

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BUSINESS OF ORGANIZATION
JANUARY 3, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- (1) Call Meeting to Order Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- (2) Open Public Meetings Act Statements Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis read the following:

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey" adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On November 21, 2022, adequate written notice of this meeting was posted at the bulletin board in the Township Clerk's Office at the Bedminster Township Municipal Building, the Bedminster Township School Main Office, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

- (3) Pledge of Allegiance Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis led the Pledge of Allegiance
- (4) Appoint Board Secretary Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 as Temporary Chair

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education appoint Eulalia Gillis, Interim Board Secretary, as the temporary chair of the 2023 Reorganization Meeting.

Voice vote: All in favor

- (5) Election Results 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education certified the results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 8, 2022, including absentee ballots, for membership to the Board of Education of three (3) persons for three (3) year terms and one (1) person for one (1) year unexpired term as follows:

3-Three Year Terms

Suzie Stevinson	2,676 Votes Cast
Gabriela Gomez	37 Votes Cast (Write In)
Patricia Segal	36 Votes Cast (Write In)

1-One Year Terms - Unexpired

Patricia Segal	28 Votes Cast (Write In)
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Mrs. Segal chose the three-year term, opening a one-year unexpired term. We advertised the one-year term on the website, received one letter of intent with resume. The candidate, Ms. Nathans was interviewed at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Members present at the meeting voted in favor of the appointment.

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- (6) Oath of Office to New Board Members Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
- Ms. Gillis administered the Oath to Ms. Nathans, Ms. Segal, and Ms. Stevinson
 - Ms. Gomez was absent

- (7) Roll Call Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Absent	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Creelman	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer

Code of Ethics

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education adopt the Code of Ethics as it appears per N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

- I will uphold and enforce all laws 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.
- 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, 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 I 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 at the recommendation 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.

All members present read the Code of Ethics.

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- (8) Election of Board President Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Biedron
 (b) Nomination(s) for President
 • Ms. Biedron nominates Ms. Stevinson
 (c) Motion to Close the Nominations moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Nathans
 (d) Roll Call Vote

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Absent	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	No	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Creelman	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer

Ms. Stevinson elected President. Ms. Stevinson accepted the nomination.

- (9) Election of Board Vice President 2023 Board President
 (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board moved by Mr. Calulo, seconded by Ms. Nathans
 (b) Nominations for Vice President
 • Ms. Stevinson nominates Ms. Calulo
 (c) Motion to Close the Nominations moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Creelman
 (d) Roll Call Vote

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Absent	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Creelman	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer

Mr. Calulo elected Vice-President. Mr. Calulo accepted the nomination.

- (10) Public Comments 2023 Board President
 • None

Please note that this segment will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. At this point in the meeting, comments from the public will be open to agenda items only. Each person is kindly requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. As per Board Policy, all participants must preface comments by first stating his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Any written statements are to be provided to the Board Secretary, in advance of the Board Meeting, prior to the statement being read at a Board Meeting.

- (11) **Adjournment: Special Meeting For The Business of Organization**

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:15 p.m. moved by Mr. Calulo, seconded by Mr. Reaves
 Voice vote: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain

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NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**January 19, 2023
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eufalia Gillis".

Eufalia Gillis
Interim Board Secretary