



***Barnegat Township
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 6, 2015
Tuesday, 6:30 PM**

Barnegat High School
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

Our collective mission is to nurture and educate our children in accordance with all curriculum standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. LaGuardia: I would like to call this meeting to order. I will be presiding over the meeting until we elect a new President.

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, in the Barnegat Township Municipal Building and has been filed with the Barnegat Township Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

III. REPORT OF ELECTION

Mrs. LaGuardia:

**OFFICIAL RESULTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION –
NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

Members of the Barnegat Board of Education (3) three-year terms

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Total</u>
Maria Pereira	25.56%	2,760
Robert Geddes	20.71%	2,236
Gary Brown	24.24%	2,617
Kelly Sawicki	16.19%	1,748
Walter Sanford	13.10%	1,414
Write-in	0.21%	23
TOTAL		10,798

Member of the Barnegat Board of Education (1) one-year term

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Total</u>
Penelope LeCain	43.67%	1,673
David Sherman	56.12%	2,150
Write In	0.21%	8
TOTAL		3,831

IV. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. LaGuardia: At this time we will be swearing in our newly elected board members:

- Gary Brown
- Robert Geddes
- Maria Pereira
- David Sherman

Mrs. LaGuardia: If I can have the four of you stand up please. You have your oaths in front of you. You will repeat the Oath with your name, not anybody else’s name (laughter).

State of New Jersey

State of New Jersey **REQUIRED OATHS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and NJ.S.A. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

*I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.**

*I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.**

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January, 2015 .

**No individual shall be required to swear or affirm that part of the oaths which states “So help me God.”*

Mrs. LaGuardia: You are officially members of the Barnegat Township Board of Education, congratulations. (Applause)

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. LaGuardia: At this time we will conduct a roll call.

Mr. Brown: Present
Mr. Geddes Present
Mrs. Kropf: Present
Mrs. Murphy: Present
Mrs. Paulhus: Present
Mrs. Pereira: Present
Mr. Sheiken: Present
Mr. Sherman: Present
Mr. Sarno: Present

Also present: Ms. Karen Wood, Superintendent
Mrs. Lourdes LaGuardia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ben Montenegro, Esq., Board Attorney

VI. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. LaGuardia: At this time we will stand up for the Flag Salute.

All: Pledge of Allegiance

VII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. LaGuardia: At this time the Board Secretary will now accept nominations for the President of the Board of Education for the 2015 year. Any member present may place a members name into nomination at this time.

Mr. Brown: I would like to nominate Mr. Scott Sarno to lead the Board for 2015.

Mrs. LaGuardia: Any other nominations? Hearing no other nominations I will conduct roll call for vote to appoint Mr. Sarno as President of the Barnegat Township Board of Education.

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mrs. LaGuardia: Congratulations Mr. Sarno. (Applause). Would you like me to continue at this point, or would you like to?

VIII. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Sarno: Have a nomination for the election of the Vice President?

Mrs. Kropf: Nominate Robert Geddes.

Mr. Sarno: Is there any other nominations for Vice President? Hearing none can I get a motion for Mr. Geddes Vice Presidency seat? Just a roll call.

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

Mrs. LaGuardia: Congratulations Mr. Geddes. (Applause)

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mr. Sarno: Can I get a motion to approve the agenda; there are no additions or edits.

Mr. Sheiken: So moved

Mrs. Murphy: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

X. **SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTIONS/INFORMATION:**

Mr. Sarno: Can I get a motion for Superintendents, or is it just information?

Mrs. Wood: Yes, thank you Mr. Sarno. First of all I would like to congratulate and welcome all of our new Board of Education members. It is so appropriate that we sit here at the beginning of a school year. I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of the members of our audience. We start off with fresh hope and good perspective in moving into completing the 2015 school year, and of course moving into 15-16 and beyond. Some of you have multiple year terms (inaudible) so welcome and congratulations. The first item on (and these all informational items, no motions that I am recommending to the Board this evening) the first is a resolution. I think it is wonderful that January is also School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. It is also appropriate because we are reorganizing this evening:

1. **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY**

JANUARY, 2015

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January, 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Barnegat Board of Education is one of 587 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees the operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Barnegat Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Barnegat Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January, 2015 as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Barnegat Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs forward the improvement of our children's education.

