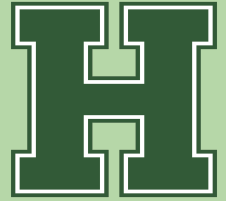


HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting

January 6, 2026

Public Session: 6:00 pm



1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, public notices of this meeting have been given by the Business Administrator in the following manners:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 5, 2026.
- B. Mailed written notice to the Burlington County Times on December 17, 2025.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Hainesport Township on January 5, 2026.
- D. Filed written notice with the members of this body.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

4. OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

The Board Secretary will read the official election results and then administer the Oath for School Board Members elected to the Hainesport Township Board of Education:

- A. Bianca Cuniglio (2,356 votes) - 3 year term
- B. Shiva-Sanjay Bhakta (31 votes) - 3 year term
- C. Leah Miller (29 votes) - 3 year term

5. ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	If late, time of arrival
Ms. Cuniglio	x		
Mr. Brandolph	x		
Mr. Bhakta	x		
Dr. Carlton	x		
Ms. Maccar	x		
Ms. MacLachlan	x		
Ms. Miller	x		
Ms. Minero	x		
Ms. Weres	x		

X Quorum ☐ No Quorum

X Mr. Joseph R. Corn, Superintendent

X Mr. Jake Bryson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Secretary of the Board of Education will accept nominations for President of the Board of Education. After nominations have been closed, the Secretary will take a roll call vote

Nomination #1: **Bianca Cuniglio** Nomination #2 **Larry Brandolph**

Motion to close nominations - **Ms. Maccar**

Second to close nominations - **Ms. MacLachlan**

Roll Call in favor of Bianca Cuniglio

Board Member	Yes
Ms. Cuniglio	x
Mr. Brandolph	
Mr. Bhakta	x
Dr. Carlton	x
Ms. Maccar	
Ms. MacLachlan	
Ms. Miller	
Ms. Minero	x
Ms. Weres	x

Roll Call in favor of Larry Brandolph

Board Member	Yes
Ms. Cuniglio	
Mr. Brandolph	x
Mr. Bhakta	
Dr. Carlton	
Ms. Maccar	x
Ms. MacLachlan	x
Ms. Miller	
Ms. Minero	
Ms. Weres	

Elected: **Ms. Cuniglio**

7. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The President of the Board of Education will accept nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. After nominations have been closed, the Secretary will take a roll call vote.

Nomination #1: **Erin. Minero** Nomination #2: **Larry Brandolph**

Motion to close nominations - **Ms. Weres**

Second to close nominations - **Ms. Miller**

Roll Call in favor of Erin Minero

Board Member	Yes
Ms. Cuniglio	x
Mr. Brandolph	

Mr. Bhakta	x
Dr. Carlton	x
Ms. Maccar	
Ms. MacLachlan	
Ms. Miller	
Ms. Minero	x
Ms. Weres	x

Roll Call in favor of Larry Brandolph

Board Member	Yes
Ms. Cuniglio	
Mr. Brandolph	x
Mr. Bhakta	
Dr. Carlton	
Ms. Maccar	x
Ms. MacLachlan	x
Ms. Miller	
Ms. Minero	
Ms. Weres	

Elected: **Ms. Minero**

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** (Action Items Only)

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff member, followed by building level administration, and then the Superintendent of Schools **PRIOR** to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level.

A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment

- a. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education open the meeting to receive comment from the public present.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Ms. Maccar	Ms. Miller	x	

x Motion Carries

☐ **Motion Fails**

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This meeting will now be open to the public, however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, the Board requests that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since those items cannot be discussed in public.

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

- a. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Ms. Minero	Ms. Weres		

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

9A. ADOPTION OF CURRENT POLICY MANUAL:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to readopt all current written bylaws, policies, and regulations in the official Policy Manual of the Hainesport Township Board of Education through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027.

9B. ADOPTION OF ALL CURRENT & UPDATED CURRICULUM (Including Computer Science & Design Thinking & Career Readiness, Life Literacies & Key Skills, ELA, Math, Comprehensive Health & Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, World Language, Visual & Performing Arts), and INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to readopt all current written curriculum and instructional materials through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027.

9C. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to reappoint the following professionals through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027, or as soon thereafter as the Board acts on appointments:

Service	Vendor
Attorney (Resolution 2026A)	Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, LLC
Construction Manager of Record (Resolution 2026B)	New Road Construction Management Co., Inc.
Insurance Agent (Resolution 2026C)	T.C. Irons Agency
Auditor (Resolution 2026D)	Holt McNally & Associates Inc.
Health Benefits Broker (Resolution 2026E)	Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors
Occupational Therapist (Resolution 2026F)	Michelle Critelli, Our Playground Therapy Services LLC
Physical Therapist (Resolution 2026G)	Therapy Coaches in Motion
Speech Language Therapist (Resolution 2026H)	Let's Talk Speech, PC
Architect of Record (Resolution 2026I)	Regan Young, England, Butera (RYEBREAD)
Bond Counsel (2026J)	Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Continuing Disclosure Agent (2026K)	Phoenix Advisors, LLC
School Physician (2026L)	Dr. Charles A. Scott

9D. OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to reapprove the following Banking Institutions as official depositories of the Hainesport Township Board of Education through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027:

Account	Financial Institution	Signatory	Individual
General Fund	Citizens Bank	Board President	

		Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Custodial	Citizens Bank	Board President Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Cafeteria	Citizens Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Payroll	Citizens Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Payroll Agency	Citizens Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Unemployment	Citizens Bank	Treasurer Business Administrator	Donna Condo Jake Bryson
Student Activities	Citizens Bank	BA Clerk Business Administrator	Lisa Tedesco Jake Bryson
Thomas Reardon Memorial	Citizens Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Jake Bryson
Nancy Hancock Memorial	Citizens Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Jake Bryson
Courtesy Award	Citizens Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Jake Bryson
Sean Byrne Scholarship	Citizens Bank	Board President Business Administrator	Jake Bryson

9E. **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to reapprove Burlington County Times as the official newspapers to be used for the advertisement of meetings, legal ads, and all other necessary public notifications through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027.

Roll Call on Action Items 9A-9E:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Cuniglio			x			
Mr. Brandolph			x	(9A)		
Mr. Bhakta			x			
Dr. Carlton		x	x			
Ms. Maccar	x		x			
Ms. MacLachlan			x			
Ms. Miller			x			
Ms. Minero			x			
Ms. Weres			x			

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

9G. **DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:**

The Board President will designate a Board member to the following positions with New Jersey School Board Association through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027:

1. Delegate to N.J.S.B.A. **Ms. Weres**
2. Alternate Delegate to N.J.S.B.A. **Dr. Carlton**

9H. **DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC.:**

The Board President will designate a Board member to the following positions with Burlington County School Boards Association through the Reorganization meeting in January 2027:

1. Delegate to B.C.S.B.A. **Ms. Maccar**
2. Alternate Delegate to B.C.S.B.A. **Ms. MacLachlan**

9I. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Student Services/Community Services	Human Resources	Finance/Facilities/Technology
Chair: Ms. Cuniglio	Chair: Ms. Minero	Chair: Ms. Maccar
Ms. Weres	Ms. Maccar	Ms. Cuniglio
Ms. Minero	Dr. Carlton	Mr. Bhakta
Ms. Miller	Ms. Weres	Ms. MacLachlan

9J. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to approve the reappointment of Jake Bryson, Business Administrator, as the Public Agency Compliance Officer to assist the State Treasurer in the implementation of P.L. 1975, C.127 (N.J.A.C. Title 17:27) from this organization meeting until the next organization meeting in January 2027.

9K. APPOINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.3 it is the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to approve the reappointment of Alex Fisher as the Affirmative Action Officer from this organization meeting until the next organization meeting in January 2027..

Roll Call on Action Items 9G-9J:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Cuniglio			x			
Mr. Brandolph	x		x			
Mr. Bhakta			x			
Dr. Carlton			x			
Ms. Maccar			x			
Ms. MacLachlan			x			
Ms. Miller			x			
Ms. Minero			x			
Ms. Weres	x		x			

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment

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Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Dr. Carlton	Ms. Miller	X	

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

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Jayson Cardonick - Congratulated all newly elected Board members and the newly appointed President and Vice President.

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

- a. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Ms. Weres	Ms. Minero	X	

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. INFORMATION, FUTURE PLANNING ITEMS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

Date	Activity/Event
Jan.19, 2026	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - School Closed
Jan. 20, 2026	Board of Education Meeting (Public Session at 7:00 pm)

13A. SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026:

Pursuant to procedures fixing the date, time and place in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2025, previously approved at the December 16, 2025 board meeting, will be as follows (all scheduled for 7pm in the Hainesport School Cafeteria):

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Thursday, May 5, 2026

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Tuesday, December 15, 2026

**If Necessary

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

TOWNSHIP OF HAINESPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during the meeting on January 6, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Hainesport School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Hainesport School District will convene into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

 X Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute, or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public. Provision relied upon is pursuant to HIB statute, and update on current litigation.

14B. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Ms. Weres
Second: Dr. Carlton
All in Favor: X
Time: 6:28

14C. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion: Ms. Weres
Second: Dr. Carlton
All in Favor: X
Time: 7:57

14D. ACTION ITEM RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Call for a motion to AFFIRM a HIB determination for student #13020.

Roll Call on Action Item Resulting from Executive Session:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Cuniglio			x			
Mr. Brandolph			x			
Mr. Bhakta			x			
Dr. Carlton			x			
Ms. Maccar	X		x			
Ms. MacLachlan			x			
Ms. Miller			x			

Ms. Minero		X	x			
Ms. Weres			x			

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

13. PRESENTATION OF MANDATORY CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

❖ Audra Pondish, Esq. Adams Lattiboudere Croot & Herman, LLC

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Ms. Maccar	Dr. Carlton	X	

X Motion Carries

□ Motion Fails

Time of adjournment: ____ 8:32 __pm