

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Annual Organization Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022

Mr. James Canellas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, NJ.

Members Present Mrs. Amy Boroff
 Mrs. Karen Mitchell
 Mr. Evan Murray
 Ms. Stephanie Suriani
 Ms. Amy Winkler

Members Absent Ms. Nancy Bauer

Others Present Joan Mast, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
 Jeanne Cleary, Director of Operations and Special Projects
 James Canellas, Assistant Business Administrator/
 Assistant Board Secretary
 Douglas Silvestro, Esq., Board Attorney

Members Absent Robert A. McGarry, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of
 Curriculum and Instruction
 Christopher Jones, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Peter N. Pitucco, Director of Human Resources
 Lisa Rebimbas, Director of Special Services

Pledge of Allegiance

Board President's Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Board of Education offices located at 512 Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Such notice was also provided in written notice forwarded to the *Times*, now known as the *Union County Hawk*, the *Star Ledger*, the Township Clerk of Scotch Plains and the Borough Clerk of Fanwood in the revised Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings as adopted September 1, 2021.

Mr. Canellas reported the official results of the annual school election held on November 2, 2021. These minutes reflect the actual and final tally received from the Board of Election on November 16, 2021.

	TOTAL Votes Cast	TOTAL Registered Voters
Scotch Plains	9,384	19,310
<u>Three-Year Term</u>		
Karen Kulikowski	3,550	
Debora Brody	3,606	
Tonya Y. Williams	3,453	
David Levine	3,255	
Timothy J. Mehl, Jr.	2,593	
Michael R. Gromek	2,176	

Mr. Canellas administered the Oath of Office to the elected board members:

- Ms. Debora Brody
- Dr. Karen Kulikowski
- Ms. Tonya Williams

The 2022 Board of Education was introduced:

Ms. Nancy Bauer
Mrs. Amy Boroff
Ms. Deb Brody
Dr. Karen Kulikowski
Mrs. Karen Mitchell
Mr. Evan Murray
Ms. Stephanie Suriani
Ms. Tonya Williams
Ms. Amy Winkler

Mr. Canellas called for nominations for the office of the Board President.

Motion by Ms. Winkler to nominate Dr. Kulikowski as Board President. Mrs. Boroff seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Election of Dr. Kulikowski was conducted by a roll call vote.

YES – Mrs. Boroff, Ms. Brody, Dr. Kulikowski, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Ms. Suriani, Ms. Williams, Ms. Winkler

NO – 0

ABSENT – Ms. Bauer

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Gavel passed to Dr. Kulikowski, the 2022 President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Dr. Kulikowski called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Motion by Mrs. Boroff, to nominate Mr. Evan Murray as Board Vice President. Ms. Brody seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Election of Mr. Murray was conducted by a roll call vote.

YES – Mrs. Boroff, Ms. Brody, Dr. Kulikowski, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Ms. Suriani, Ms. Williams, Ms. Winkler

NO – 0

ABSENT – Ms. Bauer

Carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Board of Education, pursuant to New Jersey State Statute (Chapters 1 and 2, Title 3) relating to newspaper publication of legal/public notices, officially approves the *Union County Hawk*, *Star Ledger*, and *The Alternative Press* (TAP) as the official publications for all district official legal/public notices for the remainder of the school year.

Carried 8-0-0

Motion by Ms. Suriani, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education adopts the:

- (a) policies and rules and regulations currently in effect in the Policy Manual.
- and
- (b) school district curriculum as previously approved by the Board.

Carried 8-0-0

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Ms. Brody, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics.

Carried 8-0-0

Motion by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mrs. Boroff, that the Board of Education elects Ms. Winkler of the Board of Education as a delegate for the Union County School Boards. This delegate is authorized to attend any/all meetings.

Carried 8-0-0

Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education elects Mrs. Boroff of the Board of Education to serve as a delegate and Ms. Williams as the alternate, for the NJ School Boards. This delegate is authorized to attend any/all meetings.

Carried 8-0-0

Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Winkler, that the Board of Education elects Ms. Brody of the Board of Education to serve on the Union County Educational Services Commission's Representative Assembly. This delegate is authorized to attend any/all meetings.

Carried 8-0-0

The meeting was open for public comments at 7:45 p.m.

1. Kristen Riffler - Fanwood - Expressed concerns regarding COVID-19 policies and protocols.
Mr Murray responded with clarification of policies and protocols.
Dr. Mast provided additional clarification.
2. Anthony Carter - Fanwood - Congratulated the newly elected Trustees and thanked all members for their service.
3. Nicole DeCampo - Fanwood - Expressed concern regarding COVID-19 policies and protocols.
4. Mike Follows - Scotch Plains - Extended a thank you to the district for its efforts during as well as expressing concerns with some COVID-19 policies and protocols.
Mr. Murray and Dr. Mast responded with clarifications.
5. Parent of High School students - Scotch Plains - Expressed support for district COVID-19 policies and protocols.
6. Kristen Deder - Scotch Plains student/resident - Expressed support and gratitude for the district COVID-19 policies and protocols.
7. Erin Benoit - Scotch Plains - Expressed concern regarding COVID-19 policies and protocols.
Mr. Murray and Dr. Mast provided clarification.

Public comments ended at 8:14 p.m.

Good of the Order

Mr. Murray congratulated the newly elected members.

Ms. Williams thanks the community and board for their support.

Motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Murray at 8:16 p.m., that the Board of Education adjourns.

Carried 8-0-0

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Canellas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Canellas
Assistant Board Secretary