Mrs. Wood: Congratulations. As I read through the Resolution one of the things that I was reminded of all of the responsibilities that the new Board Members will have as they sit here. Remember they were voted upon by you the community. I think it is a wonderful part of the democratic process that put local tax payers and community members here at the table sitting with Administrators and teachers and working on the most important things that happen; for me the education of our students. Again, I am pleased that you are here. I think back to maybe a year and a half ago and several of you who are now sitting on the Board actually came to some of our goal setting sessions when we embarked on Strategic Planning. For the first time in quite some time the Board of Education supported a strategic planning process. We had hundreds of people from the community come forward. Some of them who helped determine our goals our now sitting on the Board. It really speaks to the fact that the process works and that we are hearing from the community, and then welcoming those members of the community who helped provide direction to sit among us in making those decisions. I am very, very excited about that.

For the pleasure of the Board and not for the public, although I can certainly share anything you like, I have included two articles of reference. They are just because there are so many things that are going to come at you over the next couple of months. I know that some of you have immersed yourselves already, in lots of literature provided by the NJ School Boards Association. I attached one article from NJ Spotlight Magazine, and the other one is actually from the Education Law Center. Without going into too much detail I will tell you that its interesting that both articles (one written by lawyers through the Education Law Center at Rutgers, and the other written through the NJE) are really talking about the same issues that face us in public education. One is the PARC Test which everybody is talking about, it is upon us and it is going to be, as the local county administration says, put on your seatbelts you're in for a fast ride. It is something that we are prepared to embark on because it is a directive of the NJ Department of Education. Some of the articles also talk about school funding, and then under Governor Christi's Administration that he has short funded schools over six billion dollars since the beginning of his administration which puts a burden on the local taxpayers. It also puts a burden on you the new Board Members in assisting the administration with developing budgets that support our children. That is the most important thing, in my opinion, that

we do every day. I just wanted to highlight the values from the education law center say, “All children have the potential to learn if given the opportunity to do so. All children have the legal right to high quality education to prepare them for active participation in our democracy and economy. The quality of life in low income communities can be improved and the viability of public schools and outcomes for children can be strengthened by providing children with the programs, resources, and support needed for high quality and equitable public education and effective and sustained advocacy is essential to ensure that our children all have access to a high quality and equitable public education.” As I was reading those articles it helped me reaffirm my belief in the public education system, and what we all do every single day. I welcome you I congratulate you. You will notice that our five year Strategic Plan for the District is always on all of our agendas. I would like to inform the new Board that my Professional Growth Plan mimics the goals of the District as well as some of the challenges that the state faces. I think the most important thing that we really need to think about at this point is that we move forward with pride, enthusiasm, integrity, and that we get really excited about the changes that we can make together because this is really powerful. I welcome you, congratulations again. I am always excited about education. I am in Barnegat three and a half years and for me it feels like the first day, because I love what I do every day. I am excited about you being here. We have a lot of challenges ahead of us in 2015 and beyond, but I think if we continue to articulate, collaborate, communicate, and be transparent we can work together to achieve great things. Congratulations to all of you and I turn the meeting back over to Mr. President, Scott Sarno.

Mr. Montenegro: Mr. President before we move on we should probably take a formal motion to pass that resolution that was read into the record as a formal action of the Board.

Mr. Sarno: May I have a motion to pass the formal resolution?

Mrs. Murphy: So moved

Mr. Sheiken: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call please

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

2. INFORMATION

Five Year Strategic Plan for the District (2014-2019)

- Goal #1 – Student Achievement – Ensure all students achieve their highest potential.
- Goal #2 – Technology – The Barnegat School District will align its technology development with top current technology in a fiscally responsible manner to maximize student achievement, build skill capacity in students and staff, and explore alternate means of utilizing existing technology in its environment.
- Goal #3 – Finance – Develop and create fiscal solutions to fuel world class educational programs.
- Goal #4 – School Climate and Culture – Foster a comfortable environment that enhances intrinsic motivation that recognizes the diverse needs of all students.
- Goal #5 – Community Partnerships – Establish and maintain a healthy relationship between the school district and the community.

XI. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/INFORMATION**

Mr. Sarno: Next on the agenda is Presidents Remarks/Information. We don’t need a formal approval; do we need an actual motion for the schedule?

