

**Organization Meeting
January 3, 2013**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Organization Meeting in the Conference Rm# 19 of the Thomas Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **Thursday, January 3, 2013.**

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary/Business Administrator Joanne Wilson at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Mr. Banta, Mrs. Frenkel, Ms. Gioia, Mr. Mancinelli, Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Rosenberg, Mrs. Wallace

Others Present

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent, Education
Mrs. Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Andrew Schwartz, Board Attorney

Public Present

There were approximately 15 members of the public present.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Joanne Wilson.

Sunshine Statement - Chapter 231, Laws of 1975

Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Joanne Wilson, read a statement that advance notice of this meeting, as well as the Agenda, had been distributed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 (Sunshine Law).

“Swearing-In” of Newly Elected Board Members:

Andrew Schwartz, Board Attorney, swore in the following newly elected Board Members:

Eugene Banta
Jeffrey Klein
Mark Spindel

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Roll Call of the New Board

Mr. Banta, Mrs. Frenkel, Ms. Gioia, Mr. Klein, Mr. Mancinelli, Ms. Quackenbush,
Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Spindel, Mrs. Wallace

Nomination for President

Mr. Banta nominated Mr. Rosenberg for President of the Board of Education. Mr. Mancinelli seconded the motion. Being that there were no other nomination for President Mrs. Wallace moved and Mrs. Frenkel seconded the motion that the nomination for President be closed.

Motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. Rosenberg as president carried unanimously in a voice vote. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Rosenberg Declared President

Mrs. Wilson, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, declared Mr. Rosenberg the duly elected President of the Board of Education for the ensuing year.

President Seated

Mrs. Wilson, Board Secretary/Business Administrator turned the meeting over to the newly elected president.

Nominations for Vice President

Mrs. Wallace nominated Ms. Quackenbush for Vice President. Mr. Mancinelli seconded the motion. Being that there were no other nominations for Vice President, Mrs. Frenkel moved and Mrs. Wallace seconded the motion that nominations for Vice President be closed.

Motion to close the nomination and elect Ms. Quackenbush as vice President carried unanimously in a voice vote. **Motion Carried**

Ms. Quackenbush Declared Vice-President

Mrs. Wilson, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, declared Ms. Quackenbush, the duly elected Vice-President of the Board of Education for the ensuing year.

The Organization Meeting is as follows:

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**Business Administrator / Board Secretary's Report
Organization Meeting for January 3, 2013**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Election Results:

Election Results, including absentee ballots, for the annual school election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 were as follows:

Board of Education – Full 3 year term, as they appeared on the ballot:

Eugene Banta	3,595
Jeffrey Klein	3,300
Mark Spindel	3,007

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Establishment of Time, Place and Purpose of Regular Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education hereby set the third Thursday of each month as regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education, to be held at 7:30 P.M., in the Conference Room of the Thomas Edison Elementary School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, for the ensuing year;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the second and fourth Thursday of each month, be established as alternate meeting dates, to be utilized as necessary to conduct the business of the Board of Education;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above meetings shall be in effect until the next Organization Meeting of the Board of Education as determined by law or changed during the current year.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is authorized to advertise and announce such meetings as prescribed by Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975. (*Denotes change of date)

January 17, 2013
February 28, 2013*
March 21, 2013
April 25, 2013*
May 16, 2013
June 13, 2013*
July 18, 2013
August 29, 2013*
September 19, 2013
October 17, 2013
November 21, 2013
December 12, 2013

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**Mrs. Wallace moved and Ms. Quackenbush seconded to accept Motion #1.
All Members voted in the affirmative.**

Motion #1

**9-0-0
Carried**

2. Adoption of Code of Ethics – Read Aloud by Each Board Member in Turn by Paragraph

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Code of Ethics, developed by the New Jersey State Board Association, be adopted as the code to which each Fair Lawn Board of Education Member subscribes during the election term of January 2013 to January 2014:

"I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought only through legal and ethical procedures."

"I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools, which meet the individual needs of all children, regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing."

"I will confine my board actions to policymaking, planning and appraisal. I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them."

"I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer schools, but together, with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run."

"I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action, which may compromise the board."

"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."

"I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff at the aspirations of the community for its schools."

"I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer."

"I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties."

"I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution."

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**Mrs. Frenkel moved and Ms. Quackenbush seconded to accept Motion # 2.
All Members voted in the affirmative.**

Motion # 2

**9-0-0
Carried**

Board Comments

Mrs. Frenkel noted the adjusted meeting date list.
Mrs. Wallace said that Ethics Training with the NJSBA is in the process.
Mr. Spindel expressed congratulations to the elected BOE Members and recognized the dedication of the outgoing Members.
Mr. Klein also offered his congratulations.
Mr. Rosenberg thanked the Board of Education for their support of his continued presidency and congratulated the elected Members.
Mr. Rosenberg also mentioned that on Saturday, January 5, 2013, the High School will be hosting a Charity Basketball Game for breast cancer.
Mrs. Wallace noted the passing of Selma Schwartz.

Public Comments

Vlad Itkin congratulated the newly elected Board of Education Members. He commented on standardizing homework and assignments district wide. He also commented on the "Everyday Math Program."
Laurie Osock congratulated the newly elected Board Members.

**Mr. Rosenberg asked for a motion to recess into Closed Session.
Mr. Banta moved and Mr. Mancinelli seconded.
The Board recessed into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.**

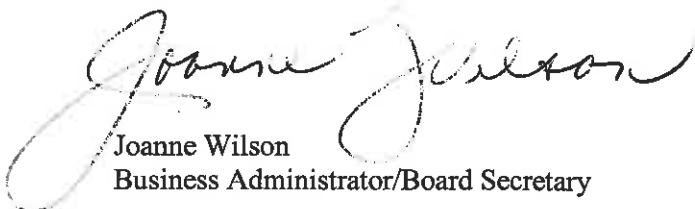
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

**Mr. Mancinelli asked for a meeting to review school security measures so all the BOE Members were aware of the procedures.
Mr. Spindal asked about the Before/Aftercare and recess security procedures.
Mrs. Frenkel asked that the BOE Members be added to the Swiftreach System. BOE Members should submit their contact numbers to Mr. Watson if they wish to be added.**

**Mr. Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Wallace moved and Mr. Banta seconded.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanne Wilson
Business Administrator/Board Secretary