

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, January 3, 2017 – 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 6:24 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, Hammonton Gazette and the Press of Atlantic City.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

The following are the results of the annual school board election held November 8, 2016.

Three Year Term

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Marisa Scibilia | 312 votes |
| Andrea Way      | 276 votes |

| <b><u>Members of Board of Education</u></b> | <b><u>Term Expires</u></b> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Debra Levey                                 | 2017                       |
| Parker Miller                               | 2017                       |
| Glenn Smith                                 | 2017                       |
| Daria DeStefano                             | 2018                       |
| John Thomas                                 | 2018                       |
| Marisa Scibilia                             | 2019                       |
| Andrea Way                                  | 2019                       |

**OATH OF OFFICE**

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

*(Attachment A)*

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Daria DeStefano, Debra Levey (arrived 6:33 pm), Marisa Scibilia, John Thomas, Glenn Smith, and Andrea Way; also in attendance were the Superintendent Dr. Evelyn Browne, the Board Secretary Christopher Veneziani and the Board Attorney William Cappuccio. Parker Miller was 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**

NONE

**FIRST OF TWO, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Sign in at the room entrance.
2. Wait to be recognized before making your comment.
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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:

- a. Kudo’s for School
- b. General Report

Business Administrator’s Report:

Old Business/Updates:

New Business:

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the Business Administrator’s recommendation, a motion was made by Andrea Way, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to nominate Glenn Smith for the President of the Board of Education.
  
2. Upon the Business Administrator’s recommendation, a motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to nominate Debra Levey for the Vice President of the Board of Education.

**ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

3. A motion was made by Andrea Way, 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, 2017 – December 31, 2017.  
*(Attachment C)*

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

5. A motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve the designation of the Hammonton Gazette as the official newspaper for purposes of legal notices and advertisements.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

6. A motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by Andrea Way, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, 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 2018 Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

|   |                             |
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| Tuesday, January 24, 2017                         | Tuesday, July 25, 2017      |
| Tuesday, February 28, 2017                        | Tuesday, August 22, 2017    |
| *Tuesday, March 14, 2017                          | Tuesday, September 26, 2017 |
| Tuesday, April 25, 2017                           | Tuesday, October 24, 2017   |
| Tuesday, May 23, 2017                             | Tuesday, November 28, 2017  |
| Tuesday, June 27, 2017                            | *Tuesday, December 19, 2017 |
| Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, January 9, 2018 |                             |

\* Annual Budget due Monday, March 20, 2017

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

## **POLICY MANUAL**

7. A motion was made by Marisa Scibilia, second by Daria DeStefano, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, 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, 2017 to December 31, 2017 unless modified by the Board of Education in accordance with those applicable policies, by-laws and/or rules/regulations.

## **CURRICULUM**

8. A motion was made by John Thomas, second by Andrea Way, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, that all current written curriculum, courses, textbooks, workbooks, and ancillary materials of the District, be adopted for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, unless modified upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

## **HANDBOOK**

9. A motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by Debra Levey, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, that all present handbooks be continued in effect until modified upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

## **BILLS**

10. A motion was made by Andrea Way, second by Marisa Scibilia, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, 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.

## **TRANSFER AUTHORITY**

11. A motion was made by Debra Levey, second by Daria DeStefano, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, 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.

**OFFICIAL BARGAINING UNIT**

- 12. A motion was made by Andrea Way, second by John Thomas, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve recognizing the Folsom Education Association as the bargaining unit for certified and support staff at Folsom School.

**RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

A motion was made by Daria DeStefano, second by Debra Levey, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to approve the following item(s):

- 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 Andrea Way, second by Marisa Scibilia, 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 2017-18 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 2017-18 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 Marisa Scibilia, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED YES, to adjourn at 6:40 PM.