Mr. Montenegro: We should.

Mr. Sarno: We should, ok. Can I have a motion, we are going to set the proposed Board Meetings for the upcoming year, for 2015, and can I have a motion for the proposed dates. It is going to stay on the third Tuesday of each month as we have had them at 6:30 again, weather obviously depending it. Can I have a motion?

Mrs. Murphy: So moved

Mrs. Pereira: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call please.

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

Mr. Sarno: Next on the list I guess you have down, the Committee, we are not going to take any, and there is not really any discussion on that. I will talk to the Board a little later on the committee list and calendar. We have not come to an agreement on that. We have the NJ School Board Association Delegate and Alternate. Do I have any volunteer for the state? I think Mrs. Pereira; you expressed interest in representing our District as a State Delegate. You will be I guess appointed to that. Do I have anyone want to volunteer for the Ocean County School Board Association? Mr. Brown you expressed interest in that so you also will be penciled in for the Ocean County School Board Associate Delegate representing our District. Just a few thoughts on my end that I just wanted to comment on. I just actually want to congratulate the four new Board Members myself. The undertaking that you have got yourself into, serving on the Board, it's not an easy task; it's not a glamorous position to be in. There are a lot of rewards to see the great things that can be done in this District for our children and it's great to be part of it. I know you know that and I think understand that there is obviously things that you have to deal with as being a non-paid representative in your town. In the end I think its well worth the effort and the energy that you will put into it and I am glad that you took on this effort on a part of our kids in our District and our town. I also want to, just to the public, on a few different things I hope this new Board we have a huge, I think a majority of the Board has less than two months on the Board with Mrs. Kropf and the four new Board Members so it's a relatively new Board. I am hoping with the new leadership of the Board we can change kind of some of the things that have gone on over the past time. I would like to open up communication and working with the township on our end, and I am glad to see that three of the representatives or committeemen are here, committeewomen, the mayor. Just to start on A. Shared Services. I think we haven't had a shared service committee meeting in ten months between the Board and the Township. Try to get rid of some of the bad blood that has been there over the last year or so. It can only benefit our students, taxpayers, and the community as a whole by bringing us together, so I appreciate you being here and being part of the swearing in for the new Board Members. I look forward to working with you over the next coming year. I think that was about it. I also just wanted to bring up to the public that we had planned on, I had discussed with some of the new Board Members and some of the other members, a new committee that we may be, we will be installing this year. It is called the Community Outreach Committee. Our goal with that committee is to have the people on that committee work with different entities and organizations within the community on information flow, on involvement within our District. Just generally trying to bring the community together and more pride in our District. Not that there isn't pride in our District in our town at this point, but there is always room for improvement, there is always other organizations that maybe haven't been involved that hopefully we can help or involve or entice to get involved in the District. It only benefits everybody I believe, so that is one of the things we will be changing. I also would like to commend Mrs. Wood and Mrs. LaGuardia on the webpage. I don't know if you have gone it lately but you should go on it and see the District webpage. It is now children friendly to where we are showing what I believe the District should be about, our children. If you go on the webpage now you will see pictures of each of our District Schools, the children, all the different parties, choruses, just trying to think of the pictures I have seen, the Christmas parties, award shows that they have for themselves. That's what should be on there is our

children, the focus should be on our children, not on people sitting up at this desk, it should be put back unto them. With that, oh one other thing, I wanted to add what we are also going to change and I propose to the new Board Members for this upcoming year on our agendas following this meeting we are going to have a committee report. Where before we had Superintendent President Remarks we also going to have similar to what I think what the Township does. Each Committee Chairperson gives a status of that committee that they are serving on, what is happening, what is being proposed, as much as they can obviously share with the community. I think they keep the community better informed of things that are going on. The Board has questions on the agenda we tend to contact that committee, get the answers we need prior to meetings. I think a lot of the communication with the public when they are here they just hear us voting yes on these different items on the agenda; they really don't get the back story to what's really going on behind it and the thought process. I wanted to hopefully that helps bring out the reasoning we do a lot of the things we do.

With that can I have a motion to appoint the New Jersey School Board Association Delegate that would be Mrs. Maria Pereira?

Mr. Brown: So moved

Mrs. Paulhus: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call please.

