

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held an Organization Meeting in Thomas Edison School All-Purpose Room, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **January 6, 2020**.

NOTE: *Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at any time during the meeting.*

1. The **Organization Meeting** of the Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn was called to order at 7:30 p.m. (30 members of the public present).

2. **Sunshine Statement**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure 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 provisions of this act, the Fair Lawn Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof distributed to the persons on the approved list, posted in the Board of Education Administrative Office and sent to The Bergen Record and The Star Ledger.

The announcement/posting for the **Organization Meeting**, along with the date, place, and time thereof, was distributed on **December 17, 2019**.

The items to be discussed during the Closed Work Session (if needed), of the **Organization Meeting** may include personnel matters, student matters, legal matters, negotiations, and/or grievances, and tactics and techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property. The results of these discussions will be made public as soon as possible.

3. **Flag Salute**

4. **Results of the Annual School Election** held on November 5, 2019 were as follows:

Board of Education – 3 Members, 3-Year Terms

Neha Kapoor Baxi	1,005
Rita Fayvelevich	1,772
Vladimir Itkin	1,880
Lisa MacClements	1,396
Cindy Jo Quackenbush	2,100
Michael Rosenberg	2,452
David Tratner	1,506
Mary Wallace	1,813
Humza Yousuf	564

Swearing in of Newly Elected Fair Lawn Board Members

Joseph L. Roselle, Board Attorney, administered the oath of office to the newly elected members:

Vladimir Itkin
Cindy Jo Quackenbush
Michael Rosenberg

Roll Call of the New Board

BOARD MEMBERS	Mr. Banta	Mr. Barbarulo	Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Frenkel	Mr. Itkin	Ms. Quackenbush	Mr. Rosenberg	Mr. Santana	Mr. Spindel
PRESENT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
ABSENT									X

OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Norcia <i>Superintendent</i>	Dr. Lacatena <i>Asst. Super. Education</i>	Mrs. DeFranco <i>Asst. Super. Student Services</i>	Mrs. Panagia <i>Director, HR</i>	Ms. Bartley <i>BA/Bd. Sec'y</i>	Ms. Ratcliffe-Lee <i>Asst. BA</i>	Mrs. Wellinghorst <i>Communications</i>	Mr. Joseph Roselle <i>Board Att'y</i>
PRESENT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ABSENT								

Election of Officers

Ms. Bartley explained the election process for president and vice president.

Nomination for President

Motion By Mr. Rosenberg to nominate Mr. Barbarulo for President of the Board of Education.

Motion By Mr. Santana to nominate Mr. Santana for President of the Board of Education.

Motion By Mrs. Frenkel **Seconded By** Mr. Santana to close nominations.

Voting for President

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mr. Banta	X		
Mr. Barbarulo	X		
Dr. Cohen	X		
Mrs. Frenkel	X		
Mr. Itkin			X
Ms. Quackenbush	X		
Mr. Rosenberg	X		
Mr. Santana		X	
Mr. Spindel	absent		

Declares President

Ms. Bartley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, declares **Mr. Barbarulo** the elected President of the Board of Education for the ensuing year.

President Seated

Ms. Bartley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, turned the meeting over to the newly elected president.

Mr. Barbarulo thanked his fellow Board Members for their support.

Nominations for Vice President

Mr. Barbarulo asked for nominations for vice president.

Motion By Mr. Rosenberg to nominate Mrs. Frenkel for Vice President.

Motion By Mr. Rosenberg **Seconded By** Ms. Quackenbush to close nominations.

Voting for Vice President

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mr. Banta	X		
Dr. Cohen	X		
Mrs. Frenkel	X		
Mr. Itkin			X
Ms. Quackenbush	X		
Mr. Rosenberg	X		
Mr. Santana			X
Mr. Spindel	absent		
Mr. Barbarulo	X		

Mr. Barbarulo declared Mrs. Frenkel the duly elected Vice President of the Board of Education for the ensuing year.

Action Items

O1. Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings

WHEREAS, Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* requires a public body within seven days following its annual organization meeting to post and disseminate a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education hereby generally sets the third Thursday of each month as a Work Session Meeting and the fourth Thursday of each month as a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education, to be held commencing at 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room (Room 19) of the Thomas Edison Elementary School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, for the ensuing year, unless otherwise advertised; **AND BE IT**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is authorized and directed to advertise and announce the annual schedule of such meetings as more particularly set forth below, in the manner prescribed by the Open Public Meetings Act:

<u>Work Sessions</u>	<u>Regular Monthly Meetings</u>
January 16, 2020	January 23, 2020
February 20, 2020	February 27, 2020
March 19, 2020	March 26, 2020
April 16, 2020	April 23, 2020
May 21, 2020	May 28, 2020
June 18, 2020	June 25, 2020
July 16, 2020	July 23, 2020
August 20, 2020	August 27, 2020
September 17, 2020	September 24, 2020
TBD	October 29, 2020*
November 12, 2020**	November 19, 2020*
December 10, 2020**	December 17, 2020*
	January 4, 2021* Organization Meeting

Action will be taken at all Regular Meetings and may be taken at Work Session Meetings.

* Denotes deviation from fourth Thursday of the month.

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Unforeseen circumstances may force the rescheduling of a meeting. In such case, notice of the rescheduled date, time, and place will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

O2. Adoption of Code of Ethics – Each paragraph was read aloud by a Board of Education Member

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Code of Ethics, contained within the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1, be adopted as the Official Code of Ethics to which each Fair Lawn Board of Education Member subscribes during the election term of January 2020 to January 2021:

“I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about 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 that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.”

“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.”

“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 that 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. 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 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 the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.”

Motion By Mr. Santana Seconded By Mrs. Frenkel to approve Resolutions O1-2 as listed above.

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	RESOLUTION #
Mr. Banta	X			
Dr. Cohen	X			
Mrs. Frenkel	X			
Mr. Itkin	X			
Ms. Quackenbush	X			
Mr. Rosenberg	X			
Mr. Santana	X			
Mr. Spindel	absent			
Mr. Barbarulo	X			

Public Comments

None

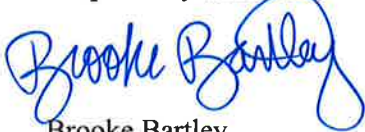
Board Comments

Congratulations were given to the Board Members on their successful election to the Board of Education. An explanation of abstention on votes for president and vice-president were given.

Motion for Adjournment

Motion By Mr. Rosenberg Seconded By Ms. Quackenbush that the January 6, 2020 Organization Meeting be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Bartley
Business Administrator/Board Secretary