

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Board Secretary
13 Swift Drive
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234

MINUTES

January, 25, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD RETREAT

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Procedural: 2.1 Open Public Meeting Statement
New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, on Friday, January 4th, the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education gave notice of this meeting to "The Press" and "The Current of Egg Harbor Township." Notice was also given, that day, to the Egg Harbor Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall.

3. ROLL CALL

Procedural: 3.1 Roll Call
Members present
Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Lou DellaBarca
Absent: Ray Ellis

Also Present: Dr. Kimberly Gruccio/Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Santilli/Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Davis/Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Chandra Anaya/Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. Carolyn Gibson/Director of Human Resources, Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney

4. GO TEAM

Discussion: 4.1 Go Team!

Administrator and Board Members participated in a team building activity led by Dr. Gruccio

5. FLAG SALUTE

Procedural: 5.1 Stand for Flag Salute

6. COMMENTS

Information: 6.1 Guidelines for Public Comments at the Board of Education Meeting

Amber Umphlett-6512 Mill Road-commended Board on their collaboration

Information: 6.2 From the Board Members

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd apologized to Mrs. Szilagyi and stated that they need to work together

Mrs. Szilagyi accepted Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd's apology and agreed to work together

Mr. DellaBarca welcomed Mr. Price and spoke about the Atlantic County SBA Meeting that will be on January 29, 2019

7. BOARD RETREAT

Information: 7.1 Committees

The Board discussed the Committees. Mr. DellaBarca appointed the following Committee Members, Chairs and delegates:

Mr. DellaBarca as delegate for NJSBA and ACSBA and Mr. Castellano will serve as the alternate.
Negotiations Committee: Mrs. Szilagyi, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Bird
Mrs. Summer, Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Mrs. Bird stated that she preferred to serve on Policy and requested that Mr. DellaBarca consider appointing Mr. Price to the Curriculum Committee and allowing her to serve on the Policy Committee.

Mr. DellaBarca appointed Mr. Price to the Curriculum Committee and changed Mrs. Bird to the Policy Committee.

The times of the Committee meetings were also discussed, but no changes were made.

Information: 7.2 Board Norms

The Board and Administration discussed Board Norms and Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd and Mrs. Summer made some recommendations for the Board to better comply with the established norms

Information: 7.3 Board Goals

The Board and Administration discussed the 2018/2019 Board Goals and changed Goal 1 to read "quarterly/trimester" instead of "quarterly"

Mrs. Houck-Elco reminded the Board that five or more members present would require advertisement and discussed the Sunshine Law with the Board.

Mrs. Bird discussed mall career day for the 8th graders

Mr. DellaBarca created a new ad-hoc committee called the Funding Committee and Mrs. Szilagyi, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd volunteered to serve on the committee.

Discussion: 7.4 The Play Book

The Board and Administration discussed the following topics:

- Board member emails
- Committee concerns
- Public comment
- Board member interaction with teachers/Administration
- Ethics
- Respect
- Personal agendas/interests

Mrs. Houck-Elco will be providing ethics training to the Board and reminded the Board about the importance of confidentiality

The Board discussed Public Comment versus Public Questions

The Board discussed holding joint meetings with the Township Committee

The Board requested that Administration share upcoming school activities with the Board so that the Board is represented as needed

8. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Information: 8.1 Board Meeting Calendar

Discussion: 8.2 Budget Calendar Draft 1-25-19

The Board and Administration discussed the Board Budget Calendar and decided to cancel the March 5, 2019 special meeting and hold Committee meetings that evening because State Aid would not be released until March 7, 2019

Information: 8.3 Board Roles

Information: 8.4 Effective School Boards

Information: 8.5 The Four Functions of a Board of Education

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Lou DellaBarca, second by Kristy Bird to Adjourn the Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi, Lou Della Barca

Absent: Ray Ellis

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Chandra D. Anaya, CPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary