

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

MINUTES

January 3, 2019

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education Meeting 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 Thursday, October 11th, 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. FLAG SALUTE

Procedural: 3.1 Stand for Flag Salute

4. REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS - BOARD MEMBERS

Information: 4.1 Report of Election Results - Board Members
Ms. Anaya reported the Election Results

Three-Year Term:
Pete Castellano-4,845
Kristy Bird-4,638
Barbara Szilagyi-4,096

Two-Year Term:
Yolanda Cooper-4,313

Ms. Anaya informed the Board that Ms. Yolanda Cooper declined the appointment which created a vacancy on the Board of Education.

5. OATH OF OFFICE

Procedural: 5.1 Oath of Office Administered to Members Elect by the Board Secretary
Ms. Anaya issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Szilagyi and Mrs. Bird

Dr. Gruccio congratulated the newly elected Board Members and welcomed them to the EHT Team

6. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Procedural: 6.1 Roll Call of Board Members and Administration

Members present

Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

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

7. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Action: 7.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board President

Mrs. Szilagyi nominated Mr. DellaBarca
Mrs. Summer nominated Mr. Castellano

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mr. DellaBarca: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi
For Mr. Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer

Neither motion passed

Mrs. Houck-Elco discussed the process and options when a motion for President fails. The Board can make another motion to approve an appointment or if there is non-consensus, the matter can be referred to the Executive County Superintendent for a decision.

Action: 7.2 Approve the Appointment of the Board President

Mrs. Szilagyi nominated Mr. DellaBarca
Mrs. Summer nominated Mr. Castellano

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mr. Lou DellaBarca: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi
For Mr. Pete Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer

Neither motion passed

Action: 7.3 Approve the Appointment of the Board President

Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi nominated Mr. Lou DellaBarca
Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Pete Castellano

Discussion:
Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi, Mrs. Marita Sullivan and Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd spoke about their respective votes and Mr. Ray Ellis encouraged the Board to make their own decisions.
Roll Call:
For Mr. Lou DellaBarca: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi
For Mr. Pete Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer

Neither motion passed

8. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Action: 8.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

Mrs. Houck-Elco informed the Board that the process for Board Vice President is the same as the process for Board President

Action: 8.2 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi

Mrs. Marita Sullivan spoke about Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi and her experience
Mr. Pete Castellano stated that the reason the Board is there is for the students and expressed his reasons for his nomination
Mr. Ray Ellis stated that the back door deals should stop and to go with experience
Mrs. Kristy stated that it would be a dis-service to the community if the vote goes to the County and that there should be a compromise
Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd stated that she will still serve the community and the students regardless of how the voting goes and that new and old should come together to create a balance
Mrs. Amy Summer agreed with Mr. Pete Castellano and Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd and unnecessary comments reflect how the Board is not unified
Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi agreed that it would be embarrassing for the vote to go to the County and that the Board should come up with a consensus

Roll Call:
For Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Summer, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

Action: 8.3 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Summer, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

Mrs. Houck-Elco stated that Ms. Anaya can open up nominations again for Board President or the Board can have a discussion to see if they will be able to come to a decision

Ms. Anaya opened the floor for nominations for Board President after three (3) voting sessions for Vice President resulted in ties

9. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board President

Action: 9.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board President

Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi nominated Mr. Lou DellaBarca
Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Pete Castellano

Discussion:
Mr. Pete Castellano suggested a compromise to withdrawal his nomination for President if the Board will support Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd for Vice President
Mrs. Marita Sullivan stated that her reason for her nomination was the availability of the Board President
Mr. Castellano expressed his feelings regarding Mrs. Marita Sullivan's statements and re-emphasized the compromise that he proposed
Mrs. Amy Summer asked that there be an agreement before the vote
Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd requested clarification of Mr. Castellano's compromise
Mr. Lou DellaBarca stated that he appreciated Mr. Castellano's compromise but requested a break to think it over
Mr. Castellano suggested to withdrawal the motion and recess

Action 9.2 Motion by Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, second by Amy Summer to Withdraw Motion 9.1 and recess for five (5) minutes

Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

10. RECESS

Procedural 10.1: Board recessed at 6:32 PM

Procedural 10.2: Board reconvened at 6:38 PM

Procedural: 10.3 Roll Call

Members present

Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

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

11. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Action: 11.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board President

Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi nominated Mr. Lou DellaBarca
Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Pete Castellano

Mrs. Kristy Bird stated that she does not want to vote to go to the Executive County Superintendent and Mr. Castellano's offer shows his commitment to the District

Roll Call:
Mr. Lou DellaBarca was unanimously voted as the President of the Board of Education

Ms. Anaya congratulated Mr. DellaBarca and opened the nominations for Board Vice President

12. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Action: 12.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice-President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi

No discussion

Roll Call:

For Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

Action: 12.2 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi

No discussion

Roll Call:

For Mrs. Tamika Gilbert-Floyd: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

13. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. DellaBarca thanked the Board and the Community for the support, thanked Mr. Castellano for the work he's done, and stated that he will do the best he can to bring the Board together

Action: 13.1 Adopt Existing Board Policies and Bylaws

Action: 13.2 Establish Annual Board Meeting Calendar

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Amy Summer to Approve Agenda Items 13.1-13.2

