

**WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2025**

For the Reorganization Meeting of the White Township Board of Education
Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center.

“White Township Consolidated School is committed to inspire, engage and educate our students by providing innovative, personalized opportunities for growth and learning. With a foundation based on academic excellence and a focus on social emotional learning, our students will achieve their full potential and become productive, responsible, resilient members of the community and contributing members of society.”

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Tirone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act 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 either discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this provision of the act, the White Township Board of Education has sent notice of this meeting to the New Jersey Herald and the Express Times stating date, time, and place and posted the same in the White Township School and Municipal Building.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Mrs. Tirone read the annual school board election results from November 5, 2024 for the three (3), three (3) year full-term memberships on the White Township Board of Education are as follows:

<u>Three Candidates (Three-year Term)</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Robyn Gardella	1,807
Natalie Pinkerton	1,729
Michelle Nusser-Meany	1,642
Write-In Total	92
Total Votes Cast	5,270

V. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE DULY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Tirone administered the Oath of Office to:

Mrs. Robyn Gardella

Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany

VI. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Robyn Gardella	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Catherine Lensi	<i>Absent</i>	Mr. Frank Panetta	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Tim Havlusch	<i>Absent</i>	Mr. Kevin Murray	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Natalie Pinkerton	<i>Absent</i>
Mr. George Jonkoski	<i>Present</i>	Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Elizabeth Vesper	<i>Present</i>

Also present, Mr. William Thompson and Mrs. Lori Tirone.

VII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

A. Nominations for Board President

Mr. Murray nominated Mr. Frank Panetta for Board President.

MOTION by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to close nominations for Board President.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

MOTION by Mr. Murray, for Mr. Frank Panetta to serve as President of the White Township Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Vesper.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

Mrs. Tirone, the Board Secretary declared Mr. Frank Panetta as the elected Board President of the White Township Board of Education.

The President of the White Township Board of Education assumes the chair.

B. Nominations for Board Vice President

Mrs. Gardella nominates Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany for Board Vice-President.

MOTION by Mr. Panetta, seconded by Mr. Murray to close nominations for Board Vice-President.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

MOTION by Mr. Murray, for Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany to serve as Vice-President of the White Township Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Vesper.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

President Panetta declared Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany as the elected Board Vice-President of the White Township Board of Education.

VIII. CODE OF ETHICS - READING AND DISCUSSION

The Board read the Code of Ethics and discussed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Privilege of the Floor

President Panetta opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

X. ESTABLISH A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025 YEAR

WHEREAS, the open Public meeting act requires notice of regularly scheduled meetings within seven days following the annual organization meeting of the board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the White Township School District will be held on the Fourth Monday of each month, except where scheduled holidays or a scheduling conflict exists, in the Media Center at the White Township Consolidated School, 565 County Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 with exceptions designated by the Board of Education, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings will commence at 6:30 p.m. and will have action taken at each of these meetings:

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 27, 2025

February 24, 2025

March 17, 2025

April 28, 2025 - Public Budget Hearing and Adoption

May 19, 2025

June 23, 2025
July 28, 2025
August 25, 2025
September 22, 2025
October 27, 2025
November 17, 2025
December 15, 2025
January 5, 2026 - Reorganization

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Township Board of Education, in compliance with Chapter 231, Public laws of 1975, authorizes the Board Secretary to post a copy of the above schedule of meetings at the White Township offices and to advertise these meetings dates.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the changes to the meeting schedule moved to the third Monday of the month due to holidays.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XI. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following representative:

- 1. BHS Board Member**
 - a. Delegate Mrs. Robyn Gardella**

MOTION by Ms. Nusser-Meany, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve Mrs. Robyn Gardella as the representative of White Township Consolidated School to the Belvidere High School School Board.

Discussion of an alternate.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS BY BOARD PRESIDENT - Administratively Withdrawn

BE IT RESOLVED, that White Township Board of Education establishes the following committees and the committee chairs and members appointed by the Board President:

	Chairperson	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4
A. Personnel	_____	_____	_____	_____
B. Curriculum	_____	_____	_____	_____
C. Operations	_____	_____	_____	_____
D. Governance	_____	_____	_____	_____

E. Negotiations/Ad Hoc	_____	_____	_____	_____
F. Strategic Planning	_____	_____	_____	_____
G. Shared Services	_____	_____	_____	_____
H. Sick Leave Bank	_____	_____	_____	_____

XIII. PERSONNEL

Committee update

MOTION by Mrs. Nusser-Meany, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve Personnel item 1.

1. Approve After Care Program Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Dawn Werkheiser to work in the After Care Program at \$40 an hour for the 2024-2025 school year.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

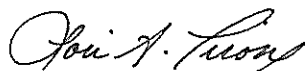
No new business.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Vesper.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary