

**PORT JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Annual Reorganization Meeting
July 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Elementary School**

Agenda

6:00 p.m. - Call to Order / Executive Session (ES Library)

7:00 p.m. - Reorganization Meeting (Large Group Room)

7:30 p.m. - Business Meeting (Large Group Room)

I. DISTRICT CLERK

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Administer Oath of Office to New Board Members

3. Election of President of the Board of Education

Call for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education

4. Election of Vice-President of the Board of Education

Call for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education

5. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected President and Vice-President

II. PRESIDENT

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves resolutions numbered 6 - 8 on the July 13, 2015 Annual Reorganization Agenda.

6. Appointment of District Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the appointment of Janice Baisley as District Clerk for the 2015-2016 school year.

7. Appointment of District Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the appointment of Lisa Van Middelam as District Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year.

8. Appointment of Claims Auditor

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the appointment of Berger, MacDonald, Rand, CPAs, LLP, as Claims Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year.

9. Administer Oath of Office to Appointed Officials

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves resolutions numbered 10 - 48 on the July 13, 2015 Annual Reorganization Agenda.

10. Authorization to Bond School Officials -

RECOMMENDATION - That the District Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, and Assistant Superintendent for Business each be bonded for the 2015-2016 school year, and that the amount for each bond be set at \$500,000.00, and that the Superintendent of Schools be requested to approve this amount.

11. Appointment of School Attorney -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the law firm of Ingerman, Smith, LLP, as labor and Board counsel for the 2015-2016.

12. Appointment of Financial Advisors -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Munistat Services, Inc., as financial advisors for the 2015-2016 school year.

13. Appointment of Bond Counsel -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, as bond counsel for the 2015-2016 school year.

14. Appointment of 403b Compliance Consultants -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of OMNI Financial Group as the District's third party administrator for compliance and remitting services for the District's 403(b) plans for the 2015-2016 school year.

15. Appointment of School Physician -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Dr. John Gill, as the regular school district physician, and the school physician member on the District's Committee on Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year.

16. Appointment of Architect -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of JAG Architects as district architect for the 2015-2016 school year.

17. Appointment of Accountant -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Cullen & Danowski, LLP, as school district accountant for the 2015-2016 school year.

18. Appointment of Internal Auditor -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Nawrocki Smith, LLP as Internal Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year.

19. Appointment of External Auditor-

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, as External Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year.

20. Appointment of Insurance Agents / Carriers

RECOMMENDATION -

- a) That the Board approve JJ Stanis and Company as agent and third party administrator for the district's Excess Major Medical, Vision, Life, and Dental Self Insurance Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.
- b) That the Board approve PMA as agent and third party administrator for the district's Self Insured Workers Compensation Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.
- c) That the Board approve BK International as the agent for the district's student accident insurance and excess employer's liability insurance for the 2015-2016 school year.
- d) That the Board approve New York State Insurance Reciprocal as the district's carrier for general non-medical insurance, including but not limited to school board liability, excess catastrophic liability, commercial automotive, and special school liability insurance for the 2015-2016 school year.
- e) That the Board approve Eugene Donohue Associates as agent for the district administrators life insurance plans for the 2015-2016 school year.

21. Appointment of Environmental Consultants -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of Envirosience Consultants, Inc. as environmental consultants for the 2015-2016 school year.

22. Appointment of Accounting Records Custodian, Payroll Certification Officer & Bid Opening: Advertising & Purchasing Officer -

RECOMMENDATION : That the Assistant Superintendent for Business be designated as Custodian of the District's accounting records; and that the Claims Auditor be designated as Payroll Certification Officer; and that the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Sean Leister, perform the duties of the Bid Opening, and Purchasing Officer of the school district; and that the District Clerk be responsible for advertising notices.

23. Appointment of Investment Officer & Continuance of Board Policy -

RECOMMENDATION: That the District Treasurer and the Assistant Superintendent for Business be appointed investment officers and that these duties include the negotiation of short term loans, Tax Anticipation Notes, and the investment of surplus funds in Certificates of Deposit, and other authorized instruments; and further, the Board agrees to continue Board Policy 6240, Investments.

24. Appointment of Records Access Officer -

RECOMMENDATION : That the Assistant Superintendent for Business be appointed as Records Access Officer for the school district.

25. Appointment of AHERA Compliance Officer -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the Director of Facilities as Compliance Officer under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Recovery Act, and that he be made save harmless in the performance of his duties. These duties shall include but not be limited to status review, asbestos assessment study, management plan, employee training and management place review update.

26. Appointment of EPA Program-use Compliance Officer -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the Director of Facilities as EPA Program-use Compliance Officer and be made save harmless.

27. Appointment of Title IX Compliance Officer -

RECOMMENDATION : That the Board approve the appointment of the Director of Special Education as the Title IX Compliance Officer for the 2015-2016 school year.

28. Appointment of Substitute Treasurer -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the Superintendent of Schools as Substitute District Treasurer should these services be required any time during the 2015-2016 school year.

29. Appointment of Publication -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Times-Record newspaper and/or Newsday be designated as the official publications of the District for the 2015-2016 school year; and further, that Times-Record newspaper and/or Newsday be designated the official publication for advertising competitive bids.

30. District Accounts / Designation of Depository -

RECOMMENDATION - That the following bank accounts be approved:

- General Fund - Checking - Capital One 6755
- General Fund – Money Market – Capital One 2015
- Federal - Checking - Capital One 6805
- Capital - Checking - Capital One 6813
- Capital – Money Market - Capital One 6821
- Trust & Agency - Checking - Capital One 6789
- Payroll - Capital One 6763
- Royal Education Foundation - Checking - Capital One 6839
- Trust & Agency Scholarship - Checking - Capital One 6797
- School Lunch - Checking - Capital One 6847
- Trust & Agency - Payroll - Capital One 6771

and further that the following banks be designated as the depository for all district funds:
Capital One, Suffolk County National Bank, MBIA-CLASS, Bank of America, J.P. Morgan Chase, Citibank, State Bank of Long Island, Commerce Bank, HSBC, Wachovia

31. Authorization of Facsimile Signatures -

RECOMMENDATION - That the District Treasurer and substitute District Treasurer be authorized to resort to an electronic signature, and be it further resolved that the District Treasurer and substitute District Treasurer maintain control of these signatures.

32. Purchasing Policy -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board review Purchasing Policy 6700, as required by General Municipal Law Section 104-b(4).

33. Charge Cards -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board authorize the use of the Home Depot and Wright Express credit cards for the 2015-2016 school year.

34. Designation of Extra-Classroom Activities Fund Officers -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the following officers for the Extra-Classroom (Student Organization) Funds for the 2015-2016 school year:

Elementary	- Lucy Arnone, Treasurer
	- Principal
	- Superintendent of Schools
Middle School	- Rosalie Loizas, Treasurer
	- Principal
	- Superintendent of Schools
Senior High	- Stephanie Miazga, Treasurer
	- Principal
	- Superintendent of Schools

35. Designation of Petty Cash Funds & Fund Custodians -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the establishment of petty cash funds and custodians of the funds for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
District	\$100.00	Superintendent / Janice Baisley
Elementary School	\$100.00	Principal / Lucy Arnone
Middle School	\$100.00	Principal / Rosalie Loizas
High School	\$100.00	Principal / Stephanie Miazga
Business Office	\$100.00	Assistant Superintendent / Natalie Pego

36. Reimbursement for Authorized Use of Vehicles -

RECOMMENDATION - That the rate of reimbursement for the authorized use of privately owned vehicles in the performance of District business be established at the IRS rate per mile for the 2015-2016 school year.

37. Reimbursement for Conferences -

RECOMMENDATION - That the rate of reimbursement for authorized conferences, contests and events for lodging, meals and incidental expenses will not exceed the maximum IRS rate limits.

Exceptions may be granted when approved conferences are held at a participating hotel or there is an approved written justification for special circumstances.

38. Rate per Hour - Home Instruction Fee -

RECOMMENDATION - That the rate per hour for home instruction fees provided by any agency other than Port Jefferson Teachers' Association be \$40.00.

39. Non-Resident Tuition -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board establish the non-resident tuition rate for the 2015-2016 school year pursuant to the required State Education Formula for establishing non-resident student tuition rate, as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 6 \$22,016 per year

Grades 7 - 12 \$24,676 per year

Special Education: Kindergarten - Gr.6 \$71,545 per year

Special Education: Grades 7- 12 \$74,205 per year

Said rates to be revised when they become finalized by the State Education Department.

