

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

**Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2021
6:00pm, Virtual Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Board Secretary Robert O’Brien.

2. Flag Salute

3. Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, public notices of this meeting have been given by the Business Administrator in the following manners:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building on December 23, 2020.
- B. Mailed written notice to the Burlington County Times and to the Courier Post on December 18, 2020.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Hainesport Township on December 23, 2020.
- D. Filed written notice with the members of this body.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

4. Administration of Oath of Office

Board Secretary O’Brien administered the Oath for School Board Members elected to the Hainesport Township Board of Education:

- A. Michael Morelli – 3 year term
- B. Keith Peacock – 3 year term
- C. Peter Scarpati – 3 year term

5. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Jason Cardonick	X		
Bianca Cuniglio	X		
Jeffrey Duda	X		
Kristin Jakubowski	X		
Mary-Jean Kneringer	X		
Michael Morelli	X		
Samir Patel	X		
Keith Peacock	X		
Peter Scarpati	X		

- Joseph Corn, Chief School Administrator
- Robert O’Brien, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

6. Resolution #19-17:

Approve resolution at outset of each meeting suspending the relevant by-laws and authorizing the meeting to proceed virtually.

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick			X			

Bianca Cuniglio			X		
Jeffrey Duda			X		
Kristin Jakubowski			X		
Mary-Jean Kneringer		X	X		
Michael Morelli	X		X		
Samir Patel			X		
Keith Peacock			X		
Peter Scarpati			X		

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:11 PM

7. Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hainesport Township School District Board of Education desires to hold a closed Executive Session at 6:00 pm prevailing time for approximately 60 minutes as follows for discussion of the following, action may or may not be taken upon returning to open session:

- Negotiations
- Personnel
- Legal
- Individual Privacy
- Security
- Investment/Property Acquisition
- Litigation

***No motion for Executive Session**

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time:

Discussion Item(s)* (Agenda to extent known) defined as excluded from requirements of Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, further it is anticipated that such discussions may be disclosed upon resolution.
 *Pursuant to the list of exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act 10:4-12

8. Return to Open Session

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to return to open session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time:

9. Election of President of the Board of Education

Board Secretary, Mr. O'Brien opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Peacock nominated Mr. Morelli for Board President and Mrs. Jakubowski seconded it.

Board Secretary, Mr. O'Brien closed the floor for nominations.

The Hainesport Township Board of Education was polled to elect Mr. Morelli for President of the Board of Education:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick	X			
Bianca Cuniglio	X			
Jeffrey Duda	X			
Kristin Jakubowski	X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer	X			
Michael Morelli			X	
Samir Patel	X			
Keith Peacock	X			
Peter Scarpati	X			

10. Election of Vice President of the Board of Education

Board President Morelli opened the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Jakubowski nominated Mrs. Kneringer for Board Vice-President and Mr. Peacock seconded it.

Board President Morelli closed the floor for nominations.

The Hainesport Township Board of Education was polled to elect Mrs. Kneringer for Vice-President of the Board of Education:

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick	X			
Bianca Cuniglio	X			
Jeffrey Duda	X			
Kristin Jakubowski	X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X	
Michael Morelli	X			
Samir Patel	X			
Keith Peacock	X			
Peter Scarpati	X			

11. Presentation of Code of Ethics for School Board Members

In keeping with Hainesport Township Board of Education Policy #0142 and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1, members of this board will:

- A. Uphold and enforce all laws, rules 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.
- B. Make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and seek to develop and maintain a public school that meets the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- C. Confine his/her Board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and help to frame policies and plans only after the Board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- D. Carry out his/her responsibility not to administer the school, but together with fellow Board members, insure they are well run.
- E. Recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board.
- F. Refuse to surrender his/her independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the school for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

- G. Hold confidential all matters pertaining to the school, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, or the school. In all other matters, he/she will provide accurate information and, in concert with fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- H. Vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I. Support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- J. Refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

12. Public Participation (Action Items Only)

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff member, followed by building level administration, and then the Superintendent of Schools PRIOR to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level.

A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education open the meeting to receive comment from the public present.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Peacock	Mr. Patel	9	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:16 PM

All meetings must be open to the public at all times except for those meetings at which certain excepted matters are discussed. However, the right of the public to be present at the meeting should not be confused with public participation. The public body (Board of Education) retains the right to permit, regulate or prohibit active participation of the public at any meeting. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a)).

This meeting will now be open to the public, however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, the Board requests that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since those items cannot be discussed in public.

