

Transcript – January 3, 2023 BOE Meeting

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thank you

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oh yeah

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I'd like to call the meeting of the Morristown Township Board of educational order

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we'd like to start with a moment of silence please

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rise for the Pledge of Allegiance I pledge allegiance to the flag of the

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United States

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[Music] newly elected board members please join

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me up front to minister the oath

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foreign

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do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law can I possess the

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qualifications the office of member of the Board of Education

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I'm not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RRS 19 colon 4-1-1

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and not disqualified due to a conviction of the crime

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or offense listed in njsa 18a Colon 12-12

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sort of dash one and that I will faithfully and partially and justly

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and partially and justly perform all the duties of that office according to the

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best of my ability congratulations

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at this time I'm going to open thank you

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this time we're going to do roll call Miss arcara Burns

5:03

Mrs fowles Macaluso here Dr Maya here Mrs macapolis here Mrs Miller

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Mrs Morano here miss Romano Mr Villanueva here Mr weeks president thank

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you at this time we're going to open the floor for nominations for board president prior to doing so by board

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policy uh nominations only need to be nominated they do not need to have a

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second so if you'd like to nominate somebody the floor is open

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I would uh like to put forth a nomination for Mr Mark Villanueva

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so I had the honor of serving as as president of this board and uh learned a

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lot of lessons about what that involves what that takes and uh as I've worked with my colleague Mr Villanueva over

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many years uh you know we've had really good moments

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where we've agreed and ones where we've disagreed but we've always focused uh and Mark has especially always focused

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on what he thought was best and has been true to uh his convictions uh he's

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demonstrating character and um I I'm really proud to nominate him uh for to

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be our next leader thank you Mr weeks I don't know if I was supposed to do all that right there but

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it just I couldn't stop it it was absolutely are there any other nominations for for

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president at this time hearing none I'm going to close the

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floor for nominations we will do a roll call vote when your name is called please cast your vote for who you'd like

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to be for president this is our Kara Burns Mississippi

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yes or Mark villanue yes yes [Laughter]

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Dr Mike yes

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Mrs mcpoulos yes Mrs Miller

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yes Mrs Morano yes Miss Romano yes Mr Villanueva yes Mr

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weeks yes Mark Villanueva ises

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congratulations

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at this time I'd like to open floor for nominations for the office of Vice President

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I'd like to make a nomination please and I would like to nominate

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um Cheryl mccopless for the vice presidency

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are there any other nominations for vice president

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hearing none we're going to close the floor for nominations uh same roll call

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vote Mr Cara Burns Mrs fellows Macaluso

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yes Dr Mike yes Mrs mcpoulos

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yes Mrs Miller yes Mrs Moreno yes Miss Romano yes Mr

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Villanueva yes Mr weeks yes congratulations [Applause]

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at this point I will turn the gavel and floor over to the elected board

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president thank you Mr Heiser thank you Mick those

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were very kind words and thanks to everybody um I look forward to working with

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everyone on the board and administration uh and the various stakeholders within the district

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um it's a it's a huge responsibility that I think uh Mick left big shoes to

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fill um and but I look forward to picking your brain in the next year and making sure that we keep moving the district

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forward so thank you um at this time we'll open the floor for

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public comment on agenda items and just by a show of hands does anybody

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intend to make a public comment on agenda items this evening

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okay seeing none I will forgo uh articulating the rules and we can

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um well I guess first I need to make a motion to open so moved

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second all in favor hi

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any public comment this is my first time so I have to apologize for

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seeing that there is at least one comment I'll just I'll State the world very briefly I mean this isn't a

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question answer session um please state your name for the record and and your address to the extent

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you're comfortable stating it and um you'll have three minutes to address items on the on the

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agenda oh this is for on the agenda yes okay there will be a section later

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for off agenda

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public comments actually it's it's not on here so we will do this as as a

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combination because it's a very simple comment uh Michael tell 526 East Main Street I wanted to congratulate the new

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elected board members um and I want to thank you all for your service uh on the board it's a very uh

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tough job it's very thankless in a lot of ways and you guys have a lot of difficult challenges uh through

covet

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and moving forward curriculum and other things and I just wish you guys the best this year

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um and congratulations again congratulations mark thank you

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any other public comment on we're off agenda items

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okay seeing none I'll make a motion to close public comment

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second all in favor

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next we'll move to letter D of the agenda which

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uh includes appointments effective January 3rd 2023 through the next reorganization meeting and this includes

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appointments for board secretary and qualified purchasing agent treasurer of school monies affirmative action officer

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medical inspector public agency compliance officer psychological examiner and insurance broker may I get

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a motion for approval of items one through seven

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okay all in favor aye

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next item e is routine matters for reorganization

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and this includes affirming our official newspaper or newspapers the depositories bank

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signatories ratification of passport action and bargaining group reorganization re-adoption of the

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district curriculum textbooks and board policies a recognition of our standing committees

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which include Communications curriculum finance and operation and policy and Leadership

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number seven is a chart of accounts it also includes Cooperative purchases

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procurement of goods and services through state agencies um a recommendation to set the quote

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threshold and qualified purchasing agent to award contracts up to a bid threshold approving payment of bills and

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designation of the superintendent you may get a motion for approval of items one through twelve

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so a second second

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all in favor aye opposed any abstentions

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letter F the New Jersey School Board member code of ethics this is something

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that we uh all will sign this evening I think they are

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the written document is in front of everybody so if you could sign it and get it to James before leaving I'd

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appreciate it um could I get a motion for letter F of the

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agenda please all in favor

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aye any opposed extensions

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okay letter G is the establishment of petty cash funds

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and the chart and the agenda details the the amounts for petty cash and the

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responsible people involved may I get a motion for approval of item

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G please all in favor

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opposed extensions carries

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letter H includes uh affirmation of our professional service providers including

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the architect of record auditor our legal service provider

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and insurance broker of record and I get emotion for approval of items

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one through four in item H please mark can I have can I have a question

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I think after we uh yeah after we motion a second

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so move second or any comment I'm just curious is this something done

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every January even though it's a three-year contract yes this is done every January our typical cycle has been

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three years uh for our professional service providers um but

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um every year we reaffirm for a one-year period uh each one of the the

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professionals that are identified in letter h the one year end yeah one year

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contracts gotcha all right a second

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any other comment or question all right all in favor

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I opposed abstentions carries

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I see okay um pursuant to the amended agenda that

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was circulated earlier today at this point we are

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um going to go into executive session to discuss a Personnel matter

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um can I get a motion to move into executive absolutely

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all in favor aye aye opposed abstentions

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okay so I think can we go into we'll go into the Innovation lab and for anybody watching or here I don't expect this to

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take more than a few minutes 10-15 minutes yes and action will be taken afterwards

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get a motion to return to public so moved second

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uh all in favor I oppose or extensions much carries

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okay moving on to item number nine uh entitled separation agreement

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and um it is Bittersweet to put this on the agenda uh this relates to Mr

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volpe's departure um and um

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unfortunately we have to put it on the agenda and approve it and get him on his way to uh to Hillsborough so could I get

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a motion to approve item number nine please foreign

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yes Dr Maya yes Mrs mccopless yes Mrs Miller

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in Mrs Murano yes Miss Romano yes

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Mr Villanueva yes Mr weeks yes thank you

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okay moving on uh to the employee relations section of

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the agenda we have the appointment of a payroll coordinator up for Board of

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approval and the details are set forth in the agenda could I get a motion for approval

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of item 7a1 please

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questions or comments okay another roll call vote please

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this is our Carol Burns Mrs fowles macaruso yes Dr Mai yes Mr

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mccopless yes Mrs Miller yes Mr Morano yes Miss Romano yes Mr

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Villanueva yes Mr weeks yes thank you

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okay uh before we move for an adjournment is there anything for the good of the order

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uh it's just a couple of quick items for housekeeping I as I said earlier please

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remember to complete the board member code of ethics to sign it read it

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understand it sign it and send it or give it to James before you leave we

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also have for the the sworn in board members this evening the

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oath that we have to actually sign um so if you could do that as well

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and I'd also like to bid a fund and I said Bittersweet farewell to Mr Volpe

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um I think while your time here was short um in the one year you you really did have

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a very big impact here we were fortunate to have you here I wish you were staying

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but again I I completely understand your decision to return to your hometown

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um so thank you truly um and really good luck in in the future

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in at Hillsborough I hope that we uh we can stay in contact and in some respects

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and um good luck thank you thank you

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okay can I have a motion to adjourn all in favor all right

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any opposed abstentions nope