40. Appointment of District Committee on Special Education -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the following as District Committee on Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year:

Chairpersons - Director of Special Education, School Psychologist

Special Education Teacher, Teacher Member

Classroom Teacher, Teacher Member

Director of Special Education, School Psychologist

Physician Member (as requested)

John Steiner, Lorraine Steiner, Lorraine Guzzetta, Parent Members (as requested)

41. Appointment of Sub-Committee on Special Education -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the following composition of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year:

Chairpersons - Director of Special Education, School Psychologist

School Psychologist, Classroom Teacher, Teacher Member

Special Education Teacher, Teacher Member

42. Appointment of Committee on Preschool Special Education -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board appoint the following to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year:

Chairpersons - Director of Special Education, School Psychologist

Teacher Member

Special Education Teacher Member

Suffolk County Representative, County Representative

Evaluator, a professional who participated in the evaluation of the child for whom services are sought

John Steiner, Lorraine Steiner, Lorraine Guzzetta - Parent Members (as requested)

43. IDEA and 504 Impartial Hearing Officers -

RECOMMENDATION - As per Part 200.5(j)(3)(i), appointment from the impartial hearing list must be made in accordance with the rotational selection process established in Section 200.2(e)(1) of the Part 200 Regulations of the commissioner and the administrative procedures established by the Board of Education pursuant to Section 200.2(b)(9).

44. Appointment of Surrogate Parents -

RECOMMENDATION - That the Board approve the appointment of the following as Surrogate Parent(s) for the Committee on Special Education for the 2015-2016 school year:
Father Frank Pizzarelli

45. Appointment of District-wide DASA Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION – That the Board appoint the Director of Special Education, as District-wide DASA Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year.

46. Annual Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting/District Vote –

RECOMMENDATION: That the Annual Budget Hearing be held on May 10, 2016, 7:00 pm; and, the Annual Meeting/District Vote be held on May 17, 2016, 6:00 am-9:00 pm.

47. Designation of Regular Board of Education Meeting Dates -

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board designate the following as dates for regular monthly business meetings of the Board of Education for the 2015-2016 school year:

	January 12, 2016
August 11, 2015	February 9, 2016
September 8, 2015	March 8, 2016
October 13, 2015	April 12, 2016
November 10, 2015	May 10, 2016
December 8, 2015	June 14, 2016

48. Designation of Board Work Session Meeting Dates-

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board designate the following as dates for work sessions of the Board of Education for the 2015-2016 school year:

October 27, 2015	January 26, 2016	March 22, 2016
Tentative Work Session Dates:		
November 25, 2015	February 23, 2016	

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee
Curriculum Committee
Facilities Committee
Finance Committee
Policy Committee

IV. ADJOURNMENT

INVESTMENTS

The Board of Education's investment policy shall apply to all monies and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

The primary objectives of the district's investment policy are, in priority order:

1. to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements;
2. to adequately safeguard principal and minimize risk;
3. to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements; and
4. to obtain a reasonable rate of return.

The Board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Treasurer who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and, other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that may impair public confidence in the district to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principle as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

In accordance with this policy, the District Treasurer, Assistant Business Administrator, and Assistant Superintendent for Business are authorized to invest and/or deposit all funds, including proceeds of obligations and reserve funds, in special time-deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, short-term government securities, repurchase agreements or other investment instruments permitted by law, subject to the investment regulations approved by the Board of Education.

To the extent feasible, investments and deposits shall be made in and through local or regional financial institutions. Concentration of investments in a single financial institution should be avoided. Diversification of investments and deposits is encouraged.

This policy will be annually reviewed by the Board and may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of section 39 of the General Municipal Law.

* Section 39 of the General Municipal Law requires Boards of Education to adopt a comprehensive investment policy which will set forth both the district's general operative policy as well as instruction to its administrators and staff regarding the investing, monitoring and reporting of the district's funds.

Ref: Education Law §§1604-a; 1709(8); 1723-a; 2131; 3651; 3652
Local Finance Law §165
General Municipal Law §§6-a; 6-j; 6-m; 6-n; 39

Note: Prior policy, 3700, revised

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PURCHASING

The function of the purchasing process in a school district is to serve the educational program effectively by providing the appropriate and necessary supplies, equipment, and services, as well as completing public works projects, as promptly as circumstances will allow and to the extent that budget and other allocations will permit.

To that end, the Board of Education declares its intention to engage competitively and without prejudice in procurement actions which will seek to obtain optimal value for the expenditure of school district funds.

The acquisition of supplies, equipment, and services, as well as the pursuit of public works projects, will function through the purchasing process under the direct supervision of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Sean Leister, and with the advice of the Director of School Facilities as appropriate.

Procurement Policies Pursuant to Section 104-b

<u>Item</u>	<u>Written Quotes*</u>	<u>RFP</u>
<u>Purchase Contracts</u>		
\$2,500 - \$19,999	3	
<u>Public Works Contracts</u>		
\$2,500 - \$34,999	3	
<u>Professional Services**</u>		X
<u>Insurance**</u>		X
<u>Exempt Purchases</u>		
Sole Source		
Emergencies		
Standardized Items		
BOCES Contracts		
County Contracts		
State Contracts		
Preferred Source Contracts		

*If three quotes are not available, the requisitioner must provide documentation that he/she attempted to obtain said quotes, (i.e. copies of faxes, emails requesting quotes).