- None at this time

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Peacock	Mr. Patel	9	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:17 PM

13. Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Joseph R. Corn, Superintendent

- Mr. Corn announced that the school district is still on pace to open up back into the hybrid model on January 19th. Also, welcome Mr. Robert Kraft to the Hainesport Township Board of Education. Looking forward to working along side you for a long time.
- a. Action Items:

Contract Change

Item	Contract Change
1.	Authorize the following contract change with Kelly Education Services to reflect an added position and pay rate effective January 6, 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long Term Specialist Substitute - \$180.00 full day

New Hire*

Item	Name	Position	Compensation	Effective Date
2.	*Robert Kraft	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$82,000.00 pro-rated	January 27, 2021 (or sooner, contingent upon county approval)

****Contingent upon approval of contract by Executive County Superintendent and criminal history review clearance.***

Faculty and Staff

Item	Description	Attach
3.	Employment Contract between Robert Kraft, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Hainesport Township Board of Education, upon being reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A 31(a), for the period of January 27, 2021 (or sooner, contingent upon county approval) through June 30, 2021.	

***Ratify and Affirm**

**** To be Prorated**

- Mr. Scarpati asked if students will be given the option to go fully remote for the 3rd marking period, much like RVRHS has done.
 - Mr. Corn said a letter to parents will be going out tomorrow, January 6th, that will address this.
- Mr. Morelli asked if this is something that is county wide and does the district have a sense of how many students will opt for full remote learning.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
- Mrs. Jakubowski asked if the hybrid model on January 19th will be Cohort A & B on Mon/Tues and Cohort C & D on Thurs/Fri.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
- Mr. Morelli asked if the district has gotten a sense of the number of teachers that will potential get the COVID-19 vaccine once it is available and if there will be an impact if teachers refuse the vaccine.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
- Mr. Morelli asked if there was anything that could be done to increase the number of students in a class when there are only 1 or 2 students attending for in-person instruction.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
- Mrs. Jakubowski asked if there is anything that can be done when a parent commits to sending there child for in-person instruction and then opts for full remote instruction halfway during the marking period.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
- Mr. Peacock asked if the district is notified if a student is absent due to COVID-19 reasons or is the school simply told the child is absent.
 - Mr. Corn answered.
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Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to accept action items 1-3:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			

Michael Morelli			X		
Samir Patel	X		X		
Keith Peacock		X	X		
Peter Scarpati			X		

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:36 PM

13. Adoption of Current Policy Manual:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to readopt all current written bylaws, policies, and regulations in official Policy Manual of the Hainesport Township Board of Education through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022.

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to adopt the Current Policy Manual:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin*Jakubowski			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Michael Morelli			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock	X		X			
Peter Scarpati		X	X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:38 PM

13A. Adoption of Current Curriculum and Instructional Materials:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to readopt all current written curriculum and instructional materials through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022.

13B. Appointment of Professionals:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to appoint the following professionals through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022, or as soon thereafter as the Board acts on appointments:

Service	Vendor	Attachment
Attorney	Adams Gutierrez & Lattiboudere	Resolution 2021A
Construction Manager of Record	New Road Construction Management Co., Inc.	Resolution 2021B
Insurance Agent	Haines & Haines/T.C. Irons Agency	Resolution 2021C
Auditor	Holt McNally & Associates Inc.	Resolution 2021D
Health Benefits Broker	Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors	Resolution 2021E
Occupational Therapist	Michelle Critelli, Our Playground Therapy Services LLC	Resolution 2021F
Physical Therapist	Andrea Morris, Dimensions in Pediatric Therapy LLC	Resolution 2021G
Speech Language Therapist	Samantha Compton, Balance Child Pediatric Therapy LLC	Resolution 2021H
Special Education Consultant	KidsAhead Consulting	Resolution 2021I
Architect of Record	Regan Young, England, Butera	Resolution 2021J
Bond Counsel	Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.	Resolution 2021K
Continuing Disclosure Agent	Phoenix Advisors, LLC	Resolution 2021L
School Physician	Dr. Charles A. Scott	

13C. Official Depositories and Signatories:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to approve the following Banking Institutions as official depositories of the Hainesport Township Board of Education through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022:

Account	Financial Institution	Signatory	Individual
General Fund	Investors Bank	Board President Treasurer Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Donna Condo Robert O'Brien
Custodial	Investors Bank	Board President Treasurer Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Donna Condo Robert O'Brien
Cafeteria	Investors Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Robert O'Brien
Payroll	Investors Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Robert O'Brien
Payroll Agency	Investors Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Robert O'Brien
Unemployment	Investors Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Robert O'Brien

Account	Financial Institution	Signatory	Individual
Student Activities	Investors Bank	Clerk Business Administrator	Courtney Quinn Robert O'Brien
Thomas Reardon Memorial	Investors Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Robert O'Brien
Nancy Hancock Memorial	Investors Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Robert O'Brien
Courtesy Award	Investors Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Robert O'Brien
Sean Byrne Scholarship	Investors Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Michael Morelli Robert O'Brien

13D. Official Newspapers:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to adopt Burlington County Times and Courier Post as the official newspapers to be used for the advertisement of meetings, legal ads, and all other necessary public notifications through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022.

