

**Perth Amboy Board of Education
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 10, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Perth Amboy High School
300 Eagle Avenue**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Derek J. Jess, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Notice of Meeting

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Perth Amboy Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the bulletin board in the Administrative Headquarters Building, mailing notices to The Home News Tribune, The Amboy Guardian, El Diario/La Prensa, City Clerk Jasko, as well as all other persons requiring notification pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law.”

4. Oath of Office – Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected members

- Mr. Jess administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Lebron and Ms. Tejada. Mr. Martinez was not present for the Administration of the Oath.

5. Roll Call – Derek J. Jess, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Convery	<u>P</u>	Mr. Lebron	<u>P</u>
Mrs. Gonzalez	<u>P</u>	Mr. Puccio	<u>P</u>
Mr. Iglesia	<u>P</u>	Mr. Massopust	<u>P</u>
Ms. Tejada	<u>P</u>	Ms. Vazquez	<u>P</u>

Administration:

Dr. Roman	<u>P</u>
Dr. Rodriguez	<u>P</u>
Mr. Chromey	<u>P</u>
Mr. Jess	<u>P</u>
Mr. Rodriguez	<u>P</u>
Mrs. Machado	<u>P</u>

6. Report on Election – Derek J. Jess, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- Mr. Jess reported on the election and stated that there were six candidates that ran for the Board of Education with the top three vote getters being: Mr. Jesus Martinez with 2,013 votes, Ms. Milady Tejada with 1,993 votes and Ms. Lisette Lebron with 1,886 votes.

- Mr. Jess than read Board Policy #0152 - Board Officers.

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<p>POLICY</p> <p>0152- BOARD OFFICERS</p> <p>The Board of Education shall organize at its first regular meeting by electing one of its members as President and another as Vice-President.</p> <p>Any member may place a member's name in nomination; a second is not required. Election for each office will be conducted by a vote when the nominations for that office are closed. The candidate receiving a majority vote of the members of the Board present and constituting a quorum will be elected to office.</p> <p>Voting shall take place by verbal roll call vote after nominations are closed. When more than one person has been nominated, the Board will vote on candidates in the order in which they were nominated. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the members of the Board present and constituting a quorum, the procedure shall continue until someone receives a majority vote.</p> <p>Officers shall serve for one year and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify, but if the Board shall fail to hold the organization meeting or to elect Board officers as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1, the Executive County Superintendent shall appoint from among the members of the Board a President and/or Vice-President.</p> <p>A President or Vice-President who refuses to perform a duty imposed upon him/her by law may be removed by a majority vote of the Board members present and constituting a quorum. In the event the office of President or Vice-President shall become vacant the Board shall, within thirty days thereafter, fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the Board fails to fill the vacancy within such time, the Executive County Superintendent shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.</p> <p>N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1; 18A:15-2</p> <p>Adopted: 12 January 2006 Revised: 20 November 2014 Revised: 7 September 2017</p>	<p>Perth Amboy Board of Education</p> <p>Section: Bylaws 0152. BOARD OFFICERS Date Created: January, 2006 Date Edited: August, 2017</p>
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7. Election of Board President:

A. Nominations

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| (1) <u>Iglesia</u> | <u>Vazquez</u>
Moved | <u>Convery</u>
Seconded |
| (2) <u>Puccio</u> | <u>Massopust</u>
Moved | <u>Tejeda</u>
Seconded |

B. Motion to Close Nominations

<u>Massopust</u> Moved	<u>Iglesia</u> Seconded	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- Mr. Jess began voting procedures, starting with Mr. Iglesia as he was nominated first.

C. Election of Board President - Vote for Mr. Iglesia

Yes: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez
No: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda

Voting results: 4 – 4. Mr. Iglesia is not elected Board President

Election of Board President - Vote for Mr. Puccio

Yes: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda
No: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez

Voting results: 4 – 4. Mr. Puccio is not elected Board President

- Mr. Iglesia made a motion to postpone the voting for the office of President until new Board Member Mr. Martinez is sworn in and present. It is not fair to him and we don't want to punish him for not being here because he is serving his country.

- Mrs. Machado stated that today is the last day for all Boards of Education in the state to hold their Reorganization Meeting. In accordance with NJSA 18A:15-1 and 18A:15-2, if a Board President and/or Board Vice President are not elected today, this process gets turned over to the County Superintendent. The board has no legal discretion to postpone the vote or to vary from this procedure. This being stated, a second was not made on the motion and Mr. Jess proceeded with a second round of voting for the office of Board President.

