

**SOMERS POINT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOMERS POINT, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 03, 2019**

Susan Irons, Board Secretary, called the Reorganization Meeting of the Somers Point Board of Education to order at 5:30 P.M. at the Jordan Road School.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Press of Atlantic City, posted on the bulletin board of City Hall and in the main office of the New York Avenue, Jordan Road, and Dawes Avenue Schools as required in the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Ms. Endicott led the flag salute.

Roll Call of the standing Board of Education members:

Members Present: John Conover, Staci Endicott, Richard Gray

Members Absent: Michael Sweeder

Others Present: Dr. Michelle CarneyRay-Yoder, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Susan Irons, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Louis J. Greco, Board Solicitor

Temporary Chair

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, second by Ms. Endicott to appoint Susan Irons, Board Secretary, as Temporary Chair to conduct the school board election. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Results of the Annual General Election on November 06, 2018 - The results of the annual general election, held on November 06, 2018, and being read by the Board Secretary, is duly recorded and made part of these minutes, as follows:

Vote for Members of the Local Board of Education:

<i>3-Year Term</i>	<i>Vote Count</i>	<i>Vote by Mail</i>	<i>Provisionals</i>	<i>Hand Count</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Courtney A. Laut	186	3	4	0	193
Heather S. Samuelson	119	5	2	0	126
Sarah L. Platt	147	4	4	0	155

<i>1-Year Unexpired Term</i>	<i>Vote Count</i>	<i>Vote by Mail</i>	<i>Provisionals</i>	<i>Hand Count</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Jenna DeCicco	119	2	1	0	122
Nicholas Wagner	157	3	0	0	160

Oath of Office

Ms. Irons Board Secretary, administered the required *Oath for School Board Members* to the newly elected board members: Jenna DeCicco, Courtney Laut, Sarah Platt, Heather Samuelson, Nick Wagner.

Roll Call of the Board of Education members:

Present: John Conover, Staci Endicott, Jenna DeCicco, Richard Gray, Courtney Laut, Sarah Platt, Heather Samuelson, Nick Wagner

Absent: Michael Sweeder

Nominations/Election for President

Ms. Irons asked for nominations for the office of President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

A nomination of Staci Endicott for office of President, was made by Mr. Conover.

Ms. Irons asked for any other nominations for the office of President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

There being no additional nominations for the office of President, motion was made by Mr. Conover, second by Mr. Wagner that the nominations for President be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board members were instructed that each member would be asked for their individual vote for Ms. Endicott for the office of President of the Somers Point Board of Education, through a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote

- J. Conover Yes
- S. Endicott Yes
- J. DeCicco Yes
- R. Gray Yes
- C. Laut Yes
- S. Platt Yes
- H. Samuelson Yes
- N. Wagner Yes

The Board elected through a majority of the full membership of the Board, Staci Endicott as President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

Nominations/Election for Vice President

Ms. Irons asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

A nomination of Richard Gray for office of Vice President, was made by Mr. Conover.

Ms. Irons asked for any other nominations for the office of President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

There being no additional nominations for the office of Vice President, motion was made by Mr. Conover, second by Mr. Wagner that the nominations for Vice President be closed. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The Board members were instructed that each member would be asked for their individual vote for Mr. Gray for the office of Vice President of the Somers Point Board of Education, through a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote

- J. Conover Yes
- S. Endicott Yes
- J. DeCicco Yes
- R. Gray Yes
- C. Laut Yes
- S. Platt Yes
- H. Samuelson Yes
- N. Wagner Yes

The Board elected through a majority of the full membership of the Board, Richard Gray as Vice President of the Somers Point Board of Education.

Ms. Endicott as President Assumed Seat.

Mary Walters, Field Representative of the NJSBA completed a presentation of the Code of Ethics and the Board responsibilities.

Code of Ethics

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-24.1 the members of the Somers Point Board of Education shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

I will confine my board action to policy making, 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.

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.

I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

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.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. 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.

I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution (P.L. 2001, c.178, s.5).

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, second by Mr. Wagner that the Somers Point Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of, and understands, the aforementioned Code of Ethics for School Board members as outline in 18A: 12-24.1. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Board of Education Representatives

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, second by Mr. Wagner to appoint the following representatives of the Somers Point Board of Education:

Atlantic County School Board Association

Delegate: Staci Endicott

Alternate: Richard Gray

New Jersey School Board Association

Delegate: Staci Endicott

Alternate: Richard Gray

Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Forum

None

Board Forum

The Board of Education members congratulated the new Board members.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr.Gray, second by Mr. Conover that at 6:23 P.M. there being no further business to present, the Somers Point Board of Education meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN IRONS

School Board Secretary/Business Administrator