

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2022

7:00 p.m

A. Call to Order

President Stevinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Open Public Meeting Notice

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 May 6, 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 and the Main Office of the Bedminster Township School, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

Eulalia Gillis read the open public meeting notice.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Eulalia Gillis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call

Absent	Ms. Biedron			Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Absent	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

E. Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.

Move that Executive Session be done after the Open Public meeting.

Motion to approve **Items E.** moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Absent	Ms. Biedron			Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Absent	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

Regular Public Meeting Immediately Following

F. Public Questions/Comments

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.

G. BUSINESS

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

G.1 changing the membership of the Bedminster Township Board of Education be reduced from nine (9) members to seven (7) members.

Comment:

- Mr. Wolkow is not in agreement with this, reduces committee participation.
- Ms. Stevinson may agree with Mr. Wolkow, if we have attendance issues

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- Mr. Wickizer - it's tough to say whether he is for or against a 7 Board.

Motion to approve **Items G.** moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Ms. Nathans

Absent	Ms. Biedron			Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Absent	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

H. Public Questions/Comments

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- Colin Hickey - 3 Deseree Court
 - Bad news - bridge will be replaced Summer 2024 - 6 months out of commission; Detour - 287 to Mt. Airy Road
 - Better news - adopted budget .08% increase, average assessed value of home \$475,753.33; .271 Municipal 20%, .52 School 52%, .25 County 25%, .033 Library and open space 3%; Tax Rate 3.19/100 x 475; average tax bill 1,517.65
 - Best news - Bedminster Farmers' Market opens 5/28/2022 through November 2022

I. Adjournment to Regular Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting Session and go into Open Public Session at 7:30 p.m. moved by Mr. Wolkow, seconded by Mr. Wickizer
Carried as follows: Yes: (5); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Respectfully submitted,



Eulalia Gillis
Board Secretary