

Toms River, New Jersey, January 10, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools took place at High School North, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

Board President Kathleen Eagan read the following Opening Statement:

“Good Evening, Welcome to a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional Schools.”

“This meeting was announced to the public through a notice published in the Asbury Park Press and The Star Ledger on January 3, 2024 which constituted at least 48 hours notice as required by law under the Open Public Meetings Act.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Kathleen Eagan, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE – 3 Year Term

The Oath of Office with our re-elected Board Member was administered by Board Attorney, Mr. William Burns to the following elected Board Member:

For Toms River Township

Mrs. Ashley Lamb

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

A roll call of attendance indicated the following Board Members were present: Mr. James Capone, Mrs. Jennifer Howe, Mr. Kevin Kidney, Mrs. Ashley Lamb, Mrs. Melissa Morrison, Mrs. Paola Pascarella, Mr. Joseph Nardini and Ms. Kathleen Eagan.

Mrs. Polozzo was absent.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Citta, Assistant Superintendents DiMeo, Ricotta, Thomas, Business Administrator Doering, Board Secretary Saxton, Board Attorney Burns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:04 P.M.

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mr. Nardini and carried that the following Executive Session be approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Education, at this time, move to a closed session to be held in High School North Executive Session Meeting Room, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey, for the purpose of:

Executive Session – To *Include* – Personnel; Legal/Litigation; Contractual Matters; Other. Subject to change.

as outlined under the Open public Meetings Act.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 5:25 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mr. Kidney and carried that the Board return to Regular Session at 5:25 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PRESS *(limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy # 0167 – Public Participation in Other Board Meetings)*

Public Comments were heard by Lisa Contessa.
Public Comments were heard by Krista Whittaker.
Public Comments were heard by Anne Avignone.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION REFERENDUM QUESTION AND REQUESTING OCEAN COUNTY CLERK AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SCHEDULE AND HOLD THE REFERENDUM ON MARCH 12, 2024 OR SUCH SOONER DATE PERMITTED BY LAW (ATTACHED)

A motion was made by Mr. Nardini, seconded by Mrs. Howe and carried that the Approval of the Resolution of the Toms River Regional Schools, County of Ocean, State

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of New Jersey, Approving School Regionalization Referendum Question and Requesting Ocean County Clerk and New Jersey Department of Education to Schedule and Hold the Referendum on March 12, 2024 or Such Sooner Date Permitted by Law (Attached) be approved.

On roll call following the vote:

Ayes: Capone, Howe, Kidney, Lamb, Nardini, Eagan

Noes: Morrison, Pasacarella

Recused: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Polozzo

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Howe, seconded by Mr. Kidney, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

All members present voting Aye.

Wendy L. Saxton, Board Secretary