

# MINUTES

## SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 – 7:30 PM  
LIBRARY OF WANDELL SCHOOL

This meeting constitutes the 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of the Saddle River Board of Education for calendar year 2017.

### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Logan, Board Secretary at 7:32 p.m.

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 Saddle River Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted or notified as follows: the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Saddle River, The Record, The Ridgewood News, The Town Journal, the entrance to Wandell School, and on the business office bulletin board.

### ELECTION RESULTS & ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Logan reported on the November 2016 election results:

Board Members Elected:

Paige Egan: 3-year term, expiring in 2019

Tanya Valency: 3-year term, expiring in 2019

Ms. Egan and Ms. Valency took the Oath of Office.

### ROLL CALL & INFORMATION – 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ms. Connolly	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	2018
Ms. Egan	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	2019
Mr. Lasalandra	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	2017
Ms. Valency	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	2019
Mr. Weng	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	2018

Others Present: Mr. Louis DeLisio, Interim Superintendent/Principal  
Ms. Donna Logan, Board Secretary  
Mr. Glenn Stokes, Vice Principal

### FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mr. Stokes.

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATION INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS****1. Nominations and election of President:**

Board Secretary called for nominations for President

Mr. Lasalandra nominated Ms. Connolly for President of the Board of Education.

The nomination was not seconded.

Ms. Egan nominated Mr. Weng for President of the Board of Education.

Nomination was seconded by Ms. Valency.

Roll Call Vote:

JC: Aye PE: Aye JL: No TV: Aye TW: Aye

Mr. Weng was elected President of the Board of Education

***Newly elected President, Mr. Weng presided over the remainder of the meeting.***

**2. Nominations and election of Vice President:**

President called for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Lasalandra nominated Ms. Connolly for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Nomination was seconded by Ms. Valency.

Roll Call Vote:

JC: Aye PE: Aye JL: Aye TV: Aye TW: Aye

Ms. Connolly was elected Vice President of the Board of Education

**3. Motion to approve the following Code of Ethics:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Saddle River Board of Education:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
- f. 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.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But 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 schools.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Introduced by: Mr. Weng  
Seconded by: Mr. Lasalandra  
Discussion: None  
Vote by show of hands: 5-0, motion passed

4. Motion to readopt current policies, bylaws and regulations of the Saddle River School District.

Introduced by: Mr. Weng  
Seconded by: Ms. Connolly  
Discussion: None  
Vote by show of hands: 5-0, motion passed

5. Motion to approve the appointments to committees was tabled by President Weng.
6. Motion to establish the location, time and dates of the regular public meetings of the Board of Education as follows:

Location: Library of Wandell School, 97 E. Allendale Rd., Saddle River, NJ 07458  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Dates: Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 (Tentative Budget Approval)  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 (Budget Public Hearing and Adoption)  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
Tuesday, July 18, 2017  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017  
Wednesday, January 3, 2018 – Organization Meeting

Please note: As part of this motion formal action may be taken by the Board of Education at all special public meetings as well as at regular meetings.

Introduced by: Mr. Weng  
Seconded by: Ms. Valency  
Discussion: February date changed from agenda listing to Feb. 7, 2017  
Vote by show of hands: 5-0, motion passed

7. Motion to establish *The Ridgewood News* and/or *The Record* and/or *The Town Journal* as the newspaper of record for the Saddle River School District.

Introduced by: Mr. Weng  
Seconded by: Mr. Lasalandra  
Discussion: None  
Vote by show of hands: 5-0, motion passed

8. Motion to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings.

Introduced by: Mr. Weng

Seconded by: Ms. Egan

Discussion: None

Vote by show of hands: 5-0, motion passed

**COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Congratulations were offered to the Board

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

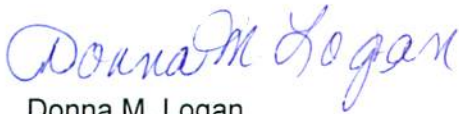
Motion: Mr. Weng

Second: Ms. Connolly

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Time: 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Logan  
Board Secretary