

**Organization Meeting
January 7, 2016**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held an Organization Meeting in the Conference Room # 19 at Thomas Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **Thursday, January 7, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Joanne Wilson at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Banta, Mr. Barbarulo, Mrs. Frenkel, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Piel, Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Spindel, Mrs. Wallace

Others Present:

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

Public Present:

There were approximately 16 people from 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, Joann 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:

Paul Green, 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, Mr. Barbarulo, Mrs. Frenkel, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Piela, Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Spindel, Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Wilson explained the election process for President & Vice-President.

Nomination for President

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

Motion to close the nomination and elect Mr. Banta as President was carried unanimously in a voice vote. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Banta Declared President

Mrs. Wilson, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, declared Mr. Banta 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

Mr. Banta asked for nominations for Vice-President.

Ms. Quackenbush nominated Mrs. Wallace for Vice-President. Mrs. Piela seconded the motion.

Mr. Banta asked for any other nomination for Vice-President.

Mr. Spindel nominated Mr. Klein for Vice-President. Mrs. Frenkel seconded the motion.

After nominations for Vice-President for Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Klein a discussion took place.

Mr. Banta asked for a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Spindel moved and Ms. Quackenbush seconded.

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Mr. Banta asked for a vote for Mrs. Wallace as Vice-President. A voice vote was taken.

Mrs. Wallace received the majority vote constituting a quorum; therefore no further voting took place for the position of Vice-President.

Mrs. Wallace Declared Vice-President

Mr. Banta declared Mrs. Wallace 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 7, 2016**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Election Results:

Election Results, including absentee ballots, for the annual school election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 were as follows:

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

Eugene Banta	2500
Mark Spindel	2341
Jeffrey Klein	2296

ACTION ITEMS:

F1. Establishment of Time, Place and Purpose of Regular Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education hereby sets 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 21, 2016
February 25, 2016*
March 17, 2016
April 21, 2016
May 19, 2016
June 9, 2016*
July 21, 2016
August 18, 2016
September 15, 2016
October 20, 2016
November 17, 2016
December 15, 2016

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F2. Adoption of Code of Ethics – Read Aloud by Each Board Member

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 2016 to January 2017:

"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."

**Mr. Banta asked for a motion to accept Motion F1-2.
Mr. Rosenberg moved and Ms. Quackenbush seconded.
All Members voted in the affirmative.**

**Motion #F1-2 9-0-0
Carried**

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Items to be Discussed During Closed Session

1. Student
2. Personnel
3. Contractual

Mr. Banta asked for a motion to recess into the Education Committee Meeting and after that meeting the Board would be going into Closed Session.

The Board recessed into the Education Committee Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Banta asked for a motion to recess into Closed Session.

Mrs. Frenkel moved and Mr. Rosenberg seconded.

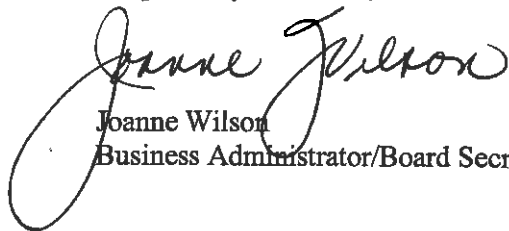
All Members voted in the affirmative.

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The Board recessed into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Wilson
Business Administrator/Board Secretary