

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 2, 2020

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

PRESENT: Wayne Bartron, Kathleen Clohessey, John Friend
F. Cliff Graham, Shane Hrbek, Stephen Koger
Ronald Neal, Suzanne Ross, Sarah Zydon
John R. Giacchi, Superintendent
Barbara A. Decker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ABSENT: None

Mrs. 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 the 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. Decker, Board Secretary, reported the results of the November 5, 2019 Annual School Board Election:

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Three (3) Three-Year Full Terms	
Stephen Koger	675
Suzanne Ross	669
John Friend – Write-In	4
Write-In	67
TOTAL	1,415

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

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

- Mr. Stephen Koger
- Mrs. Suzanne Ross
- Mr. John Friend

ROLL CALL:

Roll call vote was taken and all board members were present.

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

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F. Cliff Graham	Term Expires 2021
Ronald Neal	Term Expires 2021
(Mr. Bartron)	Term Expires 2021

John Friend	Term Expires 2022
Stephen Koger	Term Expires 2022
Suzanne Ross	Term Expires 2022

ORGANIZATION ACTION

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020:

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

Mr. Neal nominated Mr. F. Cliff Graham for president.

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

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 2020:

Mr. Graham asked for nominations for Vice-President.

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

Mr. Graham nominated Mr. Ronald Neal for Board Vice President.

Mr. Graham closed nominations for Board Vice President.

Discussion:

Mrs. Zydon provided background information and her credentials for her decision to be Vice President.

Mr. Neal provided background information and his credentials for his decision to be Vice President.

The roll call vote for Mrs. Zydon was as follows:

Yes	-	Mr. Hrbek, Mr. Koger, Mrs. Zydon
No	-	Mr. Bartron, Mrs. Clohessey, Mr. Graham, Mr. Neal, Mrs. Ross
Abstain	-	Mr. Friend

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Mr. Neal was elected Vice President of the Board by the following roll call vote:

Yes	-	Mr. Bartron, Mrs. Clohessey, Mr. Graham, Mr. Neal, Mrs. Ross
No	-	Mr. Hrbek, Mr. Koger, Mrs. Zydon
Abstain	-	Mr. Friend

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

On motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mrs. Ross, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, opened the meeting to the public for visitors to address the board.

Mr. Graham read the following statement:

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments not 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 microphone 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 or any other individual that may be considered defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

No one addressed the Board.

On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, closed the meeting to the public for visitors to address the board.

ORGANIZATION

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

- 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 2021.
- 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.

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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.

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 2021 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 School.

Regular Monthly Meetings
Monday, January 20, 2020
Monday, February 10, 2020
Monday, March 9, 2020
Monday, April 6, 2020
Monday, May 4, 2020 – Tentative Public Hearing 2019-2020 Budget

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Regular Monthly Meetings
Monday, June 8, 2020
Monday, July 13, 2020
Monday, August 17, 2020
Monday, September 14, 2020
Monday, October 12, 2020
Monday, November 16, 2020
Monday, December 14, 2020
Monday, January 4, 2021 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.

Yes	-	8
No	-	0
Abstain	-	Mr. Friend

PRESENTATION

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Zydon updated the Board on the New Jersey School Boards Association County Meeting that they attended in December 2019. Mr. Friend, Mr. Hrbek and Mrs. Clohessey also commented on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS: NA

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BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

Mrs. Decker informed the Board that she will be sending out calendar schedule invites to them.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Giacchi reviewed the timeline of the Chief School Administrator Evaluation with the Board.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: NA

On motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, and carried unanimously by voice vote, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Decker
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary