



**BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, CITY OF BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA – ORGANIZATION MEETING – TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO FLAG**

CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

NAME	VOTES
Jodi Casais	7,838
Melissa Godesky-Rodriguez	8,375
Pamela Sclafane	7,535
Michael Alonso	3,191
Write In	459

TRUSTEE _____ moved for adoption

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

OATH OF OFFICE

ADMINISTERED BY BOARD ATTORNEY

I hereby certify that at the Annual School District Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the registered voters of the City of Bayonne did elect, Jodi Casais, Melissa Godesky-Rodriguez, and Pamela Sclafane to be members of the Bayonne Board of Education for a period of three years commencing this 7th day of January 2025.

WILL THE PERSONS NAMED PLEASE STEP FORWARD SO THAT THE OATH OF OFFICE MAY BE ADMINISTERED?

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

I, *State your name*, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME AND TO THE GOVERNMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES AND THIS STATE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE. SO HELP ME GOD.

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

TRUSTEE _____ moved to place _____ in nomination for the position of President of the Bayonne BOE

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

TRUSTEE _____ moved to elect _____ President of the Bayonne BOE

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE-PRESIDENT

TRUSTEE _____ moved to place _____ in nomination for the position of Vice President of the Bayonne BOE

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

TRUSTEE _____ moved to elect _____ Vice President of the Bayonne BOE

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

AGENDA

INFORMATION/REPORTS/ACTIONS

A1. MATTER OF – Approval of a Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Educations approves a Consent Agenda

A2. MATTER OF – Approval of 2025 – 2026 Schedule for Board of Education Meeting Dates

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayonne Board of Education hereby adopts the following schedule of meetings to be held at 6:00 PM in the Alexander X. O'Connor Auditorium, 669 Avenue A Bayonne NJ.

Open Workshop and Agenda sessions to be held at 5:30 PM in the Anna J. Herbert Meeting Room, in which the public may attend but may not participate.

Closed sessions may be held after each of these sessions.

January 21, 2025	January Monthly Meeting
February 25, 2025	February Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2025	March Monthly Meeting
April 29, 2025	April Monthly Meeting
May 20, 2025	May Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2025	June Monthly Meeting
August 19, 2025	August Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2025	September Monthly Meeting
October 14, 2025	October Monthly Meeting
November 18, 2025	November Monthly Meeting
December 16, 2025	December Monthly Meeting
January 6, 2026	Organization Meeting

A3. MATTER OF – Adoption of Bylaws, Policies and Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaws and Policies printed and codified in the comprehensive document entitled BYLAWS AND POLICIES OF THE BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION are heretofore adopted by the Bayonne Board of Education.

A4. MATTER OF – Approval of Payrolls and Signing of Warrants

BE IT RESOLVED that in the absence of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President be and is hereby authorized to approve payrolls and sign warrants drawn against the Board of Education General School Fund.

A5. MATTER OF – Designation of Official Newspaper for Notices

BE IT RESOLVED that the JERSEY JOURNAL be the primary Official Newspaper where legal notices of the school district shall be published.

A6. MATTER OF – Appointment of Delegate to the Hudson County School Board Association

BE IT RESOLVED that Trustee _____ is appointed as Delegate to the Hudson County School Board Association.

ALTERNATE _____

A7. MATTER OF – Appointment of Delegate to New Jersey School Board Association

BE IT RESOLVED that Trustee _____ is appointed as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ALTERNATE _____

A8. MATTER OF – Adoption of Code of Ethics

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-21, the Bayonne Board of Education must minimally adhere to the following “Code of Ethics”:

CODE OF ETHICS

- 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 which may compromise the Board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgement 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.

A9. MATTER OF – Acceptance of Acknowledgements of Annual Ethics Training

BE IT RESOLVED that annual ethics training to its trustees under N.J.A.C. 6-3-1.3 and N.J.S.C. 6A:30, has been provided at its annual organization meeting.

A10. MATTER OF – Approval of Health Insurance Brokerage Services

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Education approves the continuation of the present contracts for the year January 8, 2025 to and including January 8, 2026 with exception of any provisions that are inconsistent with any existing laws of the State of NJ, and which include the following firms at the current rates and limits.

Health Insurance Brokerage: HORIZON BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

A11. MATTER OF – Approval of Property/Casualty/Workmen’s Comp Insurance Services

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Education approves the continuation of the present contracts for the year January 8, 2025 to and including January 8, 2026 with exception of any provisions that are inconsistent with any existing laws of the State of NJ, and which include the following firms at the current rates and limits.

Property, Casualty & Workmen’s Compensation Insurance Brokerage Services – FAIRVIEW INSURANCE

A12. MATTER OF – Approval of Depositories of School Monies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayonne Board of Education authorizes the use of the following depositories.

A. Provident Bank

B. BCB Community Bank

C. State of NJ Cash Management Fund

A13. **MATTER OF** – Settlement Agreement

TRUSTEE _____ moved for adoption

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____

ADJOURNMENT