

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2019

AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Kevin Blondina, Scott Davis [left at 7:55 p.m.]
F. Cliff Graham, Shane Hrbek, Ronald Neal
Jeanine Paszkiel, Suzanne Ross, Sarah Zydon
John R. Giacchi, Superintendent
Barbara A. Decker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ABSENT: Kathleen Clohessey

Mrs. Barbara A. Decker, Board Secretary, opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M., with the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in NJ Herald and the Star Ledger, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Franklin Borough Clerk.

Mrs. Barbara A. Decker, Board Secretary, reported the results of the November 6, 2018 Annual School Board Election to the Board:

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Three (3) Three-Year Full Terms	
F. Cliff Graham	1,136
Ronald Neal	1,198
Scott Davis	1,253
Write-In	23
TOTAL	3,610

CANDIDATE	VOTES
One (1) One-Year Term	
Kevin Blondina	1,121
Write-In	8
TOTAL	1,129

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Decker administered the Oath of Office to the following newly-elected Board members:

- Mr. F. Cliff Graham
- Mr. Ronald Neal
- Mr. Scott Davis
- Mr. Kevin Blondina

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Kevin Blondina	Term Expires 2019
Jeanine Paszkiel	Term Expires 2019
Suzanne Ross	Term Expires 2019

Kathleen Clohessey	Term Expires 2020
Shane Hrbek	Term Expires 2020
Sarah Zydon	Term Expires 2020

F. Cliff Graham	Term Expires 2021
Ronald Neal	Term Expires 2021
Scott Davis	Term Expires 2021

ORGANIZATION ACTION

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019:

The Board Secretary opened the floor for nominations for Board President.

Mr. Blondina nominated Mr. F. Cliff Graham.

The Board Secretary closed the floor for nominations for Board President.

Discussion: NA

Mr. Graham was elected Board President unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to Mr. Graham, President of the Board.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019:

Mr. Graham asked for nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Blondina nominated Mrs. Sarah Zydon for Board Vice President.

Mr. Graham closed nominations for Board Vice President.

Discussion: NA

Mrs. Zydon was elected Board Vice President unanimously by roll call vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mrs. Zydon, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, opened the meeting to the public for agenda items at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Graham read the following statement:

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At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with Policy 0167 - Public Presentation at Board meetings. Each statement made by all participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, please raise your hand to be called upon. Once called, please come to the front and state your name, municipality of residence and/or group affiliation.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse comments nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments made by a member of the public about a staff member that the staff member may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that staff member retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

No one addressed the Board.

On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, closed the meeting to the public for agenda items at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Action Items:

ORGANIZATION – ITEMS A-H

On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, approved the following:

- A. Resolved that the Board of Education adopts the existing bylaws and policies of the Franklin Borough Board of Education through the next organization meeting in January 2020.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Education adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board Members to include:

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

N.J.S.A.18A:12-24.1

I will uphold and enforce all laws, 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.

I will make decisions in terms of the 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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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.

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.

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.

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

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.

I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendations of the chief administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

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.

C. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the evaluation instrument established by the New Jersey School Boards Association for their annual self-evaluation.

D. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the notice of annual meetings of the Board of Education through the next organization meeting in January 2020 and directs the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise and post the notice in accordance with policy. The meetings will be held in the library of Franklin Borough School.

Regular Monthly Meetings
Monday, January 28, 2019
Monday, February 25, 2019
Monday, March 11, 2019
Monday, April 29, 2019 – Tentative Public Hearing 2019-2020 Budget
Monday, May 20, 2019
Monday, June 17, 2019
Monday, July 29, 2019

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Monday, August 26, 2019
Monday, September 23, 2019
Monday, October 28, 2019
Monday, November 25, 2019
Monday, December 16, 2019
Thursday, January 2, 2020 Tentative Organization

- E. Resolved that the Board of Education approves The New Jersey Herald and the Star Ledger as the official newspapers for advertising and for public notices.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Education approves Lakeland Bank to be designated as the official depository with the signatories for all accounts in accordance with the following summary:

LAKELAND BANK ACCOUNT	SIGNATORIES
General Fund	Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board Secretary
Payroll	Treasurer, Board Secretary
Agency	Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board Secretary
FSA	Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board Secretary
Student Activities	Board Secretary, Chief School Administrator
Food Service	Treasurer, Board Secretary

- G. Resolved that the Board of Education adopts any existing contracts and agreements to which the Board is a party and where continuation is not authorized by law.
- H. Resolved that the Board of Education adopts existing curriculum through June 30, 2019.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Kathleen Helewa, Field Service Representative, New Jersey School Boards Association, provided a presentation on School Board Ethics to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Neal provided a recap of the regional meeting noting that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Zydon reported that Mrs. Kathleen Clohessey is in the hospital.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT: NA

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CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

On motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by voice vote, opened the meeting to the public at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Graham read the following statement:

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On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, and carried unanimously by voice vote, closed the meeting to the public at 8:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NA

On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Blondina and carried unanimously by voice vote, adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Decker
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary