

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
120 N. MAIN STREET  
MULLICA HILL, NEW JERSEY  
  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**Recess into Executive Session I:**

**RESOLUTION:** To enter into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Muscarella	Second: Mrs. Coslop
Roll Call: Voice	Carried: Yes

**Out of Executive Session I:**

**RESOLUTION:** To exit from Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Motion: Mr. DiBacco	Second: Mr. Bright
Roll Call: Voice	Carried: Yes

1. Board of Education Vacancy Interviews

Mr. Scharlé introduced the following candidates and informed them they would have three minutes to respond on why you want to be a Board of Education member.

Dr. Peretti informed the candidates that there will be follow up questions based on the letters they submitted and they would have one minute to respond.

6:15 p.m. – Alexis Rubino-Ofchinick

6:25 p.m. – Colleen Kendrick

6:30 p.m. – Dr. Brie Morettini

*There was a recess from 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at this time.*

Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary, called the Reorganization Meeting of the Harrison Township Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 2024 in the Music Room at Pleasant Valley School.

**I. Call to Order:** The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975 was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Harrison Township Board of Education has caused notice of the meeting to be published by having the dates, time, and place thereof posted on the Harrison Township School District website, at the Harrison Township School Building, and mailed to the Township Municipal Clerk, the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post.

**II. Flag Salute:**

Led by Robert Scharlé, Board Secretary of the Harrison Township Board of Education.

**III. Report of School Election Place:** Robert Scharlé, Board Secretary.

District School Election of the School District of Harrison Township, in the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, pursuant to the notice given in accordance with State Law.

I, Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary, after electronic counting of the ballots by the Gloucester County Board of Elections, announced the results of the election as follows:

<u>Three-Year Term (3 seats):</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Shannon Williams	2,344
b. Todd Baron	1,816
c. Janette Coslop	1,789

A total of 89 votes were received for write-in candidates for the three-year terms.

**IV. Administration of the Oath:** Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary

- 1) Shannon Williams
- 2) Janette Coslop
- 3) Todd Baron

**V. Roll Call:**

**SY 2022 – 2024**

Marissa Straccialini  
Louis DiBacco  
Stacey Muscarella

**SY 2023 – 2025**

Jennifer Bowen  
Walter Bright

**SY 2024 - 2026**

Janette Coslop  
Todd Baron  
Shannon Williams

**VI. Reorganization of the Board of Education:**

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary, declared the nominations for the Office of Board President open.

Motion by Shannon Williams to nominate Stacey Muscarella for Board President.

Motion: Mrs. Williams                      Second: Mr. DiBacco  
Roll Call: (8-0)                                  Carried: Yes

The Board Secretary declared Stacey Muscarella elected to the Office of Board President.

Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the Board President, Stacey Muscarella. The meeting was turned over to the Board of Education President.

Stacey Muscarella, President of the Board of Education, declared the nominations for the Office of Board Vice-President open.

Motion by Janette Coslop to nominate Shannon Williams for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Motion: Mrs. Coslop                      Second: Mrs. Bowen  
Roll Call: (8-0)                              Carried: Yes

Robert E. Scharlé, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the Vice-President, Shannon Williams.

- B. Approval of Board of Education Meeting dates for the period from January 2024 through January 2025. (*Attachment: Reorg. #VI.B.*)

Motion: Mr. Bright                        Second: Mrs. Straccialini  
Roll Call: (8-0)                              Carried: Yes

## VII. Superintendent's Report:

### A. Personnel

1. Acceptance of the retirement of Gail Milburn, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services at Harrison Township School, effective February 1, 2024. (*Attachment: Pers. #1*)
2. Approval of the employment of Frances Hall as a substitute bus driver, effective January 3, 2024, pending required clearances, at the established substitute driver rate.

### B. Administration

1. Approval to designate Dr. Peretti as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O) pursuant to the requirement of the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property.
2. Approval of Brett Gorman to provide legal representation for special education matters at a rate of \$180 per hour.

Motion: Mrs. Coslop                        Second: Mrs. Williams  
Roll Call: (8-0)                              Carried: Yes

## VIII. Audience Participation:

### *Kelly Redkoles*

- Here tonight to support Colleen Kendrick and Brie Morettini for the Board of Education vacancy
- Elections are non-partisan
- Represent all children
- Board members need to provide accurate information
- Appropriate disclaimer was not instituted
- No backroom politics

***Elyse Bittner***

- Mullica Hill resident since 2012
- Two children here at HTS
- Here to support Colleen Kendrick and Brie Morettini
- Not here to elect someone who is just a friend
- Addressed the qualifications of Colleen Kendrick and Brie Morettini

**IX. Recess into Executive Session II:**

**RESOLUTION:** To enter into Executive Session II at 7:17 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Bowen	Second: Mrs. Williams
Roll Call: Voice	Carried: Yes

**X. Out of Executive Session II:**

**RESOLUTION:** To return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Bowen	Second: Mrs. Williams
Roll Call: Voice	Carried: Yes

**Motion:** Approval of settlement agreement for student #10224 as discussed in Executive Session II.

Motion: Mrs. Williams	Second: Mrs. Muscarella
Roll Call: (8-0)	Carried: Yes

**Motion:** Approval of the termination of employment for employee #0102B as discussed in Executive Session II.

Motion: Mrs. Williams	Second: Mrs. Coslop
Roll Call: (8-0)	Carried: Yes

Mr. Scharlé announced the straw vote for the Board of Education vacancy.

Alexis Rubino-Ofchinick – 5  
Brie Morettini – 3

**XI. Adjournment**

There was no further business. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Bright	Second: Mrs. Bowen
Roll Call: Voice	Carried: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Scharlé  
Board Secretary