

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 4, 2023

1. Opening Statement

The Conference/Action Meeting of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education will be called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, by Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Carolina Rodriguez. Adequate notice of the date and time for this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record on December 14, 2022 and the Randolph Reporter on December 22, 2022 in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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2. Business Administrator, Carolina Rodriguez, will report the results of the annual school election held on November 8, 2022, as follows:

For Seats on the Board of Education:

Candidates for Three Year Term
Jennifer Antoncich – 3-year term
Srinivasa Rajagopal – 3-year term

3. School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Carolina Rodriguez, will administer the Oath of Allegiance to the newly elected Board Members.

4. Roll Call

Board Member	Term Expires	Roll Call	Board Member	Term Expires	Roll Call
Jennifer Antoncich	12-31-2025		Diane Morris	12-31-2024	
Katie Bartnick	12-31-2024		Srinivasa Rajagopal	12-31-2025	
Peter Bruseo	12-31-2023		Jennifer Waters	12-31-2024	
Brian Homeyer	21-31-2023				

This meeting was called to order at _____ p.m. by Carolina Rodriguez, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

5. Flag Salute

6. Election of President

The Board Secretary declares nominations are in order for the position of President.

Nomination: _____ is nominated by _____, seconded by _____
_____ is nominated by _____, seconded by _____

Vote for President	Jennifer Antoncich	Katie Bartnick	Peter Bruseo	Brian Homeyer	Diane Morris	Srinivasa Rajagopal	Jennifer Waters
Name:							
Name:							

Election Results:

_____ is elected President of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education.

7. Board President Takes Chair

8. Election of Vice President

The President declares nominations are in order for the position of President.

Nomination: _____ is nominated by _____, seconded by _____

_____ is nominated by _____, seconded by _____

Vote for Vice President	Jennifer Antoncich	Katie Bartnick	Peter Bruseo	Brian Homeyer	Diane Morris	Srinivasa Rajagopal	Jennifer Waters
Name:							
Name:							

Election Results:

_____ is elected Vice President of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education.

9. Board Vice President takes Chair

10. Reorganization Action Items

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the **adoption of the 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 confirm 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 responsibilities, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they run well.
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 groups or to use the school 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 of the school. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspiration 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 such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopts the requirement that all members of the Board of Education acknowledge in writing that they have received and read the Code of Ethics.

- b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board President and approves adopting the following **schedule of Board of Education meetings**. Meetings are held in the Educational Media Center (EMC) of the Canfield Avenue School and begin at 6:30 p.m. Any changes from this schedule will be advertised:

Month	Meeting Date(s)
January	Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – Reorganization; and Monday, January 23, 2023
February	Tuesday, February 27, 2023
March	Monday, March 13, 2023
April	Monday, April 24, 2023 – Budget Public Hearing & Adoption
May	Monday, May 8, 2023; and Monday, May 22, 2023
June	Monday, June 5, 2023; and Monday, June 26, 2023
July	Monday, July 24, 2023
August	Monday, August 28, 2023
September	Monday, September 25, 2023
October	Monday, October 2, 2023 – Board Retreat Monday, October 30, 2023
November	Monday, November 27, 2023
December	Monday, December 18, 2023

AND, ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education meetings follow parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rule of Order.

- c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the appointment of the **Daily Record and the Randolph Reporter as the Board's legal newspaper** until the next reorganization meeting or until changed by resolution.
- d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board President and approves the **official designation of an abstention as a non-vote**.
- e. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board President and approves the following **committee and administrative appointments**:

Assignments	Member(s) Assigned
Building & Grounds Committee	
Finance Committee	
Instruction & Curriculum Committee	
Personnel Committee	
Policy, Operations and Public Relations Committee	
Delegates to NJSBA and Morris County School Boards Association (2)	
Mine Hill Educational Foundation Liaison (2)	
Mine Hill – Dover Committee (3)	
Liaison to the Mine Hill Township (2)	
Educational Services Commission of Morris County (2)	
Negotiations Committee	

- f. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the authorization of the **Business Administrator to advertise for bids as needed** until the next reorganization meeting or until changed by resolution, as required by the Public School Contracts Law.
- g. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the **approval of all existing policies, bylaws and administrative regulations in effect this date** until the next reorganization meeting or until changed by resolution.
- h. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges the requirement for the **Business Administrator/Board Secretary to prepare monthly Board Secretary's Reports** and its accompanying statute N.J.A.C. 6-20-2.13(d) certifying that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the **Business Administrator be authorized to make transfers among budgetary line-item accounts** to be reported to the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

- i. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, certain expenditures need to be paid prior to a scheduled board meeting such as, utilities, insurances and other payments as deemed necessary; and be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education **authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make advance payments on a monthly basis for designated vendors**, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such payments shall be approved by the Board of Education and its subsequent Business Meeting; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Business Administrator be authorized, in the event of a meeting postponement and following consultation with the Finance Committee and the Superintendent, to release payments for those billings determined to be most appropriate and emergent per 18A:19-4.1.

- j. The Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), designates Carolina Rodriguez, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary, as the **Purchasing Agent** for the Board of Education and authorizes her to award contracts, in full accordance with the law, for purchases that do not exceed the aggregate in a contract year the total sum of \$44,000 (bid threshold) without public advertising for bids.

FURTHERMORE, Carolina Rodriguez is authorized to solicit competitive quotations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a) and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c).

FURTHERMORE, in the absence of the Purchasing Agent the Superintendent has authority to award contracts under the threshold of \$44,000.00.

- k. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approves the annual maximum **travel limitation** amount

per employee or board member not to exceed \$1,500 for regular business travel only for which prior Board approval is not required as per Policy #6471.

- I. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent and approves the following resolution regarding **Bank Accounts and Signatories**:

RESOLVED, the Mine Hill Township Board of Education authorizes Carolina Rodriguez, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, to proceed with Lakeland Bank to establish the following accounts until the next reorganization meeting or until changed by resolution:

Lakeland Bank	Signatories
General Fund	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
Payroll Agency	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
Net Payroll	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
Cafeteria (Food Services)	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
SUI Trust Fund	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
Summers Savers	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent (Only one required to sign)
Canfield Avenue School (Student Activities) Account	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
New Jersey Cash Management	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent
Bond Referendum	_____, Board President, Carolina Rodriguez, RSBA and Lee Nittel, Superintendent

Motion of: _____ Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote	Jennifer Antoncich	Katie Bartnick	Peter Bruseo	Brian Homeyer	Diane Morris	Srinivasa Rajagopal	Jennifer Waters

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11. Correspondence
12. Superintendent's Report
13. Business Administrator's Report
14. Public Discussion
15. FINANCE
16. INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM
17. PERSONNEL
18. POLICY / OPERATIONS / PUBLIC RELATIONS

19. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

20. Dover Report

21. MHEF Report

22. Old Business

23. New Business

24. Public Discussion

25. Executive Session

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ p.m. the Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

- 1) *a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law*
- 2) *a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds*
- 3) *material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy*
- 4) *a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it*
- 5) *a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds*
- 6) *protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law*
- 7) *pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege*
- 8) *specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session*
- 9) *deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Note: This closed session will include items in categories _____. It may be adjourned while business is conducted in public then reconvened after public business has been completed.

26. Return to Public Session

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ p.m. the Board returns to the regular session meeting.

Roll Call Vote	Jennifer Antoncich	Katie Bartnick	Peter Bruseo	Brian Homeyer	Diane Morris	Srinivasa Rajagopal	Jennifer Waters

27. Adjournment

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ p.m. the Board returns to the regular session meeting.