

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025
Central Office, 151 Don Connor Blvd, Jackson, NJ

The Reorganization Meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Education was held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and was called to order by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Daniel Baginski at 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room at Central Office, 151 Don Connor Blvd, Jackson, NJ.

After the salute to the flag and the Certification of the meeting according to the tenets of the Open Public Meeting Law, Mr. Baginski made the following statement: "This Reorganization meeting was duly authorized and is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and has been advertised in the newspaper as an Official Meeting."

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Gardella
Mr. McCarron
Mrs. Barocas
Mrs. Rivera
Mrs. Kas
Mr. Walsh

Absent: Dr. Osmond

Also present: Mrs. N. Pormilli, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. R. Rotante, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. L. Godlesky, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. D. Baginski Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

At this time Board Secretary, Mr. Baginski announced the Official Election Results from the Ocean County Clerk's office for the November 5th, 2024 School Board Election. Erica Osmond received 11,389 votes, Michael Walsh received 10,971 votes and Tina Kas received 10,311 votes for the three-year term. These results are certified by the County Board of Elections. Mr. Baginski administered the Oath of Office and swore in elected Board Members Michael Walsh and Tina Kas as members of the Jackson Board of Education.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this time, nominations for the President of the Board were requested by the Board Secretary.

Nominations for President

Mrs. Barocas nominated Mrs. Kas for President.

Seeing no additional nominations, the Board Secretary closed the nominations for President and proceeded with the roll call vote for President nominee, Mrs. Kas.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Gardella voted yes for Mrs. Kas as President.
Mr. McCarron voted yes for Mrs. Kas as President.
Mrs. Barocas voted yes for Mrs. Kas as President.
Mrs. Rivera voted yes for Mrs. Kas as President.
Mrs. Kas voted yes for herself as President.
Mr. Walsh voted yes for Mrs. Kas as President.

Absent: Dr. Osmond

Votes Received: Six Yes Votes for Mrs. Kas.

MRS. KAS WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Mr. Baginski turned the meeting over to President Tina Kas.

At this time, nominations for the Vice President of the Board were requested by Mrs. Kas.

Nominations for Vice President

Mrs. Barocas nominated Mrs. Gardella for Vice President.

Seeing no additional nominations, the President closed the nominations for Vice President and proceeded with the roll call vote for Vice President nominee, Mrs. Gardella.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Gardella voted yes for herself as Vice President.
Mr. McCarron voted yes for Mrs. Gardella as Vice President.
Mrs. Barocas voted yes for Mrs. Gardella as Vice President.
Mrs. Rivera voted yes for Mrs. Gardella as Vice President.
Mrs. Kas voted yes for Mrs. Gardella as Vice President.
Mr. Walsh voted yes for Mrs. Gardella as Vice President.

Absent: Dr. Osmond

Votes Received: Six Yes Votes for Mrs. Gardella.

MRS. GARDELLA WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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On a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board of Education approved the reorganization agenda with addenda as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools.

Present: Mrs. Gardella
 Mr. McCarron
 Mrs. Barocas
 Mrs. Rivera
 Mrs. Kas
 Mr. Walsh

Absent: Dr. Osmond

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Kas turned the meeting over to Mrs. Pormilli for the Code of Ethics Discussion.

Mrs. Pormilli noted that Mr. Zitomer, Board Attorney will present the Board of Education Code of Ethics at a future meeting. The Board was provided with an overview of the Code and all of the Board members have been on the Board for prior terms and the code has not changed so they are all familiar with it. She turned the meeting back to Mrs. Kas.

