

**ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Organization Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - 7:00 PM**  
**Cafetorium**

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Cafetorium by the Board Secretary, Ms. Tina Maruca.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. SUNSHINE LAW

Ms. Maruca announced that the meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, in that a notice was posted with the City Clerk, and on the Bulletin Board in the City Hall, and the newspapers were notified.

Ms. Maruca announced that a mechanical device will be used to record these proceedings.

D. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the following: John Rynkiewicz, Linda Wallace, and Raquel Law.

E. ROLL CALL

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Present</b>
Ms. Hudson	X		Tina Maruca	X
Mr. Cottrell	X		Dr. Daniel Dooley	X
Mr. Rynkiewicz	X			
Ms. Wallace	X			
Ms. Law	X			
Ms. Marczyk	X			
Mr. Neal	X			

F. Election of President - Nominations were open for President of the Board. Ms. Hudson nominated Mr. Eric Neal, seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Neal, Abstain. Mr. Neal was elected President of the Board of Education.

*Ms. Maruca, Board Secretary, turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board President for further business.*

G. Election of Vice President - Nominations were open for Vice President of the Board. Mr. Cottrell nominated Mr. John Rynkiewicz, seconded by Ms. Marsczyk, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Mr. Rynkiewicz, Abstain. Mr. Rynkiewicz was elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

H. Code of Ethics for School Board Members - Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics for school board members contained within the amendment to the School Ethics Act, C.178, and P.L.2001. Board members will discuss and sign an acknowledgement of receipt of the Code of Ethics.

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- I. Meeting Dates, Times and Place (Attachment) - Motion to set the board of education meeting dates, time and place as per the attached schedule.
- J. Distribution of Meeting Dates, Time, and Place - Motion to approve the following as notification of yearly schedule of meetings:

The Press of Atlantic City  
City Clerk of Absecon  
Post on the Bulletin Board in the Absecon City Hall  
Post in the Office of the Board Secretary of the Absecon Board of Education  
Absecon Board of Education Website

- K. Appoint Special Legal Counsel - Motion to approve the agreement for special legal services by Porzio, Bromberg, and Newman, P.C. as special legal counsel, for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$395 per hour for principal and counsel, \$280 per hour for associate attorneys, and \$165 per hour for paralegal in conjunction with the petition filed with the NJDOE to change Absecon Schools sending/receiving relationship from Pleasantville High School to Greater Egg Harbor Regional.

- L. Appointment of Committee Members for 2023

Fiscal Affairs:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>Christopher Cottrell</b>
	Member -	<i>Theresa Hudson</i>

Educational Policies:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>Linda Wallace</b>
	Member -	<i>Raquel Law</i>

Negotiations:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>John Rynkiewicz</b>
	Member -	<i>Eric Neal</i>

Policy Review:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>Raquel Law</b>
	Member -	<i>Theresa Hudson</i>

Facilities Committee:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>Megan Marczyk</b>
	Member -	<i>John Rynkiewicz</i>

Superintendent's Evaluation:	<b>Chairperson</b> -	<b>Eric Neal</b>
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New Jersey School Board Association Representation	-	Christopher Cottrell
New Jersey School Board Delegate Assembly Representative	-	Christopher Cottrell

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Mr. Cottrell moved to approve items H, I, J, K, and L.

The Motion was seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously carried by a roll call vote.

M. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - None

N. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Meeting was opened/closed to the public at 7:17 pm. No public comments.

O. NEXT MEETING DATE - January 19, 2023

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Absecon Board of Education that, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) it shall enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege. The information discussed can be disclosed to the public only upon formal written request to the board secretary at the next work, special or regular meeting to determine if the time and circumstances would be appropriate to disclose the information discussed. At the conclusion of this session the Board of Education will reconvene the regular portion of the meeting and action may, or may not, be taken.

*The Board did not enter into executive session at this time.*

Q. ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Maruca  
Board Secretary