

*Barnegat Township
School District*

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 26, 2009
Thursday, 6:30 PM**

Barnegat High School
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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Houser: I would like to call this March 26, 2009 Special Meeting of the Barnegat Board of Education or Order.

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.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser: May I have a roll call please?

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

Also Present: Robert Mahon, Interim Superintendent
Ben Montenegro, Board Attorney
Dolores Schubiger, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Houser: Please stand for the Flag Salute

All: Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mr. Houser: Moving on the Approval of Agenda and/or Additions, we do have additions, we want to approve Mayor Jeff Melchiondo to speak right after this approval of the Agenda and/or Additions because he does have a prior engagement he

needs to go to. We are also changing the Agenda not to have an Executive Session this evening. Do we have a Motion to accept the Agenda and/or Additions?

Mrs. Pilovsky: So Moved

Mrs. Sarno: Second

Mr. Houser: Discussion?

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

Mr. Houser: Mayor Melchiondo, please. Do you want to use this?

Mayor Melchiondo: I think we are actually on. Thank you. Good evening. I just wanted to thank President Houser and Vice President Becker and the Board of Education, the Interim Superintendent and everyone here this evening who invited me to welcome your new Superintendent who I have yet to meet. I have been through the process and you have been through the process, and you know it is a difficult thing and you have to whittle it down to someone who we all hope will do the best things for Barnegat Township. I want to thank all of you up there for going through that process. Mr. Bing, this evening I believe will be appointed as the new Superintendent and on behalf of the Barnegat Township Committee I would like to welcome him into Barnegat Township. I look forward to working with him and the Board of Education for the betterment of the students in Barnegat and Barnegat Township in general. The five or six years that I have spent in Barnegat Township I have always strived to do what I could for Barnegat Township as a whole. This year I am sure we will all move forward with Barnegat Township residents in mind to do all that we can for not only the residents but for students that are involved. I am looking forward to working with the new Superintendent as is the rest of the Committee. With that I will bid you adieu, I do have somewhere else I have to be but I do appreciate that you invited me here along with the Committee members to meet your new Superintendent. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Houser: We are moving on to President's Remarks. As you are all aware tonight we are here for the Board of Education to vote on the appointment of Mr. Jason Bing-

Schetelick as Superintendent of Barnegat Schools. I would like to introduce Mr. Jason Bing to our wonderful teachers, administrators and employees. Would everyone please join me in welcoming Mr. Jason Bing by giving him a round of applause?

Mr. Bing: Thank you. (Mr. Bing spoke to the audience without a microphone)

Mr. Houser: Before we do move on to the appointment there is just a few things that the Board of Education wants to highlight with regard to the new contract for the Superintendent, the one we will be voting on tonight. Copies were provided for the public and the Board would like to thank Mr. Bing for supporting our desire to provide information to the public. The salary in the contract is for the amount of \$145,000 for 2009-2010 school year. The contract saves the school district \$120,000 in total cost compared to the former Superintendent's contract. The sick time is capped at \$10,000 and no matter how much sick time the Superintendent accumulates, he can only be reimbursed for \$10,000 and only at retirement at no other time. Jason Bing's contract has been approved by the Ocean County Superintendent, Dr. Greenfield, on behalf of the State of New Jersey. We are going to be opening up the Public Session and you can ask Mr. Bing any questions you would like at that time. So we will move on to Public Session.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Houser: Public comment at special meetings of the Board should be related to the call of the meetings. In accordance with 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. May I have a motion to move into Public Session?

Mrs. Sarno: So Moved

Mrs. Becker: Second

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

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried. Would anyone like to come up and address the Board?

Scott Bilker, 7 Driftwood Court: Can you hear me well tonight? Is the audio set up better?

Mr. Houser: Yes

Mr. Bilker: OK, great. I am here because as everyone knows hiring a Superintendent is the most important task the Board of Education has so it has to get that right. People are

going to be talking about the Superintendent tonight so I want to make sure we get that right too. I bring this up because just last Friday you ran this ad in the Leader in which case....

Mr. Houser: You are out of order. This meeting is only to talk about not political stuff.

Mr. Bilker: This is not political....

Mr. Houser: No, sir

Mr. Bilker: This is about what you said I said about the Superintendent.

Mr. Houser: This is an opportunity to ask questions of the Superintendent and his contract not to talk about ads or anything else.

Mr. Bilker: These are your ads and you are saying what I am talking about as far as the Superintendent. You said that...

Mr. Houser: Ask a question of the Superintendent or his contract, read the Board policy and that the policy states that at a Special meeting the conduct of the business must deal with the Special meeting.

