

BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

West Berlin, New Jersey 08091

January 6, 2020

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

“Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success”

1. Call Meeting to Order

I, Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:02pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes, that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” the Berlin Township Board of Education, caused to be posted at the Business Office of the Board of Education located at 225 Grove Avenue, West Berlin, New Jersey and advertised in the Courier Post on December 2, 2019 and the Central Record the week of December 5, 2019 a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

The oath of office will be given by the board solicitor or school business administrator, to the following elected/appointed Board of Education members:

Domonic Balducci

Cynthia Mozee

Jeffrey Souza

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Yr Began/Current Term Expires

Mr. Brian Davis	<u>present</u>	2012 / 2021
Mrs. Kimberly Reed	<u>present</u>	2015 / 2021
Mrs. Lisa Hill-Muff	<u>present</u>	2018 / 2021
Mr. Jeffrey Souza	<u>present</u>	2014 / 2022
Mrs. Cynthia Mozee	<u>present</u>	2013 / 2022
Mr. Domonic Balducci	<u>present</u>	2019 / 2022
Mr. Gerard Petersen	<u>present</u>	2017 / 2020
Mr. Sol Cohen	<u>present</u>	2014 / 2020
Vacancy	<u> </u>	
Dr. Edythe B. Austermuhl, Superintendent	<u>present</u>	
Mrs. Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator	<u>present</u>	
Charles Rizzi, Esq., Board Solicitor	<u>present</u>	

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4. OFFICER AND DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

a. Motion by Brian Davis, seconded by Lisa Hill Muff to nominate Gerard Petersen for school board president. Additional motion by Kim Reed, seconded by Jeffrey Souza to nominate Cynthia Mozee.

b. Ballot vote on motion 4a to appoint school board president took place with the following results:

Voting “yes” for Gerard Petersen: Mr. Balducci, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Hill-Muff,
Mr. Petersen, Mr. Davis

Voting “yes” for Cynthia Mozee: Mrs. Reed, Mr. Souza, Mrs. Mozee

*Motion carried, Mr. Petersen earned the majority vote and is officially appointed as school board president.

c. Motion by Gerard Petersen, seconded by Lisa Hill-Muff to nominate Brian Davis for school board vice president. Additional motion by Cynthia Mozee, seconded by Lisa Hill-Muff to nominate Jeffrey Souza for school board vice president.

d. Ballot vote on motion 4c to appoint school board vice president took place with the following results:

Voting “yes” for Brian Davis: Mrs. Hill-Muff, Mr. Balducci, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Davis

Voting “yes” for Jeffrey Souza: Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Souza, Mrs. Mozee

*Motion tied, referred to the Executive County Superintendent for appointment.

e. Motion by Gerard Petersen second by Jeffrey Souza to appoint Lisa Hill-Muff as the delegate to the New Jersey Schools Boards Association. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

f. Motion by Brian Davis second by Lisa Hill-Muff to appoint Gerard Petersen as the alternate delegate to the New Jersey Schools Boards Association. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- g. Motion by Jeffrey Souza second by Gerard Petersen to appoint Brian Davis as the delegate to the Camden County Schools Boards Association. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- h. Motion by Gerard Petersen second by Lisa Hill-Muff to appoint Sol Cohen as the alternate delegate to the Camden County Schools Boards Association. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- i. Motion by Gerard Petersen second by Sol Cohen to appoint Gerard Petersen as the representative to the Camden County Educational Services Commission. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- j. Motion by Jeffrey Souza second by Brian Davis to appoint Kimberly Reed as the representative to the Pine Hill Board of Education from this date to the date of the next reorganization meeting in 2021. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- k. Motion by Gerard Petersen second by Brian Davis to appoint the following members to, or advisors of the Board’s negotiations committee:

Jeffrey Souza (chairperson)

Brian Davis (member)

Sol Cohen (member)

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5. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

- a. Motion by Jeffrey Souza second by Gerard Petersen to resolve that the Berlin Township Board of Education establish the time and date of their regularly scheduled meetings as the 4th Thursday of each month as listed below:

BERLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING CALENDAR
2020

January 23, 2020 Action Meeting	July 23, 2020 Action Meeting
February 20, 2020 Action Meeting*	August 20, 2020 Action Meeting*
March 19, 2020 Action Mtg/Budget Submission* Due to County Office on 3/20/30	September 24, 2020 Action Meeting
April 30, 2020 Budget Hearing/Action Meeting*	October 29, 2020 Action Meeting*
May 28, 2020 Action Meeting	November 19, 2020 Action Meeting*
June 25, 2020 Action Meeting (DDE Middle)	December 17, 2020 Action Meeting*

*All meetings are scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Information sheets to be completed by the board and returned to Dr. Austermuhl

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gerard Petersen second by Brian Davis to adjourn the meeting. Time meeting adjourned 7:30pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator