

**FINAL AGENDA FOR
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**January 2, 2020
Public Session – 7:00 PM
Administration Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Salute to Flag – Board Secretary

II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

HEREBY BE IT KNOWN that the Piscataway Township Board of Education has complied with the notification requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the announcement of this meeting date and place on May 3, 2019 in the following manner:

- ◆ Posting of the public notice on the posting board for the Board of Education in the Administration Building
- ◆ Email notification to the newspaper serving Piscataway, The Home News Tribune
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

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III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Mr. Oliveira will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected members:

Ralph Johnson
Kimberly Lane
Calvin Laughlin
Brenda Smith

**IV. BOARD SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

The annual school election of the School District of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, was held on November 5, 2019 (voting hours 6:00 am to 8:00 pm).

Number of Registered Voters 37,702
Number of Votes Cast 8,300

The results of the Election were:

VOTES COUNTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATE NAMES	TERM	POLLS	MAIL-IN	PROVISIONAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Goldstein, Mindy	3 year	495	224	18	0	737
Johnson, Ralph	3 year	2,491	544	94	0	3,129
Laughlin, Calvin	3 year	2,431	647	78	0	3,156
Rashid, Sarah	3 year	2,427	515	106	0	3,048
Sheth, Suhas	3 year	2,207	493	90	0	2,790
Smith, Brenda	3 year	2,371	721	86	0	3,178
Zimmerman, Warren	3 year	2,265	671	81	0	3,017

Lane, Kimberly	1 year	2,405	773	91	0	3,269
Nigam, Rachana	1 year	2,323	501	92	0	2,916

V. ROLL CALL

_____ Ms. Cherry _____ Mrs. Hobson _____ Mr. Laughlin
 _____ Dr. Connors _____ Mr. Johnson _____ Mr. Patel
 _____ Mr. Fields _____ Ms. Lane _____ Ms. Smith

VI. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

STATEMENT – The floor is now open to receive nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Nomination for: _____ By: _____
 Nomination for: _____ By: _____

STATEMENT - Hearing no additional nominations, the floor is now open for a motion to close nominations.

I move that nominations be closed.
 Motion by: _____
 Second by: _____
 All in Favor: _____
 Opposed: _____

Vote for the Office of President -

STATEMENT - As your name is called, please state the name of the nominee that you choose to vote for.

	Cherry	Connors	Fields	Hobson	Johnson	Lane	Laughlin	Patel	Smith
Nominee #1									
Nominee #2									

STATEMENT - _____ is hereby elected as President of the Piscataway Township Board of Education.

Newly elected President assumes the chair.

VII. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

STATEMENT - The floor is now open to receive nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Nomination for: _____ By: _____
 Nomination for: _____ By: _____

STATEMENT - Hearing no additional nominations, the floor is now open for a motion to close nominations.

I move that nominations be closed.

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

All in Favor: _____

Opposed: _____

Vote for the Office of Vice President -

STATEMENT - As your name is called, please state the name of the nominee that you choose to vote for.

	Cherry	Connors	Fields	Hobson	Johnson	Lane	Laughlin	Patel	Smith
Nominee #1									
Nominee #2									

STATEMENT – _____ is hereby elected as Vice President of the Piscataway Township Board of Education.

VIII. APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects _____ to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ be named to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>
Ms. Cherry	_____	Mrs. Hobson	_____	Mr. Laughlin	_____
Dr. Connors	_____	Mr. Johnson	_____	Mr. Patel	_____
Mr. Fields	_____	Ms. Lane	_____	Ms. Smith	_____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

IX. APPOINTMENT TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects _____ as District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ be named to serve as the District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Dr. Connors _____	Mr. Johnson _____	Mr. Patel _____
Mr. Fields _____	Ms. Lane _____	Ms. Smith _____
Mrs. Hobson _____	Mr. Laughlin _____	Ms. Cherry _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

X. APPOINTMENT TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Piscataway Township Board of Education elects _____ as the Alternate District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ be named to serve as the Alternate District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Moved _____ Seconded _____

Vote Vote Vote

Mr. Fields _____	Ms. Lane _____	Ms. Smith _____
Mrs. Hobson _____	Mr. Laughlin _____	Ms. Cherry _____
Mr. Johnson _____	Mr. Patel _____	Dr. Connors _____

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

XI. REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" through "E", be approved as presented:

A. READOPTION OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that all current written policies, procedures and regulations of the Piscataway Township Board of Education be readopted until the next Reorganization Meeting in 2021 or until adoption of revised policies, procedures and regulations.

B. ADOPTION OF PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA, SERVICES & PROGRAMS

BE IT RESOLVED that all current curricula, services and programs at preschool, elementary, middle and high school levels be readopted until the 2021 Reorganization Meeting or until adoption of revised curricula.

C. ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

BE IT RESOLVED that all programs and services offered by the Community Education Office be readopted until the 2021 Reorganization Meeting or until the adoption of revised programs.

D. DESIGNATION OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED that David B. Rubin, Esq. be appointed General Counsel to the Board.

E. ADOPTION OF THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, it is recommended that each year boards of education review and endorse the New Jersey School Boards Association's Code of Ethics, thereby affording individual members the opportunity to declare themselves willing to abide by these principles. The following action will renew this commitment:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Piscataway Township Board of Education adopts the following New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which 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 policymaking, 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 which 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. But 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 schools.
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 such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Moved _____	Seconded _____	
<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mrs. Hobson _____	Mr. Laughlin _____	Ms. Cherry _____
Mr. Johnson _____	Mr. Patel _____	Dr. Connors _____
Ms. Lane _____	Ms. Smith _____	Mr. Fields _____
Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____

XII. MOTION TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the current Board Committees be re-established as standing committees with the committee chairperson and members to be appointed by the Board President prior to the first committee meeting.

	Moved _____		Seconded _____	
	<u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote</u>	
Mr. Johnson _____		Mr. Patel _____		Dr. Connors _____
Ms. Lane _____		Ms. Smith _____		Mr. Fields _____
Mr. Laughlin _____		Ms. Cherry _____		Mrs. Hobson _____
	Yea _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____	

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board's intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Motion to close:

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of review and discussion of the personnel agenda, litigation, HIB monthly reports, and other matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). No further action will be taken.

Motion to adjourn:

Moved _____	Seconded _____
Yea _____	Nay _____

XV. PUBLIC SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reconvenes public session.

Motion to reconvene:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 Yea _____ Nay _____

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 Yea _____ Nay _____

XVII. MEETING DATES & TIMES (Subject to revision)

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

January 6, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
January 8, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
January 9, 2020	Business Meeting	6:30 pm
January 21, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 3, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 5, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
February 6, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
February 13, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
February 18, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 4, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 5, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
March 12, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
March 17, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 1, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 2, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 6, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 9, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
April 21, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
April 30, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 6, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 7, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
May 14, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
May 19, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 1, 2020	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 4, 2020	Policy / Legislative Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
June 10, 2020	Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
June 11, 2020	Business Meeting	7:00 pm
June 16, 2020	Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee Meeting	6:30 pm

Note: The Board opens its business meetings at 7:00 PM and regularly convenes an executive session to discuss items that are specified in its motion to convene an executive session. The Board normally reconvenes in public session at 8:00 PM. All business meetings of the Board of Education shall be considered action meetings.