

**MANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MANVILLE, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 3, 2023 - 7:00 PM – MHS Auditorium

A meeting of the Board of Education will be held this day in the MHS Auditorium. The order of business and agenda for the meeting are:

I. CALL TO ORDER – Paul Roth, Acting Business Administrator/ Board Secretary - 7:00 p.m.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT – Mr. Roth

According to provisions of C231, P.L. of 1975, proper notice of this meeting was made on January 12, 2022 by mail to the Borough Clerk and official newspapers and was posted in the Board of Education office.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the potential of our students, the ability of our teachers and administrators, and the support of our parents and community. Every child. Every day.

**IV. Board Secretary announces results of school election as shown on attached Addendum I. The Manville School District Three (3) candidates 3-year seats: Justina “Tina” Breen, Cristina Lazzeri & Sharon Lukac;
One (1) unexpired term: Kelly Harabin**

V. Oath of Office administered to the successful candidates. (18A: 12-2.1)

- a. Administered by Mr. Roth, Acting Business Administrator or Mr. Tim Howes, Attorney:
 - i. Justina “Tina” Breen
 - ii. Cristina “Tina” Lazzeri
 - iii. Sharon Lukac
 - iv. Kelly Harabin

VI. Motion to approve the Board Secretary as temporary chairperson.

**Ms. Babich made a motion to approve the Board Secretary as temporary chairperson.
The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lazzeri and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

VII. Roll Call:

Present: Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Tim Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra
Also Present: Dr. Jamil Maroun, Superintendent; Mr. Paul Roth, Acting School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Kelli Eppley, Assistant Superintendent
Absent: None

VIII. Election of Board President - Chairperson calls for nominations for Board President. (18A: 15-1)

Mr. Roth called for nominations for Board President. Mrs. Harabin nominated Mrs. Lombardino. Mrs. Lazzeri nominated Mr. Kenyon. Mr. Kenyon refused the nomination.

Secretary asks for nominations.

b. Nominations do not require seconds.

c. Nominations are not debatable.

d. Secretary asks for further nominations; after hearing none, declares nominations closed.

e. Secretary calls the roll and records the vote.

f. Election requires a majority of the members present (providing there is a quorum).

g. If a majority is not obtained by any of the nominees, a second election shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Mrs. Lombardino was appointed Board President by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Timothy Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

IX. Newly elected Board President takes office.

Mrs. Lombardino took office and thanked the Board of Education Members.

X. Election of Board Vice President. (18A: 15-1)

Mrs. Lombardino asked for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Lombardino nominated Mr. Kenyon. Mrs. Lombardino asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President. There were none.

Mr. Kenyon was appointed Board Vice President by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Timothy Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

XI. Code of Ethics

Motion to adopt the Manville Board of Education **Code of Ethics** for the forthcoming year as approved by the New Jersey School Boards Association (Policy 3211 and Policy 4215)

Mrs. Lombardino motioned to adopt the Manville Board of Education Code of Ethics as shown on attached Addendum II, for the forthcoming year as approved by the New Jersey School Boards Association (Policy 3211 and Policy 4215)

NJSBA Code of Ethics for School Board Members

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. 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.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kenyon and approved by roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Timothy Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

XII. APPOINTMENTS AND ADOPTIONS

Mrs. Lombardino motioned to approve items 1 - 10 as follows:

1. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY

The Board of Education approves the appointment of Allison Bogart as Board Secretary and that the Board Secretary be authorized to invest district funds and make all deposits for the district.

- 2. Motion to readopt all present **Board Policies** and **Bylaws** and basic **Parliamentary Procedures /Roberts Rules of Order** for the forthcoming year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BANKING RESOLUTION

The Board of Education appoints **TD Bank, 425 Union Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ**, as the major depository of all school funds for the forthcoming year at no cost to the Board of Education.

4. BANK SIGNATORIES

That the signers on the following accounts be:

- General Account - Needs All Three Signatures - Superintendent, Board President, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Cafeteria Account - Needs Two Signatures - Superintendent, Board President, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Agency Account - Needs Two Signatures - Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Athletic Account - Needs Two Signatures - Athletic Director, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Student Activities - Needs Two Signatures - Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Student Activities Treasurer, Building Principal
- Scholarship Account - Needs Two Signatures - Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

5. APPROVE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education designates The Courier News as the Board's official newspaper for the forthcoming year (NJSA 10:4-8)

Also, the Board of Education designates the Star Ledger as an alternative newspaper, during the forthcoming year, for the purpose of publication of board meetings, employment openings and other areas as necessary. (NJSA 10:4-8 and 10:4-18,19)

6. ADOPTION OF CHART OF ACCOUNTS

That the Manville School District will follow accounting policies and procedures that comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which includes using an accounting system that provides for the proper recording and reporting of financial data in accordance with the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools as issued, November 2021.

7. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion that as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent or designee, be designated to approve such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

8. APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

The Board of Education appoints the Business Administrator, as the Manville School District's **Qualified State Purchasing Agent** (18A:18A-2b) for the forthcoming year in accordance with New Jersey State Statutes and be authorized to advertise for and receive bids and purchase through state contracts wherever practical in the best interest of the Board of Education .

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education evokes the supplemental authority of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 and 18A:18A-4.3 to set the District's bid threshold to the statutory bid threshold of \$44,000.

9. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATES

That the dates and times for the regular board meeting be set as the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Manville High School Auditorium, unless otherwise indicated. See Addendum I.

10. STUDENT RECORDS

That the mandated procedure for maintaining pupil records is followed according to Title 18A: The local school district may not compile any other pupil records except mandated and permitted records.

This includes personal data which identifies each pupil enrolled in the school district. Specifically, the pupil's name, address, date of birth, name of parents and/or guardians, citizenship, and sex of the pupil.

The local school district is prohibited from recording the religious or political affiliation of the pupil and/or parents unless requested to do so in writing by the parent. Records shall include:

- a) Record of daily attendance.
- b) Descriptions of pupil progress.
- c) History and status of physical health.
- d) Printed test forms supporting classification and placement.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harabin and approved by roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Timothy Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Mrs. Lombardino motioned to approve items 11 & 12 as follows:

11. APPROVAL OF SOMERSET EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION DELEGATE

RESOLVED, the Board of Education designates the following Board Member as the representative to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the forthcoming year.

Delegate: Timothy Kenyon
Alternate: Justina Breen

12. DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

BOE President makes the following appointments:

Somerset County School Boards Association

Delegate: Jeanne Lombardino
Alternate: Debra Babich

New Jersey School Boards Association (18A: 6-46)

Delegate: Kelly Harabin
Alternate: Rikki Erickson

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harabin and approved by roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	Debra Babich, Justina Breen, Rikki Erickson, Kelly Harabin, Timothy Kenyon, Cristina Lazzeri, Jeanne Lombardino, Sharon Lukac, Sairilin Parra
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NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

No Old Business.
No New Business.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – The Board President will invite questions and comments from the public.

At 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Lombardino moved that the meeting be opened to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kenyon and approved by unanimous voice vote. Mrs. Lombardino invited questions and comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

At 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Lombardino motioned to close the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kenyon and approved by unanimous voice vote.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION (If necessary - use this resolution to identify the qualified matters to be discussed)

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.

No Closed Session

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m. Mrs. Lombardino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Breen and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Paul Roth
Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary