

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BUSINESS OF ORGANIZATION
JANUARY 6, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

(1) Call Meeting to Order Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

(2) Open Public Meetings Act Statements Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey" adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On December 5, 2024, adequate written notice of this meeting was posted at the bulletin board in the Township Clerk's Office at the Bedminster Township Municipal Building, the Bedminster Township School Main Office, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

(3) Pledge of Allegiance Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

(4) Appoint Board Secretary Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education appoint Eulalia Gillis, Interim Board Secretary, as the chair of the 2025 Reorganization Meeting.

(5) Election Results 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education certified the results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 5, 2024, including absentee ballots, for membership to the Board of Education of two (2) persons for two (3) year terms:

3-Three Year Terms

Gabriel Wickizer	2,618 Votes Cast
Marshall Mabry	2,391 Votes Cast

(6) Oath of Office to New Board Members Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

(7) Roll Call Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

	Ms. Anderson		Ms. Nathans		Mr. Wickizer
	Ms. Gomez		Ms. Segal		
	Mr. Mabry		Ms. Stevinson		

Code of Ethics

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Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education adopt the Code of Ethics as it appears per N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

- I will uphold and enforce all laws 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, 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 the gain of friends.
- I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if I 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 at the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I will support and protect school personnel in the 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 the failure of an administrative solution.

(8) Election of Board President

Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

- (a) Motion to open the nominations by the board
- (b) Nomination(s) for President
- (c) Motion to close the nominations
- (d) Roll call vote

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- (9) Election of Board Vice President 2025 Board President
- (a) Motion to open the nominations by the board
 - (b) Nomination(s) for President
 - (c) Motion to close the nominations
 - (d) Roll call vote

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	Ms. Gomez		Ms. Segal		
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- (10) Public Comments 2025 Board President

- (11) WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2025 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Bedminster Township Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Bedminster Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Bedminster Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2025 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Bedminster Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children's education.

(12) **Adjournment: Special Meeting For The Business of Organization**

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**January 16, 2025
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**