

Folsom Board of Education  
1357 Mays Landing Road  
Folsom NJ 08037

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018 – 6:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**MISSION  
STATEMENT**

Our mission at Folsom School is to serve the unique academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all students, in a safe, supportive, and caring environment. Folsom staff members are committed to working with parents and community partners to provide the necessary supports to ensure that all children achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, thus developing the needed skills to function responsibly in our global society. We strive to foster our students' exploration, creativity, and self-determination to help develop a lifelong love of learning.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

Mr. Veneziani, Business Administrator / Board Secretary of the Folsom Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
MEETINGS ACT  
STATEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Folsom Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Municipal Building, Folsom Elementary School, the Press of Atlantic City and the Hammonton Gazette.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

The following are the results of the annual school board election held November 7, 2017.

Three Year Term	
Lisa O'Toole	237 votes
Glenn Smith	227 votes
Joan Somogy (write-in)	7 votes

<b><u>Members of Board of Education</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
Daria DeStefano	2018
John Thomas	2018
Marisa Scibilia	2019
Andrea Way	2019
Lisa O'Toole	2020
Glenn Smith	2020
Joan Somogy	2020

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Cappuccio, Solicitor for the Folsom Board of Education, will now give the Oath of Office for the newly elected members.

*(Attachment A)*

## **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Daria DeStefano, Lisa O'Toole, Marisa Scibilia, Glenn Smith, John Thomas and Andrea Way; also in attendance were the Superintendent Dr. Evelyn Browne, the Board Secretary Christopher Veneziani and the Board Attorney William Cappuccio. Joan Somogy was not sworn in as her background check was still pending.

## **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## **COMMUNICATION**

## **FIRST OF TWO, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Sign in at the room entrance.
2. Wait to be recognized before making your comment.
3. State your full name and address before commenting. Identify the agenda item that you wish to comment on.

Time limit for discussion is 5 (five) minutes. Total time limit for public discussion is 30 (thirty) minutes.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

Committee Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

Business Administrator's Report:

Old Business/Updates:

New Business:

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the Business Administrator's request, a motion was made by Andrea Way, second by Lisa O'Toole, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to nominate Glenn Smith for the President of the Board of Education. No other nominations were made.
2. Upon the Business Administrator's request, a motion was made by Andrea Way, second by Daria DeStefano, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to nominate Lisa O'Toole for the Vice President of the Board of Education. No other nominations were made.

### **AADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

3. Upon the Business Administrator's request, a motion was made by John Thomas, second by Marisa Scibilia, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to discuss and adopt the Code of Ethics for School Board Members in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1.

*(Attachment B)*

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

4. Board President to review the committee list and make appointments for the period January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

*(Attachment C)*

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

Upon the Business Administrator's request, a motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by Marisa Scibilia, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve the following item(s):

5. **Official Newspaper**  
Motion to approve the designation of the Press of Atlantic City and Hammonton Gazette as the official newspapers for purposes of legal notices and advertisements.
6. **Meeting Schedule**  
Motion to establish the regular monthly meetings to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6 PM, as listed below with two exceptions as noted with an "\*". The 2019 Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. All meetings will be held in the Library of Folsom School at 1357 Mays Landing Road, Folsom, NJ.

Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018  
\*Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Tuesday, July 24, 2018  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

\*Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Reorganization Meeting – Wednesday, January 2, 2019

\* Annual Budget due Tuesday, March 20, 2018

A copy of the meeting schedule as well as any changes to designated meetings will be sent to the following:

Official Newspapers  
Board Members  
Board Solicitor  
Treasurer of School Monies  
Borough of Folsom Municipal Clerk  
Folsom Home and School Association  
Folsom Education Association  
School Office (for posting)  
Website Coordinator

7.

**Policy Manual**

Motion that all current written policies, by-laws and rules/regulations in the official Policy Manual of the Folsom School District be readopted for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 unless modified by the Board of Education in accordance with those applicable policies, by-laws and/or rules/regulations.

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8.

**Curriculum**

Motion that all current written curriculum, courses, textbooks, workbooks, and ancillary materials of the District, be adopted for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, unless modified upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

9.

**Handbook**

Motion that all present handbooks be continued in effect until modified upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

10.

**Bills**

Motion to approve the payment of bills between board meetings on a limited basis. All payments must be approved by the Superintendent and Business Administrator. All checks issued must include all required signatures, and the payment must be included in the bills list at the board meeting immediately following any such transactions.

11.

**Transfer Authority**

Motion to approve the authority of the Superintendent, or designee, to approve such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education,

ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting, as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended.

**12. Official Bargaining Unit**

Motion to approve recognizing the Folsom Education Association as the bargaining unit for certified and support staff at Folsom School.

**Recognized Organizations**

**13. Motion to approve recognizing the Folsom Education Foundation as the official education foundation for Folsom School.**

**14. Motion to approve recognizing the Folsom Home and School Association as the official parent organization for students attending Folsom School.**

**SEMI WAIVER**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by John Thomas, second by Andrea Way, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve the following item(s):

**15. Motion to approve, by resolution, the request of a waiver from mandatory participation in the SEMI (Medicaid initiative) program, based on the low number of eligible students.**

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2018-19 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Folsom Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Folsom Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Atlantic County an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2018-19 school year.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by Lisa O'Toole, second by Daria DeStefano, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve the following item(s):

**16. Motion to appoint Christopher R Veneziani as the School Safety Specialist for the 2017-2018 school year.**

17. Motion to appoint Dr. Evelyn Browne as the district's representative from the Board for the SACC program, in compliance with the Department of Children and Families Office of Licensing for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### **FINAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Andrea Way, seconded by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to adjourn at 6:23 PM.