13E. Scheduled Meetings for the Calendar Year 2021:

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to designate the regular meeting schedule for the calendar year 2021, as follows, by resolution fixing the date, time, and place in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Attachment: Resolution 2021M):

January 26, 2021
February 23, 2021
March 18, 2021
May 6, 2021

May 18, 2021
June 22, 2021
July 27, 2021
August 24, 2021

September 21, 2021
October 26, 2021
November 23, 2021
December 21, 2021

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to accept action items 13A-13E:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Michael Morelli			X			
Samir Patel	X		X			
Keith Peacock		X	X	X*Item 13B		
Peter Scarpati			X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:42 PM

13F. Designation of Board Members to New Jersey School Boards Association:

The Board President designated the following Board members to the following positions with New Jersey School Boards Association through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022:

Delegate to N.J.S.B.A.	Mrs. Kneringer
Alternate Delegate to N.J.S.B.A.	Mr. Morelli

13G. Designation of Board Members to Burlington County School Boards Association

The Board President designated the following Board members to the following positions with Burlington County School Boards Association through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022:

Delegate to B.C.S.B.A.	Mrs. Jakubowski
Alternate Delegate to B.C.S.B.A.	Mrs. Cuniglio

13H. Appointment of Board Members to Board Committees

The Board President appointed the following Board members to serve on the following committee meetings through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022:

Student Services/Community Relations	Mrs. Jakubowski
	Mr. Duda
	Mrs. Kneringer
Human Resources	Mr. Cardonick
	Mrs. Cuniglio
	Mr. Morelli
	Mr. Scarpati
Finance/Facilities	Mr. Scarpati
	Mr. Peacock
	Mrs. Cuniglio
	Mr. Patel
Technology	Mr. Peacock
	Mrs. Jakubowski
	Mrs. Kneringer
	Mr. Patel

13I. Designation of Board Members to Hainesport Education Foundation

The Board President designated the following Board members to the following positions with the Hainesport Education Foundation through the Reorganization meeting in January 2022:

Representative to H.E.F.	Mr. Scarpati
Alternate Representative to H.E.F.	Mr. Patel

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to accept action items 13F-13I:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Michael Morelli			X			
Samir Patel		X	X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:55 PM

14. Public Participation:

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff member, followed by building level administration, and then the Superintendent of Schools PRIOR to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level.

A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education open the meeting to receive comment from the public present.

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Mrs. Kneringer	Mr. Patel	9	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:55 PM

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This meeting will now be open to the public, however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, the Board requests that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since those items cannot be discussed in public.

- None at this time

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Patel	Mr. Scarpati	9	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:56 PM

15. New Business

- Mr. Morelli emphasized that he would like to get more board members involved in the district’s negotiation process. If you are a board member who is not conflicted and are interested in the negotiation process, please try to volunteer. There are board member’s children who are slowly graduating or have already graduated so the district will need to start recruiting new potential members and putting out feelers to those interested in the community.

16. Information, Future Planning Items & Dates to Remember

Date	Activity/Event
Jan. 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance – School Closed
Jan. 26	Board of Education Meeting (Public Session at 7:00pm)

17. Adjournment to Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hainesport Township School District Board of Education desires to hold a closed Executive Session at 6:45pm prevailing time for approximately 30 minutes as follows for discussion of the following, action may or may not be taken upon returning to open session:

- Negotiations
- Personnel
- Legal
- Individual Privacy
- Security
- Investment/Property Acquisition
- Litigation

***Not motion for executive session**

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to enter into closed session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time:

Discussion Item(s)* (Agenda to extent known) defined as excluded from requirements of Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, further it is anticipated that such discussions may be disclosed upon resolution.
**Pursuant to the list of exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act 10:4-12*

18. Return to Open Session

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to return to open session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time:

19. Adjournment

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to adjourn:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Peacock	Mrs. Kneringer	9	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Robert O'Brien
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