BOARD MOTION & VOTE ON MOTION #1E -1Z

On a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, the Board of Education approved the following motions 1E through 1Z in block formation:

E. The Board of Education reaffirms the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

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- F. The Board of Education authorizes the use of electronic equipment to record all official board meetings for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 for the purpose of preparing the official minutes, such recordings to be maintained for 45-days.
- G. The Board of Education designates the cost of \$15.00 per year for disseminating the annual notice (as provided in the Guidelines, re: Open Public Meeting Law), to any person requesting same, other than those so designated in the law. Designated recipients by law are: township clerk and the newspaper being officially designated by the Board.
- H. The Board of Education designates the Asbury Park Press as official newspaper of the Board of Education.
- I. The Board of Education reaffirms the Board's rules and regulations, policies, curriculum and employee labor contracts as they now exist.
- J. The Board of Education reaffirms the Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as the guide for the conduct of all meetings when specific statutory guidance is lacking.
- K. The Board of Education recognizes appointments of committees by the Chair.
- L. Designates the following banks as official banks of the Jackson Board of Education for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026:
- Ocean First Bank*
 - Bank of America
 - New Jersey ARM
 - NJ Cash Management Fund
 - TD Bank
 - U.S. Bank
 - BciCapital/First Hope Bank
 - Sterling National Bank
 - BNY Mellon
 - JP Morgan Chase
- M. The Board of Education approves the following Resolution authorizing direct deposit for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN

AUTHORIZING DIRECT DEPOSIT OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2013, Governor Chris Christie signed N.J.S.A. 52:14-15h, which requires direct deposit for all State employee compensation on and after July 1, 2014 and allows counties, county colleges, municipalities, and local school districts to opt for mandatory direct deposit for all employee compensation on or after July 1, 2014 into law; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013 c. 38 further provides that a local school district is authorized to grant an exemption from the requirements adopted pursuant thereto, on such terms and conditions as the district may deem necessary, which exemption includes seasonal and temporary employees as may be deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Township Board of Education has implemented this system since May 2014 as part of its payroll account procedures for all School District employees; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Jackson and the County of Ocean, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Jackson Township Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to continue to implement a system for direct deposit of net pay for all employees, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15h.

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- 2. The Board Secretary and the Board Attorney shall take all further action necessary to effectuate the direct deposit of net pay for all employees directly deposited in a specific banking institution in a checking account, savings account, or share account designated in writing by the employee.
- 3. The Board shall make available for such employees who have net pay directly deposited as described hereinabove, all information concerning net pay, any accompanying information approved for distribution with net pay, and W-2 forms in accordance with applicable federal law, only on the Internet with restricted access and policies and procedures to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the information.
- 4. The Board is authorized to grant an exemption from the requirements adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15h, on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem necessary.
- 5. The Board is authorized to grant an exemption for seasonal and temporary employees as the Board may deem necessary.
- 6. The Board’s current designated banking institution is Ocean First Bank which shall implement the direct deposit program for banking purposes.

N. The Board of Education sets the January 2025-January 2026 official meeting schedule as follows:

Date	Type of Meeting	Time	Location
January 7, 2025	Reorganization	5:30 PM	Administration Building Conference Room
January 22, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
February 5, 2025	Special Meeting Restructuring Redistricting Plan	6:00 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
February 12, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
March 19, 2025	Business Meeting/ Adopt Tentative 2025-2026 Budget	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
April 30, 2025	Business Meeting/ 2025-2026 Budget Hearing	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
May 21, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
June 25, 2025**	Business Meeting	6:00 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
July 16, 2025	Business Meeting	6:00 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
August 20, 2025	Business Meeting	6:00 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
August 27, 2025	Business Meeting-Personnel only	6:00 PM	Administration Building Conference Room
September 17, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
October 15, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
November 19, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
December 17, 2025	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium
January 7, 2026	Reorganization Meeting	5:30 PM	Administration Building Conference Room
January 21, 2026	Business Meeting	6:30 PM	JMHS Fine Arts Auditorium