*** * Request for proposals will be issued at the discretion of the Board of Education via a board resolution upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

EXCEPTIONS: General categories exist which are excluded from the requirement for competitive bidding:

- 1. The purchase of goods or equipment costing less than \$20,000.**
- 2. Public works projects costing less than \$35,000.**
- 3. Special skills services, which include professional or unique services. This refers to services that require particular training and/or experience, consulting services, and such other services as have been previously determined by the Commissioner of Education and/or courts of competent jurisdiction not to require bidding.**
- 4. Standardized items which the Board of Education, by resolution approved by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of its total authorized membership (not reducible by absences, abstentions or vacancies), is a need for standardization of identified items. Examples: buses and boilers.**
- 5. Sole source goods or services that can be procured only from a single manufacturer, supplier or vendor.**
- 6. Emergency procurement of goods and/or public work projects or services which are urgently required as a result of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting School District buildings, property or life, health or safety or property of School District inhabitants/residents require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding.**

EXCLUSIONS: Purchases excluded from the bid process:

- 1. BOCES vendor contracts: Goods and services available from vendors that have, pursuant to public bidding as required by law, entered into Blanket Purchase Agreements with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, requiring such vendors to provide goods and services to participating districts.**
- 2. State of New York, Office of General Services contracts: Goods/services from vendors who have entered into contracts with the State of New York to supply, sell and service municipalities within the State of New York goods/services specified in such contracts at prices and in amounts provided by such contracts.**
- 3. Suffolk County contracts: Goods from vendors who have entered into blanket purchase agreements with the County of Suffolk requiring such vendors to make available to all municipal agencies within the County of Suffolk, goods at prices and in amounts provided by such contracts provided such contracts are extended to school districts.**

4. **Suffolk County Public Contracts:** Services from vendors who have entered into blanket agreements with the County of Suffolk requiring such vendors to make available to municipal agencies within the County of Suffolk, the services and prices provided by such contracts provided that such services are not subject to Article 8 or 9 of the New York State Labor Law and the contract has been extended to school districts.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS: Purchases from the following agencies of the State of New York are exempt from the requirements of this policy:

1. New York State Department of Correctional Services
2. New York State Institute of the Blind
3. New York State Industries for the Disabled

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Board Committees and Charges

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee is charged to work with the Administration to provide oversight of the Curriculum Revision Five-year Cycle. After review of the Superintendent's recommendations, the Committee will adopt and publish a five-year calendar of curriculum review and approval. Curriculum adoptions will be made prior to January 1 so that adequate time will be provided to include necessary funds for personnel and materials in the subsequent school year budget.

In addition, the Committee will oversee the implementation of Policy 4220, Educational Initiatives, to provide comprehensive plans for new and revised educational programs. The Committee will provide updates at each monthly Board meeting and will present a year-end summary at the June Board Meeting with recommendations for the next Board.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will work with the Assistant Superintendent for Business and meet as necessary to perform the following tasks:

- Oversee and monitor the process of planning, developing, and communicating the annual district budget to be referred to voters.
- Address any financial exigencies that may require Board action and ensure proper communication and reporting to the Board.
- Oversee the development of a long-range financial plan for the District.

The Committee will provide updates at each monthly Board meeting and will present a yearend summary at the June Board meeting with recommendations for the next Board.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee will work with the administration to provide oversight of school facilities and will work with the District Architect to plan for facility development. Included within the facility oversight responsibility is the duty to set direction for the continued development and application of the District technology network. The Committee will act as the appellant body for final resolution of transportation complaints on appeal from administrative resolution. The Committee will also function as the School Visitation Committee. The Committee will provide updates at each monthly Board meeting and will present a year-end summary at the June Board meeting with recommendations for the next Board.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will work with the administration and auditors in accordance with the District's Audit Committee Charter to provide oversight over the District's financial processes. The Committee will provide updates at each monthly Board meeting and will present a year-end summary at the June Board meeting with recommendations for the next Board.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee is charged to work with the administration to conduct a structured and cyclical review of all policies contained within the district's policy manual. The Committee will seek input from the Superintendent/designee to identify policies that will require priority status for revision or initial introduction. Policies reviewed by the Committee will be brought forward to the Board of Education whenever revisions or new adoptions are necessary (in accordance with policy relating to adoption of Board Policies). The Committee will provide updates at each monthly Board meeting and will present a year-end summary at the June Board meeting with recommendations for the next Board.