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

Mr. Sarno: Can I also have a motion to appoint the Ocean County School Board Association that would be Mr. Brown?

Mrs. Pereira: So moved

Mr. Geddes: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll call please.

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

1. Approval of Board of Education meeting calendar.
2. Approval of Board of Education Committee list and calendar.
3. New Jersey School Boards Association delegate and alternate.

Motion to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to serve as the Legislative Chairperson to the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2015 calendar year.

4. Ocean County School Board Association delegate.

Motion to appoint a delegate to the Ocean County School Boards Association for the 2015 calendar year.

XII. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sarno: Can I also now get a motion to enter into Public Session please?

Mrs. Pereira: So moved

Mrs. Paulhus: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll call please.

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mr. Sarno:

The Barnegat Township Board of Education appreciates and welcomes public comment, advice and suggestions especially when it is intended to assist/help the Board of Education. Please feel free to speak to the Board during the public session. Comments and discussion will be limited to one five (5) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification. Public comment at special meetings of the Board shall be related to the call of the meeting. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate. Your anticipated courtesy to the member of the public and the Board is appreciated.

Mr. Sarno: Do I have any volunteers?

Mr. Cavalier: My name is Dave Cavalier of 365 North Main Street, Green Thumb Day Care. I just want to know moving forward are we going to be able to talk about the Bengal Cubs Learning Center and how it is affecting the private sector day care's in town?

Mr. Sarno: Is there any other question to that or is that?

Mr. Cavalier: I sent a lot of documentation out as far as our concerns about us trying to compete with someone that has a building given to them, that isn't paying property taxes, and the fact that we are just concerned it is going to take our business away from us and we may have to close.

Mr. Sarno: I don't know if there is anything Mrs. Wood that you wanted to.

Mrs. Wood: I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Cavalier probably right before the Christmas holiday sometime. I appreciate that he came in and had a sit down face to face conversation; I have a lot of respect for that. My own position is that we have so many new members of the Board that I feel the most appropriate way to move forward is to provide them with information first. They really do not, they were not on the Board when the program began. I never have reported to the public before I report to the full Board. It is my responsibility to report to the full Board first. I would be most comfortable with reporting out in the committee process which is what we typically use. To the new Board Members as well as the existing Board Members based on their committee assignments by Mr. Sarno, our Board President, and then certainly have no problem sharing anything with the public that the public so requests at the discretion of the Board. Again, I respect the conversation that we had prior to the holidays, I respect and understand your position and I hope you understand ours as well. My first responsibility quite honestly are to the nine members of the Board because that who employees me as the Superintendent so it is my responsibility to report to them first and then under their direction of the Board have no problem sharing whatever the Board determines.

Mr. Sarno: I agree with Mrs. Wood on that aspect. We have such a large contingent of new Board Members I don't think it would be appropriate for us to even speak about it at this time until they are up to speed on the daycare and all of the issues that are surrounding it, and obviously your issues. I think the appropriate manner is what Mrs. Wood had just suggested is for her to gather up the information that she feels the Board needs to address your concerns; go through the committee process that probably have what ten or eleven days to get all of our committee meetings in and possibly discuss it at the next Board meeting as a Board. It would do us no good to try to answer you right now because you have to many new Board Members who really don't know what the issues are. If you would I guess come back in the January meeting, the 20th meeting, and maybe we could have a better discussion or if something was set up with Mrs. Wood after that, or myself and her and you.

Speaker: Is there anything we can provide you with at the meeting?

Mr. Sarno: Hopefully the Superintendent can provide us with everything I think we would need.

Mrs. Wood: I certainly don't want to speak for the private daycares. I understand your position. There is so much that went into opening the Early Learning Center and you and I discussed some of this privately. The current seated members of the Board don't have surveys or research or projections or any of that information so to speak about it tonight would be premature. Those are the items of information that I would bring to the Board of Education. It is not my position to speak on your behalf, because I would not want to represent you, I don't think that is fair. I have no problem informing the Board of what I have done under the direction of the old or preexisting Board. Moving forward from there at least the full Board would have knowledge of how it was established, why it was established, the premise under which it was established, and then certainly if they wanted to put it on the agenda that is something that we would discuss as a Board obviously between the President and the Superintendent. If we are going to discuss it I have no problem reaching out to you, giving you a call, letting you know it is on the agenda, and then you should come forward at that time. Hopefully we won't have snow or ice and it won't be so treacherous out there. I welcome the dialogue with the community; I understand your position, and the position of the other local daycare providers. Out of respect for my new Board colleagues they have not had the opportunity to hear the research or any of the other items that occurred prior to them being elected and sworn in this evening, so I have to be respectful of them as well.

