

**WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Reorganization Board of Education Meeting**  
**Winslow Township Middle School - Cafeteria**  
**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**I. MEETING OPENED BY SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

**II. PUBLIC NOTICE** of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **08/11/2023**. Adequate and electronic notice of this Public Meeting has been provided specifying the time, place, and manner in which this meeting is being conducted. It was advertised in the Courier Post, posted in all schools, the Administration Office, the Municipal Building, the Library, Bud Duble Center, Edgewood Acres, Elm Town, and the Winslow Township Post Offices.

**III. MISSION STATEMENT**

The *Mission* of the Winslow Township School District, a large diverse and growing community, is to educate all students to become independent, life-long learners, critical thinkers and caring and confident members of their community. The district, in partnership with the community, and in a climate of cooperation and mutual respect, will provide an academic environment which values excellence and diversity, encourages students to strive for personal excellence, and assists them in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. ELECTION RESULTS**

**Members of the Local Board of Education – Three (3 Year Terms)**

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| • John Shaw        | 3,595 votes |
| • Rita Martin      | 3,047 votes |
| • Lorraine Dredden | 3,026 votes |

**VI. INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS – ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE**

The oath of office was administered to John Shaw and Rita Martin by Commissioner John Young.

Mr. Long informed the Board that Ms. Lorraine Dredden would be attending tonight's meeting over the phone based on the social distancing protocol. This afternoon, he administer the oath of office to Ms. Dredden at her home as a courtesy and has been seated as a formal member of the Winslow Township Board of Education.

**VII. ROLL CALL**

Present:	Lorraine Dredden (Remote)	Cheryl Pitts
	Rita Martin	John Shaw
	Rebecca Nieves	Joe Thomas
	Julie Peterson	Kelly Thomas

Also Present:	H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent
	Tyra McCoy-Boyle, Business Admin./Board Secretary
	Howard Long, Jr., Esq., Solicitor

**VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO NEXT REORGANIZATION MEETING IN JANUARY 2025**

**A. The Board Secretary Opens the Floor for Nominations for Board President:**

Nominated: Ms. Pitts

Move: Mr. Thomas

Second: Ms. Dredden

Nominated: Mr. Shaw

Move: Ms. Nieves

Second: Mr. Shaw

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Martin, to close Nominations for Board President.**

Voice Vote: All in favor

Mr. Long explained a best practice when there are multiple nominations. He suggested that the vote be made upon a role call since Ms. Pitts and Mr. Shaw have both been nominated. The nominee who obtains five votes will be selected as the Board President.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to proceed to vote for School Board President of the Winslow Township Board of Education for 2024.**

Roll Call:

Ms. Dredden	Pitts	Ms. Pitts	Pitts
Ms. Martin	Pitts	Mr. Shaw	Shaw
Ms. Nieves	Shaw	Mr. Thomas	Pitts
Ms. Peterson	Pitts	Ms. Thomas	Pitts

Ms. Pitts has won the nomination for Board President. Motion Carried

**{Board President is seated and assumes direction of the meeting}**

Ms. Pitts wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Board for their votes.

**B. The Board President Opens the Floor for Nominations for Vice President:**

Nominated: Mr. Thomas

Move: Ms. Peterson

Second: Ms. Thomas

Nominate: Ms. Shaw

Move: Ms. Nieves

Second: Ms. Shaw

**A motion was made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to close Nominations for Board Vice President.**

Voice Vote: All in favor



Mr. Long again explained a best practice when there are multiple nominations. He suggested that the vote be made upon a role call since Mr. Thomas and Mr. Shaw have both been nominated. The nominee who obtains five votes will be selected as Board Vice-President.

**A motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Ms. Martin, to proceed to vote for School Board Vice-President of the Winslow Township Board of Education for 2024.**

Roll Call:			
Ms. Dredden	Thomas	Ms. Pitts	Thomas
Ms. Martin	Thomas	Mr. Shaw	Shaw
Ms. Nieves	Shaw	Mr. Thomas	Thomas
Ms. Peterson	Thomas	Ms. Thomas	Thomas
Mr. Thomas has won the nomination for Board Vice-President. Motion Carried			

Mr. Thomas thanked the Board for their votes and will serve to the best of his ability.

C. Appointment of Board Secretary:

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Martin, to appoint Ms. Tyra McCoy-Boyle as the Board Secretary of the Winslow Township Board of Education for 2024.**

Roll Call:			
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Martin	Yes	Mr. Shaw	Yes
Ms. Nieves	Yes	Mr. Thomas	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Ms. Thomas	Yes
Motion Carried			

D. Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve to appoint Ms. Tyra McCoy-Boyle as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) from January 2024 through December 2024.**

Roll Call:			
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Martin	Yes	Mr. Shaw	Yes
Ms. Nieves	Yes	Mr. Thomas	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Ms. Thomas	Yes
Motion Carried			

**IX. BUSINESS & OPERATIONS**

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to approve items A, B & C under the Business & Operations section with approved recommended meeting dates.**

A. Conduct of Board of Education Meetings

1. Parliamentary Authority

Approve the Conduct of Board of Education Meetings according to the Parliamentary authority established by Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Note:** The Board of Education Bylaw Conduct of Board Meetings #0164.

2. Standing Sub-Committees

Approve the following Standing Sub-committees of the Board of Education through Reorganization January 2025:

- o Athletic Committee
- o Citizens Advisory Committee
- o Education Committee
- o Marketing Committee
- o Negotiations Committee
- o Operations Committee
- o Policy/HR Committee

B. Schedule of 2024 Board of Education Meetings (Jan. 2024 – Aug. 2024)

Approve a schedule of Board of Education Meetings for January 2024 through August 2024:

<i>Regular Mtg.</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Regular Mtg.</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Wed., January 10, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., January 24, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
Wed., February 14, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., February 28, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
Wed., March 13, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., March 27, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
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Wed., May 8, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., May 22, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
Wed., June 5, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., June 26, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
Wed., July 10, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., July 24, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS
Wed., August 14, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.	Wed., August 28, 2024	7:00 p.m.	WTMS

**Note:** The remaining 2024 dates will be determined after the 2024-2025 school district calendar has been approved.

C. Board Member Code of Ethics

Approve the adoption of the Code of Ethics governing board behavior.

**Note:** Approval is required pursuant to Bylaw 0142.

Roll Call:			
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Martin	Yes	Mr. Shaw	Yes
Ms. Nieves	Yes	Mr. Thomas	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Ms. Thomas	Yes
Motion Carried			

**X. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND BOARD COMMITTEES BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Shaw, to approve the appointments of Delegates and Board Committees.**

- A. NJ School Boards Association Representative: Mr. Shaw
- B. Camden County School Boards Representative: Ms. Pitts
- C. NJ Urban Boards Committee Representative: Ms. Martin
- D. Camden County Educational Services Representative: Ms. Nieves
- E. Athletic Committee Chairperson: Mr. Thomas  
Member: Mr. Shaw
- F. Citizens Advisory Committee Advisor: Ms. Martin  
(Board members may contact Ms. Martin if they wish to attend)
- G. Education Committee Chairperson: Ms. Peterson  
Member: Ms. Martin  
Member: Ms. Thomas
- H. Marketing Committee Chairperson: Ms. Nieves  
Member: Mr. Shaw  
Member: Mr. Thomas
- I. Negotiations Committee Chairperson: Ms. Peterson  
Member: Ms. Dredden  
Member: Ms. Martin
- J. Operations Committee Chairperson: Ms. Dredden  
Member: Ms. Nieves  
Member: Ms. Thomas
- K. Policy/HR Committee Chairperson: Ms. Pitts  
Member: Ms. Shaw  
Member: TBD
- L. Planning Board Representative: Mr. Shaw
- M. Winslow Twp. Municipal Drug & Alcohol Alliance Representative: Mr. Thomas  
HSA Representative: Ms. Wilson
- N. Winslow Twp. Economic Development Council Representative: Ms. Dredden



O. Adopt a School Representative:

School	Board Member
School No. 1	Ms. Nieves
School No. 2	TBD
School No. 3	Ms. Peterson
School No. 4	Ms. Thomas
School No. 5	Ms. Martin
School No. 6	Mr. Thomas
Middle School	Ms. Dredden
High School	Mr. Shaw

Roll Call:			
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Martin	Yes	Mr. Shaw	Yes
Ms. Nieves	Yes	Mr. Thomas	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Ms. Thomas	Yes
Motion Carried			

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Pitts informed the Board that Ms. Geneva Gerwitz, a reporter from the Hammonton Gazette would like to take a group photo of them at the end of the meeting.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Nieves inquired about the CAC members for 2024. Ms. Pitts named the following Citizen Advisory Committee members are for 2024:

- Ms. Eunice Fay Cooks
- Ms. Wanda Glaud
- Ms. Rosemary Hoffman
- Ms. Margaret Hogan
- Ms. Jennifer Maas
- Ms. Diane McKenzie
- Ms. Christy Renzulli
- Ms. Marcy Tomasello
- Mr. Gregory Wake

Ms. Martin would like the next Citizen Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Ms. Pitts reminded Board members that they are required to have Code of Ethics training. Ms. Pitts will contact the New Jersey School Board representative, Ms. Terry Lewis, which Board meeting in February she would be available to provide the training.

Ms. Pitts stated that on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The action item will be to interview eight applicants publicly for the Board vacancy. Each applicant will be given five minutes to answer questions. By 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Ms. Pitts would like Board members to forward any questions that they feel should be answered by the eight applicants. After the public interview, the Board will recess into Executive Session for a caucus to reach an agreement on which of the eight applicants they would like to appoint.

### **XIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Dr. Poteat stated that this is the second day back to school and we are in full swing. There are a lot of activities that are scheduled and he will be assisting in making those activities available to the public and school community. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing everyone in his travels throughout the district. Ms. Pitts added that the Board will make themselves available for those actives and on January 5, 2024, the Board was invited to the Winslow Township Fire Commissioner #2023-007 and promotion of Department Officers swearing in. The swearing in ceremony will take place at the Winslow Township High School Auditorium on January 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Township Committeeman, Mr. Brandon Glikas, confirmed that the Township Committee Reorganization Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)**

The Winslow Township Board of Education highly values the input of citizens in making important decisions that affect the children of our community. We also believe in the rights of citizens to observe Board Meetings. To ensure that all of our citizens have the opportunity to attend School Board Meetings and offer comment, and to ensure that the Board can conduct the important business of the District, we ask that speakers follow the guidelines for making public comments.

**Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items** – The Board President or Board Secretary will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to make comment.

**Please respect the following procedures:**

1. All members of the public attending School Board Meetings must treat each other and the Board with respect.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Please limit your comments to **four minutes**.
4. Submit your questions to the Board of Education with your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. Your questions will be answered within a reasonable time.
5. Individuals offering citizen comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any District employee, Board Member, other testifier or member of the public.

**A motion was made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Shaw, to open the meeting for Public Comments at 8:00 p.m.**

Voice Vote: All in favor

**Cynthia Moore**

Ms. Moore asked if the Board vacancy interviews would be live streamed. Ms. Pitts responded that they would.

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Martin, to close the meeting for Public Comments at 8:01 p.m.**

Voice Vote: All in favor

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None at this time.**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. All Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra McCoy-Boyle  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary