice-President of the White Township Board of Education. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions - 0.

The following members were in attendance at roll call: Ms. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Panetta. Mrs. Sroka was unable to attend.

APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2021 YEAR

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 4, 2021 – Reorganization
January 25, 2021
February 22, 2021
March 22, 2021
April 26, 2021
May 24, 2021 – Reappointment
June 28, 2021
July 26, 2021
August 23, 2021
September 27, 2021
October 25, 2021
November 22, 2021
December 20, 2021

January 3, 2022 – Reorganization

Meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. and are held in the White Township School, 565 C.R. 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823. Action may be taken at all meetings.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF ETHICS

Board members were asked to review the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics. Mrs. Huff asked Board members to sign the acknowledgement form indicating that they read and understand the code of ethics.

Mr. Havlusch left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

OPERATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany – abstain, Ms. Howell – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, and Mr. Panetta – yes.

1. Approve a Donation

To approve a donation to the White Township PTO, not to exceed \$15,000, to help fund playground equipment for the upcoming community-built playground at the White Township School.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta asked members to email their preferences for Committee assignments to him by the end of the week so he can make the assignments for the 2021 year.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary