

**RAHWAY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 – 6 PM**

**I. Call To Order:**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Public Notice Announcement:**

Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by the Board Secretary on January 31, 2022 by sending notices to the Home News Tribune, The Union County LocalSource, The Star Ledger, the City Clerk of Rahway, the Rahway Public Library, and by posting the notices on the Bulletin Board outside the Board of Education office on the second floor of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.

**IV. Mr. Stephen Fried, Board Secretary, certifies that the following were elected to the Rahway Board of Education at the General Election held on November 8, 2022:**

Three (3) Year Term:

**TIMOTHY ANTISZ**

**LAURA GIACOBBE**

**JOSEPH TOMA**

**Administration of Oath of Office to new Board Member(s):**

Mr. Stephen Fried, Board Secretary, will administer the oath of office for the new Board Members.

**Roll Call:**

**V. Election of President:**

**VI. Election of Vice President:**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Note on public comment at BOE meetings: Board Policy #1120, adopted on December 20, 2016, provides for public participation in Board of Education meetings. Such participation is governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, address, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. According to BOE policy, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration. If necessary, the presiding officer may extend the limit to five minutes;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board;
5. The Board will not receive printed materials from the public during public meetings. The public may submit printed materials by addressing them to the Board Secretary, Rahway Board of Education, PO Box 1024, Rahway, NJ 07065;
6. Public participation at board meetings is intended to allow individual members of the public to address the Board on issues of public concern. The public comment period is an opportunity for the Board to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session or a "cross examination" between the public and individual members. While all comments made by the public will be taken under advisement, the Board will not respond to comments made by the public.

**VIII. REORGANIZATION MOTIONS:**

1. Motion to resolve that the New Jersey "Code of Ethics for School Board Members" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Rahway Public School District:

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
  - c. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
  - d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
  - e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
  - f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
  - g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
  - h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
  - i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
  - j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.
2. Motion to approve the following:

a. **Name Bank Depositories:**

To name Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank, Columbia Bank, TD Bank, Northfield Bank, Bank of New York, Beneficial Bank, JP Morgan Chase, NJARM, and State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, as bank depositories for the school year.

b. **Name Official Newspapers for Legal Advertisement:**

To designate as official newspapers for legal advertisement, the following:  
Home News Tribune  
The Union County LocalSource  
The Star Ledger

c. **Bank Signature Cards:**

To authorize bank signature cards for the signatures of the President or Vice President, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Superintendent of Schools.

d. **Adopt By-Laws, Policies and Rules and Regulations:**

To adopt the By-laws and Policies of the prior year as amended.

e. **Educational Programs of Study and Textbook List:**

To approve the existing Educational Program of Studies, Textbook List, and adopt the NJ Students Learning Standards; copies on file in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

f. **Official Address:**

To approve the official address of the Board of Education as follows:

Rahway Board of Education  
Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy  
Kline Place - P.O. Box 1024  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065

g. **Official Seal:**

To approve the official seal of the Rahway Board of Education as that which is in the possession of the Secretary of the Board.

g. **Establish Regular Meeting Place, Date, and Time:**

To establish that All Board Meetings will begin at **6:00 p.m.**, unless posted otherwise. The meetings will be opened in public and immediately recessed to private session in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room (Rm. 105) of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy. The Board will reconvene in public at **7:00 p.m.** to conduct the public portion of the meeting in the Student Cafeteria of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, as per the attached list.

3. Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to invest surplus funds as they are available to repurchase agreements, money market accounts, government securities, and certificates of deposits at the bank depository offering the best interest at the time of the investment.
4. Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the Union County Educational Services Commission Representative Assembly for the period of January 4, 2023 to the next Organization Meeting of the Representative Assembly.
5. Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Board's NJSBA delegate for the period \_\_\_\_\_ to the next Organization Meeting.

6. **For the record**, it should be noted that the following offices are filled by the person, or firm name, as follows:

1. Architect of Record:  
Parette Somjen Architects
2. Financial Advisor of Record:  
Phoenix Advisors
3. Bond Counsel:  
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
4. Auditor:  
Suplee, Clooney & Company
5. Board Secretary:  
Stephen Fried
6. School Board Attorney:  
Weiner Law Group

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT: Non-Agenda Items:**

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**XII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Rahway Board of Education 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday	February	7	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	February	21	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	March	7	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	March	21	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	April	4	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	April	18	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	May	2	2023	Budget Hearing & Caucus
Tuesday	May	16	2023	Regular Meeting
Tuesday	June	13	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	June	27	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	July	11	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	July	25	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	August	8	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	August	22	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	September	5	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	September	19	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	October	3	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	October	17	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	November	14	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	November	28	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	December	12	2023	Monthly Caucus
Tuesday	December	19	2023	Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday	January	2	2024	6:00 p.m. Reorg. & Caucus
Tuesday	January	23	2024	Regular Board Meeting

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