Election of Board President – Vote for Mr. Iglesia

Yes: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez
No: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda

Voting results: 4 – 4. Mr. Iglesia is not elected Board President.

Election of Board President – Vote for Mr. Puccio

Yes: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda
No: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez

Voting results: 4 – 4. Mr. Puccio is not elected Board President.

- At this time Mr. Jess stated that since no one was elected to the position of President he is going to move on to the nomination and voting for the position of Vice President.

8. Election of Board Vice President:

A. Nominations

(1) <u>Vazquez</u>	<u>Iglesia</u> Moved	<u>Convery</u> Seconded
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(2) <u>Tejeda</u>	<u>Tejeda</u> Moved	<u>Gonzalez</u> Seconded
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B. Motion to Close Nominations

<u>Massopust</u> Moved	<u>Iglesia</u> Seconded	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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C. Election of Board Vice President – Vote for Ms. Vazquez

Yes: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez
No: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda

Voting results: 4 – 4. Ms. Vazquez is not elected Board Vice President.

C. Election of Board Vice President

Election of Board Vice President – Vote for Ms. Tejeda

Yes: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda
No: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez

Voting results: 4 – 4. Ms. Tejeda is not elected Board Vice President.

As no one was elected to the position of Board Vice President, Mr. Jess proceeded with a second round of voting for the position of Vice President.

Election of Board Vice President – Vote for Ms. Vazquez

Yes: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez
No: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda

Voting results: 4 – 4. Ms. Vazquez is not elected Board Vice President.

Election of Board Vice President – Vote for Ms. Tejeda

Yes: Gonzalez, Massopust, Puccio, Tejeda

No: Convery, Iglesia, Lebron, Vazquez

Voting results: 4 – 4. Ms. Tejada is not elected Board Vice President.

- At this time Mr. Jess asked Mrs. Machado to contact the county superintendent on Thursday, January 11th since no one was elected President or Vice President.
- Mrs. Machado stated that she would speak to Dr. Roman and they will contact the County Superintendent together.
- At this time Ms. Maryann Friedman from the New Jersey School Boards Association presented on School Board Member Ethics.

9. Motion

Authorization for the Board President to submit standing committee assignments for Board approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Moved

Seconded

- **As there was no Board President elected, this item was pulled until such time as a new Board President is elected/appointed.**

10. Old Business

Vazquez
Moved

Massopust
Seconded

(To close old business)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. New Business

- Ms. Tejada thanked everyone for voting for her and stated that she looks forward to continuing the journey of excellence that we are on. She welcomed Mr. Martinez and Ms. Lebron to the board; it's a very rewarding feeling to be on the board. She feels proud for what's happening in the district now and she thanked all the staff for working with our students and encouraged parents to fight for their children and to ask for help and information whenever needed. To the students, you have the right to demand an education and you should go to any staff member for the help you need. You must put in the work, time and effort because the future starts now.
- Ms. Lebron thanked everyone for the honor and support and trust in her. She's humbled by it and she's looking forward to working with the board and the school administration. She's here because she believes that everything is possible and that students will achieve their greatness. She recognizes that the work ahead is important and looks forward to continuing working with everyone to challenge us and our students.
- Ms. Vazquez thanked all the board members for working together for solutions for our district. The work is not easy, but it is rewarding.
- Mr. Convery mentioned the Municipal Alliance Program and that our high school students are part of this program and they volunteer their time by helping at city functions and educating everyone on drug and alcohol abuse. Their office is at the Brighton Avenue Center. Mr. Convery also thanked Mr. Luis Carraballo, one of our art teachers who will be part of the opening of the City Art Exhibit on January 18, 2018.

Gonzalez
Motion

Massopust
Seconded

(To close new business)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Open to the Public

Tejada
Motion

Iglesia
Seconded

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. A motion was made at 6:31 PM by Ms. Vazquez and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential, personnel and Board of Education matters. No action will be taken and the board will not return.

- Mr. Iglesia asked Mrs. Machado to clarify the language used in the resolution that was adopted to go into executive session and what exactly does Board of Education matters mean.
- Mrs. Machado said she'll provide more detailed language and we're also going to discuss attorney/client privileged information and attorney work product. UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

14. A motion to adjourn was made at 6:33 PM by Mr. Iglesia and seconded by Ms. Tejada. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek J. Jess
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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