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

14. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019

Action: 14.1 Appoint Board Secretary

Action: 14.2 Appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer

Action: 14.3 Re-Appoint AHERA Coordinator

Action: 14.4 Appoint Affirmative Action Officer, Title IX Coordinator, Section 504 Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator

Action: 14.5 Appoint Architect of Record

Action: 14.6 Appoint Broker of Record - Health Insurance Programs

Action: 14.7 Appoint School Solicitor

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Amy Summer to Approve Agenda Items 14.1-14.7

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

15. DESIGNATIONS

Action: 15.1 Designate Official Newspapers

Action: 15.2 Designate Official Depositories for District Funds and Check Signatories

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Amy Summer to Approve Agenda Items 15.1-15.2

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

16. BOARD DISCUSSION

Discussion: 16.1 Discuss Bylaw 0142.1 Code of Ethics

Mrs. Houck-Elco read the Code of Ethics and spoke about the acknowledgement form that needs to be signed and returned to Ms. Anaya

Procedural: 16.2 Appoint Various Board Representatives

- NJSBA Legislative Delegate-Mr. Pete Castellano
- ACSBA Representative-Mr. Lou DellaBarca

Discussion: 16.3 Discuss Committee Appointment

Mr. DellaBarca named the following committees and chairpersons:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Lou DellaBarca

Amy Summer
Vacancy

Finance and Operations Committee

Marita Sullivan-Chairperson
Ray Ellis
Barbara Szilagyi

Policy Committee

Tamika Gilbert-Floyd-Chairperson
Kristy Bird
Pete Castellano

Discussion: 16.4 Discuss Board Vacancy

Ms. Anaya read the draft of the Board Vacancy Notice to the Board for the one-year term
Mrs. Houck-Elco informed the Board of the process for filling a Board member vacancy

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd clarified a previous comment she made regarding how Board meetings were run in years past

Mr. DellaBarca opened up the floor for nominations for Board Vice President

16. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. DellaBarca opened up the floor for nominations for Board Vice President

Action: 16.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi
Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Castellano

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mr. Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed

Mr. DellaBarca, once again, opened up the floor for nominations for Board Vice President

Action: 16.2 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mr. Castellano nominated Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd
Mr. Ellis nominated Mrs. Szilagyi
Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Castellano

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mr. Pete Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed
Ms. Anaya reiterated the process for accepting additional nominations for Vice President as previously stated by Mrs. Houck-Elco

Mrs. Summer stated that the voting did not seem productive and requested a compromise for Vice President

Mr. DellaBarca requested a five (5) minute recess

17. RECESS

Procedural: 17.1 Board recessed at 7:05 PM

Procedural: 17.2 Board reconvened at 7:12 PM

Procedural: 17.3 Roll Call

Members present

Kristy Bird, Pete Castellano, Lou DellaBarca, Ray Ellis, Tamika Gilbert-Floyd, Marita Sullivan, Amy Summer, Barbara Szilagyi

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

18. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. DellaBarca opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President

Action: 18.1 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Pete Castellano
Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi nominated Mr. Ray Ellis

No discussion

Roll Call:
For Mr. Pete Castellano: Mrs. Bird, Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mr. Ray Ellis: Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Neither motion passed
Mr. DellaBarca opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President

Action: 18.2 Approve the Appointment of the Board Vice President

Ms. Anaya requested nominations for Board Vice President

Mrs. Amy Summer nominated Mr. Pete Castellano
Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi nominated Mr. Ray Ellis

Mrs. Summer spoke in favor of Mr. Castellano

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd spoke about the previous reference to the experience of the nominees

Mrs. Bird gave praise to Mr. Castellano for his compromise for President, stated that he should be Vice President but continuing to do the same thing is not helping the Board move forward

Roll Call:
For Mr. Pete Castellano: Mr. Castellano, Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd, Mrs. Summer
For Mr. Ray Ellis: Mrs. Bird, Mr. DellaBarca, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Szilagyi

Motion passed to appoint Mr. Ray Ellis as Vice President

Ms. Anaya congratulated Mr. Ellis

Mr. DellaBarca congratulated Mr. Ellis and opened the floor for Public Comment

19. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BOARD, STAFF

Procedural: 19.1 Public Comment

Steven Napoli-402 Shadeland Road-spoke about applying to fill the Board vacancy

Kim Savino-301 Abingdon Drive-spoke about the Board's inability to come to a consensus and questioned the future

Alicia Velez-202 Gray Avenue-stated she will not re-reun to fill the Board vacancy, and spoke about the appearance of alliances built within the Board

Sonia Cruz-207 Eagon Avenue-asked about the interview process for filling the vacancy

Mrs. Houck-Elco answered Sonia Cruz's question regarding the interview process

Frank Finnerty-318 Dogwood Avene-spoke about the current Board meeting, EHT school district and how Mr. Della Barca will bring the team together

Procedural: 19.2 Comments from the Board

Mr. Della Barca spoke about the Board Retreat, and positively addressed each Board member

Mrs. Gilbert-Floyd spoke about the Board in previous years and that the unity and teamwork will continue

Mr. Della Barca stated they are all there for the same purpose and will work on bringing everyone together and the Board will continue to Embrace, Engage and Educate

Mrs. Szilagyi spoke about the tough road ahead and the Board working together and informing the public

Procedural: 19.3 Comments from Administration

None

20. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 20.1 Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Marita Sullivan, second by Pete Castellano to Adjourn the Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Chandra D. Anaya, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary