

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:00 p.m.

A. AGENDA:

1. Call to order by President.

Time: _____

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be emailed May 1, 2019, to The Express Times and the Clerk of Washington Township.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call:

Casey Grimm	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlafter	Anita Smith	Karen Graf
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B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (agenda items)

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the attached Resolution, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Casey Grimm	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlafter	Anita Smith	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

C. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION – (old and/or new business)

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

D. ADJOURNMENT

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn.

MV:

Time: _____

WHEREAS, It is the public position of the Governor of New Jersey, Phillip D. Murphy, to pursue the legalization of recreational cannabis with legislation enabling same pending before the New Jersey State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has outlawed recreational cannabis pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 811; and

WHEREAS, Anti-tobacco, anti-vaping, anti-alcohol and anti-drug advocacy is infused into New Jersey's pre-K through 12 curricula; and

WHEREAS, A growing body of research suggests that use of recreational cannabis can result in harmful effects to developing brains of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Evidence from jurisdictions that have legalized recreational cannabis suggests that underage use has not decreased; and

WHEREAS, Some healthcare professionals consider cannabis a "gateway" drug and there are serious opioid and vaping epidemics in the State of New Jersey, the Washington Township Board of Education, Warren County, believes that legalized recreational cannabis will compound these epidemics and hinder the efforts of educators to facilitate the highest level of achievement possible in every student.

WHEREAS, The Delegate Assembly is the official policymaking body of the New Jersey School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Education-related policies resulting from prior Delegate Assembly and Board of Directors actions are codified in the NJSBA's Manual of Positions and Policies on Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Washington Township Board of Education, Warren County, proposes the following new policy language for adoption by the Delegate Assembly and inclusion in NJSBA's Manual of Positions and Policies on Education:

The NJSBA believes that legalization of recreational cannabis implies tacit approval of its use. This runs contrary to anti-tobacco, anti-vaping, anti-alcohol and anti- drug advocacy infused into New Jersey's pre-K through 12 curricula and establishes a dangerous health risk to the developing brains of New Jersey's youth.

RESOLVED, That this resolution be placed on the agenda for consideration at the May 18, 2019 Delegate Assembly.