Mr. Sarno: I agree, I mean hopefully that you can work with us on that, and at least give the new Board Members before we can address anything. I think it is just the appropriate thing to do in this matter with such a large amount of new members on the Board.

Mr. Montenegro: If the committee does need specific information beyond what you have already provided obviously they can reach out to you and obtain that as well.

Mr. Cavalier: Thank you.

Mr. Sarno: Mr. Novak please

Mr. Novak: Each of you who are elected I congratulate you. The new members and the former members, you took time out of your life to run a campaign and get elected to your volunteer position and you do that because you care. As an elected official, and as a servant of the public, I respect you and I applaud you, and I support every one of you. I do believe that I speak for the entire Township Committee that we seek to be your partner in the trust of the public; we seek to be your partner in your resources of the public. The most precious thing that we have in this town is our children. I, John Novak, 501 East Bay Ave, as an individual, respect you and support you and promise to help you anyway I can as a citizen. With my other address being 900 West Bay Avenue I also pledge my support as a Committeeman to help you in any way that I can, and to respect to you and to help you to what we are in together because we are all in it together. I really wish you all Godspeed and thank you. Congratulations

Mr. Sarno: Thank you Mr. Novak. I think that is the Mayor behind the podium.

Mayor McCabe: President Sarno is that you?

Mr. Sarno: That is me. (Laughter)

Mayor McCabe: Susan McCabe, 24 Carriage Way. I do have an affiliation; I am part of the Barnegat Township Committee. I am here to speak in my own capacity as an individual and resident of the Township of Barnegat, and also in my own capacity as one of five members of the Township Committee. I just want to make sure those parameters are laid out before you. President Sarno, first of all congratulations on your appointment. I am so happy to see the composition change. I do agree with you that there were some clashing personalities that existed last time. I think that there was probably some ill-advised moves, but ultimately what we have are two individual bodies, governing bodies, there separate, but they are equal. I would love to see them come together a little bit better than they have been the last year or two. I echo your sentiments with regards to Shared Services, and Shared Services meetings. I think the town itself would be far better off if we worked together as a team. I know that Mr. Breeden contacts Ms. Wood often. The two have a dialogue going on, and I would love to continue to see that we have the two entities working together to serve Barnegat. Township Committee cares about the children of Barnegat. They may not be voters, yet, but we do care. I look forward to working with you, and all of the members of the Board, new and old. Congratulations to you all, thank you.

Mr. Sarno: Thank you Mayor McCabe, and Mr. Novak, and Mr. Billie for coming. It's a good step just being here and being able to have communication without yelling, screaming, doors slamming, it's a good step. I think the majority of this Board, and I hope the whole Board, will have a fine year ahead of us working with you trying to

improve Barnegat and our District in any which way we can with joint services between the two entities.

Mr. Billie: Congratulations to everybody. Again, as I made a speech similar, it may sound repetitious, but there is a reason why they make windshields large and rearview mirrors small. We need to look ahead. Let's put the past behind us, let's work to the betterment of our children, for the taxpayers, for the families, for the athletes, for everybody that comes under our umbrella. Congratulations Mr. Sarno, Mr. Geddes congratulations, congratulations to you all. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sarno: Thank you Mr. Billie. Anybody else? Seeing none, can I have a motion to close Public Session?

Mrs. Murphy: So moved

Mrs. Paulhus: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll call please.

Mrs. LaGuardia: All in favor?

All: Aye

Mrs. LaGuardia: Any opposed?

None

XIII. REORGANIZATION MOTIONS:

Mr. Sarno: Can I get a motion to designate a Board President, Board Vice President, School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies as the officials authorized to sign general fund checks for the 2015 school year, said checks to include signatures of not less than three of the above.

Mrs. Paulhus: So moved

Mrs. Pereira: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mr. Sarno: Number two motion to approve the Asbury Park Press as the official newspaper for the 2015 school year.

