

Folsom Board of Education
1357 Mays Landing Road
Folsom NJ 08037

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, January 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

Our mission is to create a learning environment that honors family values and serves the unique academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all students in a safe and caring environment. We strive to foster our students' creativity and self-determination to develop a lifelong love of learning. We encourage students to approach learning as problem-solvers, designers, and creators by providing access to the technologies, tools and resources needed to achieve their goals. Folsom staff members are committed to working with parents and community partners to enable students to understand the world around them and the talents within them, so they can become fulfilled individuals and active, compassionate citizens.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mr. Veneziani, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary of the Folsom Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 2, 2021.

Three Year Term	
Daria DeStefano	384 votes
Tiffani Dych	348 votes
John Thomas	350 votes

<u>Members of Board of Education</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Marisa Scibilia	2022
Andrea Way	2022
Lisa O'Toole	2023

Glenn Smith	2023
Daria DeStefano	2024
John Thomas	2024
Tiffani Dych	2024

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. William Donio, Board Attorney for the Folsom Board of Education, lead the Oath of Office for the newly elected members.

(Attachment A)

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Lisa O'Toole, Glenn Smith, John Thomas and Andrea Way; also, in attendance were the Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Mazzoni, the Board Secretary, Christopher Veneziani, and Board Attorney William Donio. Daria DeStefano, Tiffani Dych, and Marisa Scibilia were absent.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

1. The Business administrator now asks for Nominations for the President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Lisa O'Toole, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to nominate Glenn Smith for the President of the Board of Education. No other nominations were made.

2. The Business administrator now asks for Nominations for the Vice President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Glenn Smith, second by Andrea Way, 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. A motion was made by Andrea Way, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to adopt the Code of Ethics for School Board Members in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1. Mr. William Donio lead the discussion with a summary of the Code of Ethics

(Attachment B)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

4. The Board President is to review the committee list and make appointments for the period January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

(Attachment C)

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A motion was made by Andrea Way, second by Lisa O'Toole, 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 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM, as listed below with exceptions as noted with an “*”. The 2023 Reorganization Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. All meetings will be held in the Library of Folsom School at 1357 Mays Landing Road, Folsom, NJ.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Tuesday, August 23, 2022
*Tuesday, March 15, 2022	Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Tuesday, November 22, 2022
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	*Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, January 3, 2023	

*Annual Budget due date of Monday, March 21, 2022
Public Hearing on the Budget April 26, 2022

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, 2022 to December 31, 2022 unless modified by the Board of Education in accordance with those applicable policies, by-laws and/or rules/regulations.
8. **Curriculum**
Motion that all current written curriculum, courses, textbooks, workbooks, and ancillary materials of the District, be adopted for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, 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 recommendation of the Business Administrator, 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 school year.

PERSONNEL

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

16. Motion to approve a stipend in the amount of \$2,500 for Lisa Smith, the School Nurse, to compensate her for COVID-19 related tasks over and above her normal working hours. This stipend will be funded through the ESSER II grant.

GRANTS

17. Motion to approve an amendment to the ESSER II grant application for Fiscal Year 2022 and acceptance of the grant award upon the subsequent approval. This amendment reallocates \$2,500 to fund the stipend for Lisa Smith, the School Nurse.

FINAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Andrea Way, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to adjourn at 6:15 PM.