

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2021

7:30 p.m.

A. AGENDA

1. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint Jean Flynn, Board Secretary, as temporary chair to conduct election, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Call to order by Board Secretary

Time: _____

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure 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 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 on January 17, 2020, to The Star Gazette and the Clerk of Washington Township.

1A. Results of the Election held on November 3, 2020 were as follows:

Edward S. Kemp, Jr. (3 year-term) - 2,540
*Robert D. Hinck (3 year-term) - 5
Write-ins - 103

*Robert D. Hinck respectfully declined the 3 year-term on the Washington Township Board of Education.

1B. Administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Member. (Newly elected Board Member sign the Oath of Office).

3 - Year Term
Edward Kemp, Jr.

Roll Call:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Present							

Flag Salute:

B. RE-ORGANIZATION MOTIONS

2. Board Secretary requests nominations for President.

_____ nominated _____ for President. Are there any other nominations?
(Following the close of nominations.) RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

C. NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ASSUMES CHAIR

3. President requests nominations for Vice-President.

_____ nominated _____ for Vice-President. Are there any other nominations? (Following the close of nominations.) RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

D. CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Review

Board will review New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics (board members sign acknowledgement of receipt of File Code 9271). (Please sign and return in the envelope enclosed).

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the following 2021-2022 calendar of board meetings for the Washington Township Board of Education: RCV:

REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2021-2022

January 4, 2021	(Monday) Board Reorganization/Public Hearing on School Safety Report
February 8, 2021	
March 8, 2021	
April 26, 2021	Public Hearing on Budget
May 10, 2021	2021-2022 Annual School Appointments and Adoptions
June 14, 2021	
July 12, 2021	Public Hearing on School Safety Report
August 23, 2021	
September 13, 2021	
October 4, 2021	Public Hearing on Nursing Services Plan
November 8, 2021	Public Hearing on Audit
December 13, 2021	
January 3, 2022	(Monday) Board Reorganization/Regular/Public Hearing on School Safety Report

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, to the Warren County School Boards Association.

Board President appointed _____ as Legislative delegate.

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020, as presented. MV:

6. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the executive session minutes of December 14, 2020, as presented. MV:

E. INTRODUCTION/INTERVIEWS

- Candidates for open board seat:

7. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the continuation of Nathanya G. Simon, as Board Counsel, January 1, 2021-January 3, 2022, with the firm of Scarinci Hollenbeck, per the same terms and rate of current retainer, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

F. PUBLIC HEARING

a. School Safety Report

As per Public Law 6A:16-5.3, each school district shall report incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance abuse and HIB two times per year. Those incidents shall also be reported between September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, to the NJ Department of Education via the department's Student Safety Data System.

0 - Violence, vandalism, substance abuse or weapons reports

1 - Confirmed HIB

3 – HIB Investigations

As reported to the Department of Education, there was zero incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance abuse, during the 2020-2021 school year for the period ending December 31, 2020.

There was one confirmed HIB during the 2020-2021 school year for the period ending December 31, 2020.

8. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the Bi-Annual Student Safety Data Report, dated December 31, 2020, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

G. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (agenda Items)

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

H. SECRETARY'S REPORT**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

9. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following substitute for the 2020-2021 school year, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

- Jocelyn Struble - Custodian

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

J. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**K. TECHNOLOGY REPORT****L. CORRESPONDENCE****M. COMMITTEE REPORTS****Education:**

10. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Book and Media List for the 2020-2021 school year (attachment #8), as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Facilities:

11. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the installation of a Caterpillar Emergency Generator at Port Colden School through the NJ State Approved Co-op #65MCECCPS ESCNJ 18.19-09 in the amount of \$147,457.00, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

12. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the installation of a Caterpillar Emergency Generator at Brass Castle School through the NJ State Approved Co-op #65MCECCPS ESCNJ 18.19-09 in the amount of \$274,815.00, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Karen Graf	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Lauren Schlaffer	Anita Smith	Vacant
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Finance:

Personnel:

N. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION - old and/or new business

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

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if required as indicated in items _____.

13. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, the Board of Education of the Washington Township School District in the County of Warren will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item (s) which falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule.

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney-client privilege
- h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

MV: Time: _____

14. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to return to open session.

MV: Time: _____

15. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint _____, as a Board Member (upon completion of criminal background check). MV:

P. ADJOURNMENT

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

MV: Time: _____