Mrs. Kropf: So moved

Mrs. Murphy: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mr. Sarno: Number three motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for all Parliamentary Procedures for the 2015 school year.

Mrs. Pereira: So moved

Mr. Brown: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call please.

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mr. Sarno: Number four please motion to review and adopt the Code of Ethics as approved by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) for the 2015 school year, see page 11.

Mrs. LaGuardia: Those were also handed out under separate cover to everyone this evening. They need to be reviewed, signed, and returned, and keep a copy for yourself. The code of ethics for the Barnegat Township Board of Education:

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2. I will make decisions in terms of educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
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8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Mrs. LaGuardia: Board Members shall acknowledge that they have read and discussed the aforementioned Code of Ethics as the Board Member for Barnegat Township Board of Education and it should be their intention to uphold the Code of Ethics for as long as they shall hold office.

Mr. Sarno: Thank you Mrs. LaGuardia. Can I have a motion?

Mrs. Murphy: So moved

Mr. Geddes: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll call.

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

1. Motion to designate the Board President, Board Vice President, School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies as the officials authorized to sign general fund checks for the 2015 school year, said checks to include signatures of not less than three of the above.
2. Motion to approve the Asbury Park Press as the official newspaper for the 2015 school year.
3. Motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for all Parliamentary Procedures for the 2015 school year.
4. Motion to review and adopt the Code of Ethics as approved by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) for the 2015 school year, see page 11.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Sarno: Can I have a motion to enter into Executive Session?

Mrs. Paulhus: So moved

Mrs. Murphy: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll call please.

Mr. Brown: Yes
Mr. Geddes Yes
Mrs. Kropf: Yes
Mrs. Murphy: Yes
Mrs. Paulhus: Yes
Mrs. Pereira: Yes
Mr. Sheiken: Yes
Mr. Sherman: Yes
Mr. Sarno: Yes

Mr. Montenegro: We should just make note that the basis for going into closed session is that I am going to provide a litigation update on a pending matter.

Request a resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Barnegat Township Board of Education on January 6, 2015 for the purpose of discussing confidential student information, personnel items, contracts and/or litigation.

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): student information, personnel/contracts, and/or litigation.

The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is listed under Executive Discussion.

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.

XV. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

XVI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sarno: Call to order.

XVII. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sarno: Can I have a roll call please?

Mr. Brown:	Yes
Mr. Geddes	Yes
Mrs. Kropf:	Yes
Mrs. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Paulhus:	Yes
Mrs. Pereira:	Yes
Mr. Sheiken:	Yes
Mr. Sherman:	Yes
Mr. Sarno:	Yes

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sarno: No new business.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sarno: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Mrs. Paulhus: So moved

Mrs. Murphy: Second

Mr. Sarno: Roll Call

Mrs. LaGuardia: All in favor?

All: Aye

Mrs. LaGuardia: Any opposed?

None

The next date for the Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting date and time to be determined. The meeting will be held at Barnegat High School.

Respectfully Submitted

Lourdes LaGuardia
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Frequently Used Acronyms by the
Barnegat Township School District**

BHS – Barnegat High School
B&G – Buildings and Grounds
CAFR – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CC – Common Core
CE – Certificate of Eligibility
CEAS – Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
CSCS – Cecil S. Collins Elementary School
GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principals
HIB – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
IDEA – Individuals With Disabilities Education Act
IEP – Individualized Education Plan (for Special Education students)
ILA – Integrated Language Arts
JTDS – Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School
LMDS – Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School
NCLB – No Child Left Behind
NJ SMART - NJ Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching
NJAC – New Jersey Administrative Code
NJDOE – New Jersey Department of Education
NJSA – New Jersey Statutes Administration
NJSBA – New Jersey School Boards Association
NSBA – National School Boards Association
PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PCR – Payroll Control Roster
PGP – Professional Growth Plan
QSAC – Quality Single Accountability Continuum
RFP – Request for Proposal
RFQ – Request for Qualifications
RLHS – Robert L. Horbelt Elementary School
ROBMS – Russell O. Brackman Middle School
SGO – Student Growth Objective
SGP – Student Growth Plan
SPG – Strategic Plan Goal

CODE OF ETHICS

Board of Education

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