

*Barnegat Township
School District*

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 8, 2009
Thursday 6:00 PM**

Barnegat High School
(Library)
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

OUR MISSION: The Barnegat Schools, in partnership with our community, nurture and educate our children in accordance with all core curriculum content standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Houser: I would like to call this Special Meeting of the Barnegat Board of Education to order.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, and placed in the foyer of the Barnegat High School, the Municipal Building and filed with the Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Mitchell	Present
Mrs. Pilovsky	Present
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Taylor	Present
Mr. Becker	Present
Mr. Houser	Present

IV. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Houser: Would everyone stand for the Flag Salute?

All: Pledge of Allegiance

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mr. Houser: Approval of Agenda and/or Additions, do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Mitchell: So Moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on Thursday, January 8, 2009 for the purpose of interim Superintendent.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Barnegat in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s) interim Superintendent.

The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is listed in Executive Session, Executive Discussion and Executive Information.

It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

This resolution shall become effective immediately.

VII. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

1. Interim Superintendent

Mr. Houser: We are going to immediately move into Executive Session. So, do we have a Motion to move into Executive Session?

Mrs. Mitchell: So Moved

Mrs. Pilovsky: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. We are going to go into Executive Session, we should not be that long, we anticipate maybe 15-20 minutes. I know we say that and sometimes we are longer, but we really hope that this is going to be really quick, and then we will come out as soon as possible. Thank you.

VIII. ROLL CALL

Mr. Adorno	Present
Mr. Davis	Present
Mrs. Mitchell	Present
Mrs. Pilovsky	Present
Mrs. Sarno	Present
Mr. Scully	Present
Mrs. Taylor	Present
Mrs. Becker	Present
Mr. Houser	Present

IX. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Houser: In accordance with Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by and announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate. Can we have a Motion to move to Public Session?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. Do we have anybody from the public who would like to speak?

Mr. Houser: So we have a Motion to close Public Session?

Mrs. Taylor: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Houser: We are going to move on to New Business. Under New Business we have a Motion that the Barnegat Board of Education approve the appointment of Robert Mahon to the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools at a rate of \$650 a day effective immediately. Do we have a Motion?

Mrs. Becker: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: Any discussion?

Mr. Adorno	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mrs. Mitchell	Abstain
Mrs. Pilovsky	Yes
Mrs. Sarno	Yes
Mr. Scully	Yes
Mrs. Taylor	Yes
Mrs. Becker	Yes
Mr. Houser	Yes

XI. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Houser: We are going to move on to the President's comments. I would just like to welcome Mr. Mahon and ask him to take a seat up here with us. Would everyone please give him a round of applause?

I just want to take a couple of minutes, quickly, to give you an overview of what has happened. Basically, since we had the resignation of the Superintendent and now the retirement of the Assistant Superintendent; and I wanted to roll the plan out. Basically, what the Board of Education is going to be doing in the immediate future regarding the opening of the Superintendent's position. As you can see, tonight, we did appoint an Interim Superintendent. We immediately, at the last meeting, when we knew we had an official resignation, we did immediately post for the position of permanent and Interim Superintendent in the district. We actually did talk to the State, meaning Dr. Greenfield, on the process how it should work and the State was looking for us to bring in an interim person and basically, somebody with a lot of experience that had been around.

The consensus was through the Committee, dealing with the State, working with NJ School Boards Association that we would not be moving anybody from within the district as an Interim person because they don't really have the experience and usually the Interim person

is a per diem situation where they are being paid a certain rate with no benefits and things like that because they have retired, but they have worked in the business and they can help us especially with the budget that we are dealing with, contracts and importantly dealing with the hiring of the Superintendent. The next step is dealing with the permanent Superintendent. The district is already collecting the resumes, we have actually given out a survey that was made up to all the Board members because the interviews will be done through the Committee process which is how this Board of Education works, that is our policy in the way we have done things in the last year with openings. The survey basically is going to be from the Board members to get any questions that we would want to ask the candidates for the Superintendent position.