- O. The Board of Education appoints the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, as general legal and labor counsel to the Board of Education for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms of the annual retainer agreement.
- P. The Board of Education appoints Comegno Law Group, Moorestown, New Jersey as Special Education Counsel for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms of the retainer agreement on file with the Business Administrator.
- Q. The Board of Education appoints Integrity Consulting Group as Broker of Record for Employee Benefits for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 in accordance with 18A:18A-5(10) as an (EUS) Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service.
- R. The Board of Education appoints Glenn Insurance, Inc., Absecon, New Jersey, as Broker of Record for Property, Casualty and Worker’s Compensation Insurance and Student Accident Insurance for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 in accordance with 18A:18A-5(10) as an (EUS) Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service.
- S. The Board of Education appoints George Stone as Treasurer of School Funds for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, at a salary of \$8,328.00.
- T. The Board of Education appoints the firm of Jump, Perry and Company, LLP as Board Auditor for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to conduct the July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 audit in the amount of \$47,500.00.
- U. The Board of Education appoints Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. Architect, as District Architect of Record for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms of the professional services contract.
- V. The Board of Education appoints Alexandria (Sandy) Patterson, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.
- W. The Board of Education, in compliance with the Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office, designates Bonnie McCann, Purchasing Specialist, as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Jackson School District.
- X. The Board of Education designates Anthony Bruno, Director-Buildings & Grounds for the following responsibilities, for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026:
 - a. AHERA Representative
 - b. Asbestos Management Officer
 - c. Designated Person
 - d. District Safety Coordinator
 - e. EPA Designated Point of Contact
 - f. Indoor Air Quality Point of Contact
 - g. Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
 - h. Lead Paint Removal and Restoration

- Y. The Board of Education acknowledges receipt of procedures regarding “over expenditure of funds” N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) (formerly N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d)), with forms to be sent directly to the county superintendent of schools, if they suspect an over-expenditure of funds in the district.

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- Z. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign and file all grant applications to the United States government and state government for educational program grants and to represent the District as required in reference to such grant applications.

Roll Call: Yes: Mrs. Gardella
 Mr. McCarron
 Mrs. Barocas
 Mrs. Rivera
 Mrs. Kas
 Mr. Walsh

Absent: Dr. Osmond

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Walsh asked for clarification on Item X where Mr. Bruno is responsible for many areas. He asked who is controlling the removal of trailers from district properties. Mr. Baginski noted there was a Board Motion to list the items on Govdeals. Once we had a buyer, Mr. Bruno arranged removal with that buyer. Mr. Bruno decommissioned the trailers prior to removal by the buyer.

PUBLIC FORUM

On a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the public forum was opened by acclamation.

Mrs. Kas made the following statement: “Please sign in and state your name and whether or not you are a Jackson resident. Each person has a maximum of five minutes to speak. No person may speak more than once on a topic until all others have been heard.”

Giuseppe Palmeri – resident – Mr. Palmeri congratulated Mrs. Kas, Mr. Walsh and Dr. Osmond on their electoral victories. He knows the Board is in fantastic hands as it is one of the best boards he has seen. He congratulated Mrs. Gardella on her election as Vice President. He thinks she has the heart and passion to do a fantastic job. He congratulated Mrs. Kas as President – he knows she will do a fantastic job. He noted she has the best Superintendent in NJ and the best Board to support her. He noted they are a strong board and that they will work together. He noted that he is the Township Council Liaison to the BOE so he will continue to be in contact with and support the Board.

Seeing no one else come forward, on a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mrs. Gardella, the public forum was closed by acclamation.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Rivera congratulated the new Board members and the elected Vice President and President.

Mr. Walsh pointed out Mr. Palmeri did a great job while on the Board and will do well in his new position.

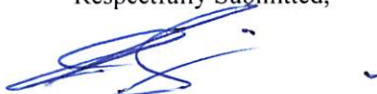
Mrs. Kas congratulated Mr. Walsh and Dr. Osmond on being elected. She thinks the Board is a strong team and looks forward to working together the year ahead.

Mrs. Barocas congratulated everyone on the election and she looks forward to working with everyone this year.

Mrs. Gardella thinks this will be a great board and that the Board will have some tough decisions. But she is excited to do the best for the community. She congratulated everyone on the election.

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Baginski
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary