

**PLEASANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Pleasantville High School/701 Mill Road
Tuesday, January 6, 2016
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – Board Secretary **6:05**
2. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Notice

Statement

“This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Pleasantville, in the County of Atlantic, that notice was given on December 21, 2015 of this Board Re-Organization Workshop/Action Meeting as required by the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1976; that notice thereof has been distributed for publication in the Press, the Absecon/Pleasantville Current and the Mainland Journal, posted in the Administration Building and forwarded to the City Clerk of the City of Pleasantville, within the time required by said act.”

3. Reading of the Results of November 3, 2015 General Election for Pleasantville Board of Education in the name order reflected on the Atlantic County Clerk official results (Attachment A).

Members of the Board of Education – Pleasantville

Full Three Year Term	Total Machine Votes	Votes by Mail	Provisional Votes	Hand Count	Grand Total Votes
Richard E.L. Norris	858	91	8	0	957
Lawrence A. Davenport	1,072	575	21	3	1,671
Silvia Landron	749	549	17	2	1,317
Elysa Sanchez	593	556	14	2	1,165
Full One Year Term	Total Machine Votes	Votes by Mail	Provisional Votes	Hand Count	Grand Total Votes
Tyrone J. Floyd	701	86	14	1	802
James Barclay	363	507	11	3	884

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport (Newly Elected for a three year term)
2. Ms. Silvia Landron (Newly Elected for a three year term)
3. Ms. Elysa Sanchez (Newly Elected for a three year term)
4. Mr. James Barclay (Newly Elected for a one year Unexpired term)

Each Newly Elected Pleasantville Board of Education Member of which completed the Criminal History Review is to be sworn-in, and to sign the Required Oath for School Board Members. Each Board Member to receive a copy of the New Jersey School Board Members Code of Ethics and a January 6, 2016 Board Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

5. **NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Note: A Second of Motion is Not Applicable)

1) **Nomination of: Paul Moore** Nomination Motioned by Ethel Seymore

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER ONE (1):

Yea: _____ Nay: √

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay		√		
Bernice Couch		√		
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron		√		
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez		√		
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas		√		

FOUR YES; **MOTION FAILED**

2) **Nomination of: Tony Davenport** Nomination Motioned by Sharnell Morgan

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER TWO (2):

Yea: _____ Nay: √

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay		√		
Bernice Couch		√		
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron		√		
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez		√		
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas		√		

FOUR YES; **MOTION FAILED**

3) Nomination of: Carla Thomas Nomination Motioned by Elysa Sanchez

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER THREE (3):

Yea: √ Nay: _____

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport		√		
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore		√		
Sharnell Morgan		√		
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore		√		
Carla Thomas	√			

FIVE YES; **MOTION PASSED, Congratulation Board President**

6. NOMINATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Note: A Second of Motion is Not Applicable)

Nomination of Paul Moore Nomination Motioned by Sharnell Morgan

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER ONE (1):

Yea: _____ Nay: √

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay		√		
Bernice Couch		√		
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron		√		
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez		√		
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas		√		

FOUR YES; **MOTION FAILED (Nominee Withdrew Nomination)**

Nomination of: Elysa Sanchez Nomination Motioned by Carla Thomas

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER TWO (2):

Yea: √ Nay: _____

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport		√		
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore		√		
Sharnell Morgan		√		
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore		√		
Carla Thomas	√			

FIVE YES; **MOTION PASSED, Congratulation Vice President**

Nomination of: Tony Davenport Nomination Motioned by Paul Moore

ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION NUMBER THREE (3): Yea: _____ Nay: √

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay		√		
Bernice Couch		√		
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron		√		
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez		√		
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas		√		

FOUR YES; MOTION FAILED (Nominee Withdrew Nomination)

***Resolution by the Pleasantville Board of Education to move the Public Meeting from the Auditorium to the Cafeteria**

MOTION BY: Paul Moore SECOND BY: Elysa Sanchez Yea: √ Nay: _____

ROLL CALL

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

NINE YES; MOTION PASSED

9. DESIGNATION OF THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2016:

Approval of the meeting schedule for Regular Board Meetings for January 2016 pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act Ch. 231 PL 1975 the Pleasantville Board of Education establishes the following meeting dates, times and locations is as below. The Executive session will follow the Agenda items and held prior to the end of the Regular meeting. (See Attachment of Complete Year 2016)

January 26, 2016 Action Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pleasantville High School

MOTION BY: Elysa Sanchez SECOND BY: Ethel Seymore Yea: √ Nay: _____

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

NINE YES; MOTION PASSED

10. OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES for the **2016-2017** school year and January 1, 2016 Calendar Year, ending December 31, 2016.

Recommend Action on Resolution Designating Official Depositories for the Funds of the Board.

Be It Further Resolved, by this Board of Education that the TD Bank, Susquehanna Bank, Sun Bank, PNC Bank, and the Bank of America New Jersey Arbitrage and Rebate Management designated as official depositories for the funds of this Board.

Be It Further Resolved, that all funds on deposit in the depositories of this Board, with the exception of the accounts hereinafter noted, may be withdrawn only on School Warrant of this Board, signed by the President, Board Secretary and **Assistant Business Administrator**, or, should the President be absent or disabled, the Vice President, Board Secretary and **Assistant Business Administrator** are hereby authorized to sign all School Warrants for the withdrawal of funds.

Be It Further Resolved, that all funds on deposit in the "Activity Fund" and "Cafeteria Fund" may be withdrawn upon check signed by the Business Administrator and the **Assistant Business Administrator**. Superintendent is the alternate signatory.

Be It Further Resolved, that all funds on deposit in the "Payroll Account," and "Unemployment Trust Fund" may be withdrawn upon check signed by the **Assistant Business Administrator** and that all funds in the "Payroll Agency Account" are signed by the Business Administrator and the **Assistant Business Administrator**.

Be It Further Resolved that as idle funds should be invested at all times, the Secretary in consultation with the Superintendent is authorized to invest idle funds in legal investment vehicles and to occasionally transfer idle monies between funds or accounts for the purpose of making such investments or meeting claims presented to the Board.

Be It Further Resolved, that the financial records of this Board are maintained in conformity with, and that all such reporting to the Board meet the minimum prescribed levels of, generally accepted accounting principles as endorsed by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Be It Further Resolved, that the chart of financial accounts known as The Uniform Minimum Chart of Account (Handbook 2R2) for New Jersey Public Schools, as developed and endorsed by the New Jersey Department of Education pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, is hereby adopted as the chart of accounts for the financial practices of this Board.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board approves a motion that the State Monitor be authorized to approve budget transfers during the period between regular monthly meetings.

MOTION BY: Paul Moore SECOND BY: Silvia Landron Yea: √ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay			√	
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

EIGHTYES; MOTION PASS

11. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to approve authorization of the Pleasantville Board of Education President as the signer of Warrants for the 2016-2017 school year and **January 1, 2016** Calendar Year, ending December 31, 2016.
12. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to approve authorization of the Pleasantville Board of Education Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the signer of Warrants for the 2016-2017 school year and **January 1, 2016** Calendar Year, ending December 31, 2016.
13. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to approve authorization of the Pleasantville Board of Education Director of Finance as the signer of Warrants for the 2016-2017 school year and **January 1, 2016** Calendar Year, ending December 31, 2016.
14. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to approve the designation of the Press of Atlantic City as the official newspaper for the **January 1, 2016** Calendar year, ending **December 31, 2016**.

- 15. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to approve the designation of the Press of Atlantic City for the publication of Board Meetings as per NJSA 10:4-8 in addition to the Current being designated as a secondary newspaper for the District for the **January 1, 2016** Calendar year, ending **December 31, 2016**.
- 16. Resolution for the Pleasantville Board of Education to readopt the existing Bylaws and Policies for the Board's operation and the operation of the school system.

MOTION BY: Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Elysa Sanchez Yea: √ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore	√			
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

NINE YES; MOTION PASS

- 17. Audit Presentation – Auditor will present audit on January 26, 2016 Board Meeting (Elisha Thompkins gave a short overview of Audit)
- 18. Title I Corrective Action Plan- Overview given by Elisha Thompkins

❖ Resolution by the Pleasantville Board of Education to go out for RFP for Legal Services

MOTION BY: Sharnell Morgan SECOND BY: Tony Davenport Yea: √ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore				√
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore		√		
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YES; MOTION PASS

19. Public Comments (Please limit comments to five minutes and be courteous during public comments)

- William Christmas
- C. Callaway

20. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Continuing with Public Comments

- David Callaway
- Mr. Hayford
- Ms. Cecelia Sayid

21. Motion to go into Executive Session **8:01pm**

Motion by Elysa Sanchez Second by Bernice Couch

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport	√			
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore				√
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore				√
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YES; **MOTION PASSED**

Executive Session

Motion by Elysa Sanchez and Seconded by Bernice Couch at 8:01 p.m., it is hereby resolved that the Pleasantville Board of Education may go into closed or private session from which the public shall be excluded in accordance with the provisions as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13. The following subjects shall be discussed on this date in the session of the Board closed to the public: PERSONNEL, PUPIL MATTERS, PENDING, AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion in closed session will be disclosed to the public at this time or a future meeting of the Board when it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

22. Motion to come out of Executive Session **8:54pm**

Motion by: Elysa Sanchez Second by: Silvia Landron Yea: √ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport				√
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore				√
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YES; MOTION PASSED

23. Reconvene Board Meeting –Action on Items following Executive Session.

WHEREAS, there presently is a vacancy in the position of Principal of the Pleasantville High School, and

WHEREAS, Kelvin Cherry is no longer serving as Interim Principal of the High School and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to appoint an Interim Principal pending the advertising, posting, interviewing and selection of a permanent Principal of the Pleasantville High School, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Fitts the Interim Superintendent of the School District is certified to serve in the capacity of Interim School Principal of the High School, it is now

THEREFORE, resolved by the Pleasantville School District Board of Education that Dr. Leonard Fitts shall serve as Interim Principal of High School for so long as he serves as Superintendent until the Board approves a permanent Principal appointment.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that Mr. Cherry be reassigned as an Assistant Principal to another school within the District by the Superintendent.

2. Extension of contracts for Labor Counsel and General Counsel

WHEREAS, presently the contracts have not been ran on a calendar bases however since thee switching of election for school Board to November new Member of the Board and Re-Organization occurs in January;

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that the existing Professional Contracts for Carroll Law Firm and The Smith Legal Group shall be extended thru December 31, 2016 and from there under it will be on an annual base.

3. New Jersey School Board

WHEREAS, the Pleasantville board of Education is conducting a search for a permanent Superintendent;

WHEREAS, the search needs to continue is the will of the Board to authorize the re-advertising the opening for Superintendent of Pleasantville Board of Education to be posted in The Press of Atlantic City and New Jersey School Board recourses, the paper of records The Current and so forth.

MOTION BY: Elysa Sanchez SECOND BY: Bernice Couch Yea: √ No:

Roll Call:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport				√
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore Jr.				√
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YES; **MOTION PASSED**

24. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. 9:00pm

MOTION BY: Elysa Sanchez SECOND BY: Silvia Landron Yea: √ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Tony Davenport				√
Silvia Landron	√			
Paul Moore				√
Sharnell Morgan	√			
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YES; **MOTION PASSED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisha Thompkins, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Elisha Thompkins, Jr.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**4/20/16
Date**