



***Barnegat Township
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 4, 2016
Monday, 5:30 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 – BOARD SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The notice of this meeting has been forward 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

**OFFICIAL RESULTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION —
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

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

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Linda Kropf | 33.68% | 2,078 |
| David Sherman | 33.99% | 2097 |
| Andy Watts | 31.09% | 1,918 |
| Write-in | 1.23% | 76 |
| TOTAL | | 6,169 |

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

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Lauren P. Sarno | 49.68% | 1946 |
| David D. Oechsle | 48.79% | 1911 |
| Write In | 1.53% | 60 |
| TOTAL | | 3,917 |

IV. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

At this time the Board attorney will swear in our newly elected board members:

- Linda Kropf
- David Sherman
- Andy Watts
- Lauren Sarno
- David Oechsle

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.**

V. ROLL CALL

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|---------------|---------|
| Mr. Brown: | Present |
| Mr. Geddes | Present |
| Mrs. Kropf: | Present |
| Mr. Oechsle: | Present |
| Mrs. Pereira: | Present |
| Mrs. Sarno: | Present |
| Mr. Sherman: | Present |
| Mr. Watts: | Present |
| Mr. Sarno: | Present |

Also present: Karen Wood, Superintendent
 Lourdes LaGuardia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Jerry Dasti, Esq., Board Attorney

VI. FLAG SALUTE

All: Pledge of Allegiance

VII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Board Secretary receives nominations for the Election of the President of the Board of Education.

Scott Sarno was nominated by Mr. Brown and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Pereira. There were no further nominations.

Mr. Brown, Yes; Mr. Geddes, Yes; Mrs. Kropf, Yes; Mr. Oechsle, Yes; Mrs. Pereira, Yes; Mrs. Sarno, Yes; Mr. Sherman, Yes; Mr. Watts, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes

VIII. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Sarno receives nominations for the Election of the Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Sarno nominates Mr. Geddes the nomination was seconded by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown, Yes; Mr. Geddes, Yes; Mrs. Kropf, Yes; Mr. Oechsle, Yes; Mrs. Pereira, Yes; Mrs. Sarno, Yes; Mr. Sherman, Yes; Mr. Watts, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTIONS/INFORMATION

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to adopt the School Board recognition resolution. The motion was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Sarno.

Mr. Brown, Yes; Mr. Geddes, Yes; Mrs. Kropf, Yes; Mr. Oechsle, Yes; Mrs. Pereira, Yes; Mrs. Sarno, Yes; Mr. Sherman, Yes; Mr. Watts, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes

1. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN NEW JERSEY

JANUARY, 2016

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January, 2016 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, 2016 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.

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.

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/INFORMATION

Mr. Sarno congratulated the new and returning Board Members.

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve Presidents Motions one through four with Mrs. Pereira nominated as the NJSBA delegate and Mrs. Kropf nominated as the Ocean County School Board delegate. The motion was moved by Mrs. Pereira and seconded by Mr. Geddes.

Mr. Brown, Yes; Mr. Geddes, Yes; Mrs. Kropf, Yes; Mr. Oechsle, Yes; Mrs. Pereira, Yes; Mrs. Sarno, Yes; Mr. Sherman, Yes; Mr. Watts, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes

1. Approval of Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2016 calendar year.
2. Approval of Board of Education Committee members.
3. New Jersey School Boards Association delegate and alternate for the 2016 calendar year.
 - Motion to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to serve as the Legislative Chairperson to the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2016 calendar year.
4. Ocean County School Board Association delegate.
 - Motion to appoint a delegate to the Ocean County School Boards Association for the 2016 calendar year.

XI. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to enter into public session. The motion was moved by Mrs. Pereira and seconded by Mr. Brown.

All were in favor

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 requested a motion to close public session. The motion was moved by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Brown.

All were in favor

XII. REORGANIZATION MOTIONS

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve Reorganization Motions one through four. The motion was approved by Mrs. Pereira and seconded by Mr. Geddes.

Mr. Brown, Yes; Mr. Geddes, Yes; Mrs. Kropf, Yes; Mr. Oechsle, Yes; Mrs. Pereira, Yes; Mrs. Sarno, Yes; Mr. Sherman, Yes; Mr. Watts, 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 2016 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 2016 school year.
3. Motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for all Parliamentary Procedures for the 2016 school year.
4. Motion to review and adopt the Code of Ethics as approved by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) for the 2016 school year, see page 11.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss legal, contractual, and personnel matters. The motion was moved by Mrs. Sarno and seconded by Mr. Sherman.

All were in favor

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.

XIV. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

1. Student Hearing
2. Matters of Contract

XV. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. ROLL CALL

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Mr. Brown: | Present |
| Mr. Geddes | Present |
| Mrs. Kropf: | Present |
| Mr. Oechsle: | Present |
| Mrs. Pereira: | Present |
| Mrs. Sarno: | Present |
| Mr. Sherman: | Present |
| Mr. Watts: | Present |
| Mr. Sarno: | Present |

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve New Business motion number one long term suspension. The motion was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Pereira.

All were in favor

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve New Business motion number two Education Association Memorandum of Agreement. The motion was moved by Mrs. Pereira and seconded by Mr. Geddes

All were in favor

1. Motion to approve Superintendents recommendation in the long term suspension of student D.L. pending placement on January 26th.
2. Motion to approve the Barnegat Township Education Association Memorandum of Agreement dated November 28, 2015 contingent on mutually agreed upon salary guide.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to adjourn.

All were favor

The next scheduled 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**

AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress
BHS – Barnegat High School
Bengal Cubs ELC – Bengal Cubs Early Learning Center
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
DIP – District Improvement Plan
ELA – English Language Arts
GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
HIB – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP – Individualized Education Plan (for Special Education students)
JTDS – Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School
LMDS – Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School
MOA – Memorandum of Agreement
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 Annotated
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 Percentile
SPG – Strategic Plan Goal

*Newly added

CODE OF ETHICS

Board of Education

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
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.
3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
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.

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