

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2022 – 6:00pm**

Call To Order Meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Angela Brown at 6:01pm

Roll Call Mrs. Bailey; Mr. Chowdhury; Mr. Devlin; Mr. Herbert; Mr. Islam; Mr. Johnson

Also Present Dr. Small; Ms. Morris; Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Brown.

Statement of Notice

A notice of the reorganization meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the CitiCenter Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on December 29, 2021 and January 2, 2022.

Flag Salute Mrs. Brown led those present in the flag salute

Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Reorganization - Election Results

On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to accept the November 2, 2021 election results as follows. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes. Of six members present, six voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Three Year Term

Ruth Byard	1,783
Torres Mayfield	1,901
Shay Steele	1,978

Revised Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Bailey; Mrs. Byard; Mr. Chowdhury; Mr. Devlin; Mr. Herbert; Mr. Islam; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Mayfield; Mr. Steele.

Oath of Office

Mrs. Tracy Riley, Solicitor administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Byard and Mr. Steele. Commissioner Andrew Parker administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Mayfield.

Nominations

Mrs. Brown opened the floor for nominations for board president. On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Shay Steele was nominated for board president.

There being no further nominations for board president, on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Bailey the nominations were closed for board president.

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Mrs. Brown opened the floor for nominations for vice president. On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Devlin, Mr. Kazi Islam was nominated for vice president.

On a motion made by Mrs. Byard and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Patricia Bailey was nominated for vice president.

There being no further nominations for vice president, on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the nominations were closed for vice president.

On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Devlin, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mr. Kazi Islam as vice president. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-no; Mrs. Byard-no; Mr. Chowdhury-no; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Johnson-no; Mr. Steele-no. Of nine members present, four voted in the affirmative and five voted in the negative. The motion failed to carry.

On a motion made by Mrs. Byard and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mrs. Patricia Bailey as vice president. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-no; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-no; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, seven voted in the affirmative and two voted in the negative. The motion carried.

Superintendent Report Dr. La'Quetta Small requested a moment of silence for the ACHS graduate Ms. Khiev who passed away due to a car accident. Dr. Small thanked the Board for the opportunity, vowed to work diligently to give the best education possible for the students and stakeholders.

President Steele advised of twelve people, including eight children, lost in a tragic fire in Philadelphia. Mr. Steele urged everyone to have working smoke detectors and requested prayers for the family.

Public Discussion Mr. Anthony Brower, Friends in Action, advised his organization held a toy drive and are always looking for ways to help the students. Friends in Action will also be offering Covid 19 testing. Mr. Jeff Dorsey, Friends in Action, congratulated Dr. Small as being superintendent, advised the test scores presented at the December meeting did not look good, the fact his children struggled with at-home instruction and wished a brighter future for all children. Mr. Steven Young wished everyone a Happy New Year, advised the Board needs to be transparent, the monitor needs to be more involved, advised the children are watching and requested a parent advisory board be started. Ms. Morris, Monitor, advised there are specific things she is responsible for and discussed the different working styles monitors may have. Mr. Young asked for a copy of what the monitor is responsible for. Mr. Devlin asked Mr. Steele if an advisory council can start again to help with transparency with the public.

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REORGANIZATION - RESOLUTIONS

1. To designate the Press of Atlantic City and the Catamaran Media Group as newspapers of record for advertising through December 31, 2022. The Asbury Park Press, 1451 Route 37, W #2, Toms River, NJ 08755 will also be added for NJ Cooperative bid requirements.
2. To appoint Angela Brown through December 31, 2022 as Custodian of Records.
3. To appoint Diane Saunders as the Affirmative Action Officer (N.J.A.C.6A7-1.4 to 1.5), through December 31, 2022.
4. To appoint Diane Saunders as the CEPA Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act), N.J.S.A.34:19-1, through December 31, 2022.
5. To appoint Christopher Ford as the Title IX Coordinator and advertise name, address and telephone number (34C.F.R.106.8(a)), through December 31, 2022.
6. To appoint Sherry Yahn as Section 504 Compliance Officer (34CFR104.7(a)), through December 31, 2022.
7. To appoint Sherry Yahn as the ADA Coordinator, (American Disabilities Act) advertise name, address and telephone number (28CFR35.107(a)), through December 31, 2022.
8. To appoint Kelly Vazquez as the HIPAA Compliance Officer through December 31, 2022.
9. To appoint Kurt Austin as Asbestos Management Officer through December 31, 2022.
10. To appoint Kurt Austin as Right to Know Officer through December 31, 2022.
11. To appoint the Business Administrator and Purchasing Agent, as Public Agency Compliance Officers (PACO) for Contract Affirmative Action Compliance through December 31, 2022.
12. To appoint Angela Brown as Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$17,500, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2022.
13. To appoint Kim Wallace as Assistant Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$8,750, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2022.
14. To appoint Joanne Shepherd as Treasurer of School Monies with an annual stipend of \$15,000, charged to account 11-000-230-104-00-015-104 through December 31, 2022.
15. To approve that all rules, regulations, resolutions, statements of policy, and other actions passed, adopted, promulgated, or otherwise, by the preceding Board of Education of Atlantic City, except those which expired by their own terms, import, and contemplation, shall be and are hereby re-established, passed and adopted by this reference thereunto, by the Atlantic City Board of Education from further

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amending and supplementing Board Policies, including those policies establishing its own by-laws and operational procedures.

16. To authorize the use of penned and/or facsimile signatures for the President, Superintendent and Business Administrator on accounts. Also, the Secretary is instructed to furnish the depositories with a certified copy of this resolution.

17. To authorize the signature of the Board President and Superintendent and Treasurer of School Monies for withdrawal of funds from the Atlantic City Board of Education Payroll Account.

18. To authorize that the Board President, Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to withdraw and transfer funds of the following Atlantic City Board of Education Funds:

Bond Account
Operating Account

19. To authorize that the following financial institutions be designated, as required, as depositories of Board Funds and that the Business Administrator is authorized to invest in interest bearing accounts in any of those institutions:

Checking & Savings Accounts:

OceanFirst Bank

Investment Depositories:

NJ Arm
BNY Mellon
US Trust
Depository Trust Company

20. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Agency and Unemployment Trust Accounts, be confirmed as follows:

Board President
Business Administrator
Superintendent
Special Revenue Bookkeeper

21. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Student Activity Account and Athletic Account, be confirmed as follows:

Business Administrator
Board President
Student Activities Clerk
Superintendent

22. To authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37c, from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

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23. To approve the bid threshold and appoint a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq. as follows:

Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law gives boards of education the ability to designate their bid threshold up to \$44,000.00 and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

I, Angela Brown, Secretary of the Atlantic City Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey at the reorganization meeting of said governing body held on January 6, 2022.

24. To authorize payment of bills between board meetings, per 18A:19-4.1.

25. To approve the committee (5:00pm) and regular meeting (6:00pm) schedule as follows: All meetings will be held at the CitiCenter Building, 1300 Atlantic Avenue Sixth Floor, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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26. Amend and approve the revised 2021/2022 school calendar, **per Exhibit A.**

On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve resolutions 1 – 26. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-abstain; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, eight voted in the affirmative and one abstained. The motion carried.

Noted for the record: Mr. Kazi Islam asked for a status of the halal food and inquired if a survey was taken. Dr. Small advised she will look into same.

Adjourn
There being no further business to come before the Board of Education on a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Devlin the meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary