

**TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BUSINESS OF ORGANIZATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- (1) Call Meeting to Order Board Secretary A. Schauer
- (2) Open Public Meetings Act Statements Board Secretary A.Schauer

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 28, 2019 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.

- (3) Pledge of Allegiance Board Secretary A. Schauer
- (4) Appoint Board Secretary as Temporary Chair Board Secretary A. Schauer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education appoint Alicia M. Schauer, Board Secretary, as the temporary chair of the 2020 Reorganization Meeting.

- (5) Election Results 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education certified the results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 5, 2019, 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) one year term as follows:

3-Three Year Terms

Suzie Stevinson	1026 Votes Cast
Sarah Nathans	633 Votes Cast
Tom Casey	622 Votes Cast

1-One Year Term Unexpired

Brian Haggery	2 Votes Cast (Write In)
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- (6) Oath of Office to New Board Members Board Secretary A. Schauer

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(7) Roll Call Board Secretary A. Schauer

	Mr. Casey		Ms. Lamiera		Mr. Reeves
	Mr. Haggerty		Ms. Marto		Ms. Stevinson
	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(8) Election of Board President Board Secretary A. Schauer

- (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board
- (b) Nominations for President
- (c) Motion to Close the Nominations
- (d) Roll Call Vote

	Mr. Casey		Ms. Lamiera		Mr. Reeves
	Mr. Haggerty		Ms. Marto		Ms. Stevinson
	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(9) Election of Board Vice President 2020 Board President

- (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board
- (b) Nominations for Vice President
- (c) Motion to Close the Nominations
- (d) Roll Call Vote

	Mr. Casey		Ms. Lamiera		Mr. Reeves
	Mr. Haggerty		Ms. Marto		Ms. Stevinson
	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(10) Public Comments 2020 Board President
 Members of the Public
 Limited to 3 Minutes

(11) BOE Comments

(12) Action Items

Policies

- (a) Move to continue in effect all present regulations, bylaws and policies of the Bedminster Township Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Code of Ethics

(b) 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.

2020 Contract – Lead Attorney of Record

(c) Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education approve **Douglas Silvestro** of the Busch Law Group, LLC, 450 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, as attorney of record from January 1, 2020 through the January 2021 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$172 for general legal services,

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special education and construction matters. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated December 13, 2019.

2020 Contract – Special Education Attorney of Record

- (d) Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education approve **Nathanya G. Simon** of the law firm Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC 1100 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey as the special education attorney of record from January 1, 2020 through the January 2021 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$175 for special education legal matters. Work performed by Associates shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$165. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated December 11, 2019.

agenda items 12(a) through 12(d):

	Mr. Casey		Ms. Lamiera		Mr. Reaves
	Mr. Haggerty		Ms. Marto		Ms. Stevinson
	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(13) **Public Questions/Comments**

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(14) **Approval of Minutes**

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

- December 12, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

	Mr. Casey		Ms. Lamiera		Mr. Reaves
	Mr. Haggerty		Ms. Marto		Ms. Stevinson
	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(15) **FINANCE**

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

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2019-2020 Financial Reports

- (a) the Report of the Secretary for December 2019 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that no line item account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations this fiscal year.

The recommendation that the Secretary's Report for December 2019 be accepted and filed, and the Board of Education hereby certifies that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for December 2019 be accepted and filed.

2019-2020 Invoices-General Agency Account

- (b) invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,387,553.47 from the General Agency Account from December 13, 2019 through January 6, 2020.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$ 1,367,096.97
(12) Capital Outlay	\$ 0
(20) Special Revenue	\$ 20,456.50
Total	\$ 1,387,553.47

2019-2020 Invoices-Student Activities Account

- (c) invoices presented for payment totaling \$5,550.35 from the Student Activities Account from December 7, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

2019-2020 Invoices-Food Service Account

- (d)i invoices presented for payment totaling \$13,076.69 from the Food Service Account from December 7, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

2019-2020 Transfers

- (e) transfers for the 2019-2020 school year totaling \$7,600.00 from December 7, 2019 through December 31, 2019 as per the monthly transfer report.

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(15) agenda items 15(a) through 15(e):

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	Ms. Johansson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wolkow

(16) PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

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

Grade 6 Field Trip

(a) the following field trips, at no cost to the board:

Action	Trip/Location	Date
rescind	NJ School of Conservation; Branchville, NJ	12/2/19-12/4/19
new date	NJ School of Conservation; Branchville, NJ	3/16/20-3/17/20

Course Approval

(b) tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Carmen Rodriguez	Advance Spanish Grammar & Syntax	3	La Salle University	Spring 2020	\$2,490.00
	Professional Uses of Spanish	3	La Salle University	Spring 2020	\$2,490.00

(c) tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the Superintendent's contract in effect from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Jennifer Giordano	Research Methods in Education Technology Implementation & Evaluation of Curriculum	3	NJCU	Spring 2020	\$3,470.40
		3	NJCU	Spring 2020	\$3,470.40

New Hires

(d) Megan Donnelly as a one to one aide for after school activities for student #249369 at the hourly rate of \$17.60 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

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(16) agenda items 16(a) through 16(d):

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(18) Adjournment: Special Meeting For The Business of Organization/ Board of Education Meeting

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**January 23, 2020
 EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**