What we are going to do next is we have what is called our Public Representation Committee, and the next meeting is actually Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm. here and that meeting is going to be specifically for the public to give input on the qualities and the things they would like to see in a Superintendent. Those questions will be put altogether with the other Board members questions and they will come up with a general list so that each candidate that is interviewed will be asked the same questions. There can be follow-up questions on different things, but everybody will be asked the same questions and it will be based on the qualities and the interest the community has and also the Board of Education. No interviews will be taking place until after the 27th, and all of these things and questions have been put together and the Committee is ready to move on. The actual Committee make-up is Kevin Scully is the Chair of the Committee and it is the Personnel Committee that works with the Administration on usually the hirings and it will be basically the same Committee, the same format we used for the BA/Board Secretary and actually the same format we used for the Interim Superintendent. Although, to be honest with you, we only had a couple of weeks around the break to put this altogether to make sure we brought somebody in. We feel that we definitely got a quality person that has a lot of experience who can help us here. Mr. Mahon will be sitting in on all the interviews helping us.

After the 27th the interview process will be put in place, we will be interviewing them and then basically what the Committee will do is formulate a plan on what they are going to bring back to the Board of Education. The amount of people that will be interviewed and probably what we will have to do is the same thing, a special type of meeting; it is probably going to be Executive Session for quite awhile to bring the people in to interview them, do things like that. However it is worked out we will let the public know and we will try to put that together as quickly as possible, but we do want to make sure that we will get the right candidate, so the Board is looking to take as long as it is going to take and we have a good person in place who has told us he will be here with us as long as necessary to work through the process with us.

We just want to make everybody understand we have a plan, these people who will have the opportunity, whoever they are, whether in-district, out-of-district as long as they have their Administrative Certificate, it will be open, it will be the best possible candidate. That is what the Board is looking to do and to be honest with you we can go back to what we did with the BA/Board Secretary; and honestly this Board thinks we hit a homerun when we brought in Mr. Dean Allison. He is a pleasure for the Board to work with and I am sure he is a pleasure

for everybody in the district to work with, and we have heard the same thing from the Township. As you know, through Shared Services we are doing a lot of things to move this town forward and we will continue to do that, so with that I just wanted to make sure everybody was updated on everything. Tuesday we will run through the same scenario, explaining everything to everyone.

I will do it before Public Session, because I usually do the President's Comments, but I wanted to make sure I got the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Mahon and bring him on board so we moved it to after the Public Session. I will bring this all up so that when people get up they won't be getting up, especially since we will have a lot more people at the regular meeting on Tuesday, they can get up with an explanation of what the process is going to be. I just want to assure everybody that we are using every advice we possibly can as far as the State, NJ School Boards, out attorney to make sure everything is being done properly and we will pick the best candidate possible for the school district.

With that I am going to turn it over to Mr. Mahon, do you have anything you would like to say.

XII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mahon: The only thing I would like to say, and by the way, I will be starting tomorrow. I am very happy to be here in Barnegat, and as you pointed out I have done a number of these Interim Superintendent positions, and it is always an interesting experience for me. I know a little bit about your community, I don't live that far away, I live in Avon. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the people in the district. My perception of the role is that I am the Superintendent of Schools. It is not as if we are in a holding pattern and we are going to wait until somebody new comes in and things get deferred. That is not my style of operation nor do I think that does any benefit for the district. We will continue doing the things that have to be done to make this district work and work effectively and efficiently. One of the first things I have to get involved with is that budget. We are in the budget season now and I look forward to that. In my past experiences that is a management kind of thing so I look for the cooperation of the Administrative team with input from their staff to put together a budget that will reflect the needs of this district. I will be here tomorrow and every day thereafter. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the first couple of days, and I am going to look forward to your cooperation and your assistance to make this thing work well for all of us. Thank you.

Mr. Houser: Just before we have a Motion to Adjourn, I just want to make sure to put on record that the next scheduled Barnegat Board of Education Meeting is this Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. the Barnegat High School; and just to reiterate the next scheduled Public Representation Committee Meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and that will also be right here in the high school, but it will be right here in the media center. We will put the notice out and we will put this out as much as we possibly can because we do want as many people from the community to be involved in this and show up at this Public Representation Committee meeting. With that do we have a Motion to adjourn the meeting?

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Taylor: So moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Meeting adjourned, thank you.

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 @ 6:30 pm at Barnegat High School.

The next scheduled Public Representation Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2009 @ 7:00 pm in the Barnegat High School Media Center

Dean Allison, Business Administrator/Board Secretary