Mr. Bilker: You made a statement in there that I said something about a prior Superintendent. You said it was in the Asbury Park Press and it never was so it is unconfirmed and completely fabricated, do you have that article, can you show me the quote?

Mrs. Taylor: Actually, yes I do.

Mr. Bilker: Oh, you do.

Mrs. Taylor: Yes, it is, but I am not going to get into this with you now.

Mr. Houser: No, if you want to talk about that, please do it after the public session. These people are here to ask questions of the Superintendent.

Mr. Bilker: This is important because we are talking about the Superintendent and we want to make sure that everyone knows what is said about a Superintendent is accurate.

Mr. Houser: Yes, after the meeting you have that discussion.

Mr. Bilker: Alright, I am going to tell you right now I never said it, you fabricated it and it was never in the Asbury Park Press, I never said that quote.

Mr. Houser: Well, you can have that conversation with Mrs. Taylor after the meeting. Do we have anyone else?

Karen McKeon: I would just like to welcome Mr. Bing to the Barnegat Township School District and I am sure that the Administration and I would appreciate speaking with him from time to time regarding our programs here. Again, welcome.

Mr. Houser: Anyone else? Mrs. Lally.

Kim Lally, 42 Bowline Street: I just want to welcome Mr. Bing on behalf of the Barnegat Township Education Foundation and we wish you much luck and success because your success equals our success. Thank you.

Mr. Houser: Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing none, may I have a Motion to close Public Session?

Mrs. Pilovsky: So Moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

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

All: Aye

Mr. Houser: Opposed? Motion carried.

Mr. Houser: Moving on to the motion to approve the following Resolution approving the hiring of a Superintendent of Schools. Resolution of the Barnegat Board of Education approving Jason Bing-Schetelick to the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Do we have a Motion?

Motion by: Mrs. Taylor

Seconded by: Mrs. Sarno

Mr. Houser: Discussion? Roll Call.

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

Mr. Houser: Welcome, Mr. Bing. Do want to please come up front? You are getting closer Jason.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1

**RESOLUTION OF THE BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPROVING JASON BING-SCHETELICK TO THE POSITION
OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the above entity has been formed pursuant to the applicable New Jersey Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Board of Education is in need of a Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Board of Education resolves to approve Jason Bing-Schetelick to the position of Superintendent of School, pursuant to the attached agreement (Exhibit A) made between the Board of Education and Jason Bing-Schetelick; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as of this 26th day of March, 2009, that:

1. The Board of Education hereby approves Jason Bing-Schetelick to the position of Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to the attached agreement (Exhibit A) made between the Board of Education and Jason Bing-Schetelick, as reviewed and approved by the Ocean County Superintendent, as required by law.
2. The Board of Education authorizes the Board president or Vice President to enter into the attached employment agreement with Jason Bing-Schetelick for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

The foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board at its meeting on March 26, 2009, as copies from the Minutes of said Meeting.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

DATED:

Mr. Houser: We are going to move to Mr. Mahon.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Mahon: Yes, thank you, Mr. Houser. I, too, would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jason to our district. I am sure that he is going to find it an outstanding place to work. I have been here since January and I have met a lot of people in the district. I can't say that I have met them all but it is a very supportive staff, a very professional staff and I have enjoyed the time that I have spent there. During the next couple of months, I guess while you have to make whatever arrangements you have to make with your own district, I look forward to working with you very closely to bring you up-to-date as to what is happening in the district and to keep you informed as to the issues and the decisions that have to be made. But, again, it is a very pleasurable evening for me to be able to say that we have a new Superintendent, I welcome him and I look forward to working with him during the period of time we will be together here. Congratulations, Jason, and good luck.

Mr. Houser: At this time we will just ask that Mr. Bing give us a closing statement.

Mr. Bing: Just very quickly I will piggy-back on what Bob said. Bob has been absolutely wonderful through this whole process and so has this Board. It is a Board of Education you should be proud of, it is one of the most efficient and effective interview sessions and interview processes that I have been through so I thank them, and I truly appreciate it. I do look forward to meeting every one of you and working with everyone in this room and our community and teachers. I have a good feeling that this is going to be one of the best districts in New Jersey sooner rather than later. So, I thank you for coming out. I appreciate it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Houser: May I have a Motion to adjourn this meeting?

Mrs. Mitchell: So moved

Mrs. Taylor: Second

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

All: Aye.

Mr. Houser: Meeting adjourned. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen for attending. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, March 31, 2009 @ 6:30 pm in the Barnegat High School Auditorium.

Dolores Schubiger, Secretary

