



**ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM
RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Shaina Ciaccio

Ms. Leslie Dee

Mrs. Sharon DeVito

Mr. Thomas Halm, Jr.

Mr. Craig Heilman

Mr. Keith Kochberg

Mr. Matthew O'Grady

Mrs. Faith Silvestrov

Mr. Richard Young

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Steven J. Mayer

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kathleen A. Foster

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Christina Moskal

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I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING – Ms. Christina Moskal, School Business Administrator

School Business Administrator Christina Moskal called the January 4, 2016 reorganization of the Robbinsville Board of Education to order at 7:02 PM. She read the *Statement of Public Meetings* and led the flag salute.

II. NEW BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Moskal administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Dee, Mr. Heilman and Mrs. Silvestrov and then called the roll.

III. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Ciaccio	Arrived 7:20	Mr. Halm	P	Mr. O’Grady	P
Ms. Dee	P	Mr. Heilman	P	Mrs. Silvestrov	P
Mrs. DeVito	P	Mr. Kochberg	P	Mr. Young	P

IV. UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION

Ms. Moskal read the unofficial results of the November 3, 2015 election for the record.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Tally</u>
Leslie Dee	1300
Craig Heilman	1212
Amman Seehra	951
Faith Silvestrov	1089

V. BOARD NOMINATIONS

A. Nomination and Election of the Board President

Ms. Moskal asked for nominations for the position of Board President. Mrs. DeVito made a motion to nominate Mr. O’Grady. Mr. Halm seconded. In a roll call vote of 7-0-1, Mr. O’Grady was elected to the position of President. Mr. O’Grady abstained from voting. Mrs. Ciaccio was not yet present.

B. Nomination and Election of the Board Vice-President

Board President, Matthew O’Grady asked for nominations for the position of Vice-President. Mr. Young nominated Mr. Halm. Mrs. DeVito seconded. In a roll call vote of 7-0-1, Mr. Halm was elected to the position of Vice-President. Mr. Halm abstained from voting. Mrs. Ciaccio was not yet present.

VI. 2016 BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board established the following committees for 2016.

Committee	Chair	Member	Member	Member
Education, Development & Policy	Mrs. Silvestrov	Mr. Heilman	Mrs. Ciaccio	Ms. Dee
Personnel	Mrs. DeVito	Mrs. Silvestrov	Mr. Kochberg	Mr. O’Grady

Committee	Chair	Member	Member	Member
Finance, Facilities & Transportation	Mr. Halm	Mr. Young	Mrs. DeVito	Mr. O'Grady
Community Relations	Mr. Young	Mrs. Ciaccio	Mr. Heilman	Ms. Dee
Negotiations	Mr. Kochberg	Mr. Halm	Mrs. Ciaccio	Mr. O'Grady
Robbinsville Township Liaison	Mr. Halm	N/A	N/A	N/A
NJ School Boards Assn. Representative	Ms. Dee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mercer County School Boards Assn.	Ms. Dee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robbinsville Ed. Foundation Liaison	Mrs. DeVito	N/A	N/A	N/A
Legislative	Mr. Heilman	N/A	N/A	N/A
Security (Ad-hoc)	Mr. Halm	Mrs. Ciaccio	Mrs. DeVito	Mr. Kochberg

VII. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the meeting dates for 2016 as indicated.

A. 2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The 2016 meeting dates for the Board of Education shall be established as the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Robbinsville High School Student Activity Center unless otherwise noted. Should an executive session be necessary, the start time of the regular meeting will be adjusted to begin at 6:00 P.M. In this event, no action will be taken until regular session resumes at 7:00 P.M. Additional executive sessions may be scheduled during and/or after a regular session of the Board, depending on necessity, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters that are permitted to be discussed in executive session under the Open Public Meetings Act. Information pertaining to the discussion will be made available to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for confidentiality are no longer applicable.

January 26, 2016	July 26, 2016
February 23, 2016	August 30, 2016 (5 th Tuesday)
March 14, 2016 (Preliminary Budget Hearing)	September 27, 2016
March 29, 2016 (5 th Tuesday)	October 25, 2016
April 26, 2016	November 22, 2016
May 24, 2016	December 20, 2016 (3 rd Tuesday)
June 28, 2016	January 3, 2017 (Reorganization Meeting)
July 5, 2016 (Annual Goal Setting Retreat)	January 24, 2017

B. 2015 Code of Ethics / School Ethics Act

On motion of Mrs. Silvestrov and seconded by Mr. Halm, the Robbinsville Board of Education affirmed the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and the School Ethics Act requiring Board of Education members participation in annual mandated training as required under N.J.A.C.6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C.6A:30 in a roll call vote of 9-0.

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
6. 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.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But 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 schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Dylan James, a member of the RHS Wrestling Team, offered an apology for his role in a recent incident deemed by district officials to meet the criteria established by the State to determine incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB).

The following individuals spoke in support of Mr. James.

Andrew Armondo
Paul Bilgrav
Brent Grocott
Tammy Kaplan
Mary Frances Carvaglio
Steve Twamley
Roger Kale
Mark Bossi
Garret Billgrav
Dave Kaplan
Harold Cox
Isaiah Gonzalez

Shannon Mackey, mother of the HIB victim, spoke about her son and reminded Board members that all athletes sign a Code of Conduct. She added that playing a sport is a privilege.

Brian Wojton noted that, in his opinion, the system is broken and suggested that all teams need to have a consistent message.

Ed James reiterated that Dylan apologized for the incident and then spoke in support of his son.

RHS student Brayden Mackey described the incident as the culmination of a long cycle of abusive behavior that was undeserved.

Aaron Hobart spoke on behalf of FLL, the junior version of Team Nemesis. He informed the Board that this is the team's rookie year and that they made it to the state championships. Despite being a loosely connected and inadequately funded team, he asked the Board for permission to fundraise and seek corporate donations in preparation for future competition. Mrs. DeVito suggested that he also seek support from the Robbinsville Education Foundation.

XIV. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. DeVito and seconded by Mr. Halm, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss possible litigation.

XV. MOTION TO RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Mrs. Ciaccio and seconded by Mr. Kochberg, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to resume Public Session at 9:10 PM.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. DeVito and seconded by Mrs. Ciaccio, the Board voted 9-0 to adjourn the January 4, 2016 reorganization meeting at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Moskal
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary