

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Minutes-Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Board Office – 7:00 p.m.

1. Board Secretary, Ms. Hock, called the Regular Reorganization Meeting of North Brunswick Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office, Linwood Campus.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. On a Roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, and Ms. Toth.

Present: Acting Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Ciarrocca, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Kita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Hock, Board Attorney, Mr. Busch.

4. Board Statement
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2021 in the following manner:
 - A. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved announcements in the Board Office, Old Georges Road, North Brunswick
 - B. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Sentinel, and the Clerk of the Township Of North Brunswick.
 - C. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

5. Administration of Oath of Office to Board Members:

David Brockman
Paragi Patel
Stephen Wen
Janell Zulick

6. Seating of Board Members

7. Board Secretary's presentation of results for annual school election held on November 2, 2021:

Number of Registered Voter: 29,330
Number of Votes Cast: 11,367

- a. Members of the Board Election

VOTES COUNTED FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates	Term	Total
Stephen Wen	3 Years	4,057
Paragi Patel	3 Years	3,849
David Brockman	3 Years	3,351
Janell Zulick	1 Year	Received 10 Write In Votes out of 110 Write In Total

8. A motion was made by Ms. James and seconded by Mr. Brockman to approve the result of the Annual School Election.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, and Ms. Toth.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

9. Nominations for and Election of Officers

Ms. Hock opened the Nomination for President.

Ms. James nominated Mr. Duran Harris.

10. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Toth to close the nominations.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

11. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Keefe to elect Mr. Duran Harris as President of the Board of Education.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

12. Mr. Duran Harris, President of the Board, assumed control of the Meeting.

Mr. Duran Harris opened the nominations for Vice President.

Ms. Toth nominated Mr. Brockman.

13. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Toth to close the nominations.
The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms.th, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.
Nay: None
Abstain: None
14. A motion was made by Ms.Toth and seconded by Ms. Keefe to elect Mr. Brockman as Vice-President of the Board of Education.
The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms.Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.
Nay: None
Abstain: None
15. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. James to adopt the 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

Code of Ethics

According to New Jersey statute, a school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

16. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Brooks, former Board Member, thanked the BOE for the opportunity to serve the residents of North Brunswick.

A motion was made by Brockman and seconded by Liguori to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

17. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL.1975 permits the Exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presented exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Brunswick Township Board of

Education that the public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. **Legal Matters**

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made

Public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Ms. Keefe and seconded by Mr. Brockman to go into closed session at 7:24 p.m.

18. **OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Toth that the meeting be returned to open session at 7:40p.m

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Keefe at 7:45 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Toth that the meeting be adjourned.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen, and Ms. Zulick.

Nay: None
Abstain: None



Rosa Hock, Board Secretary