

**REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order:** In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, the Audubon Board of Education transmitted notice of this meeting, scheduled at 7:00 P.M. in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Auditorium to the Retrospect newspaper and the Borough Clerk and by postings on the Audubon Public School District website and at the Main and the Pine Street entrance of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. **Flag Salute**

III. **Board Election Results**

District School Election of the Audubon Public School District of Audubon Borough, in the County of Camden in the State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 pursuant to the notice given in accordance with state law.

Board Candidates:	Andrea Robinson	97
	James Blumenstein	1901
	Allison Cox	1954

IV. **Administration of the Oath of Office**

Board Members Elected to Three-Year Term (3 Seats):	James Blumenstein
	Allison Cox
	Andrea Robinson

Oath of Office Statement

V. **Roll Call**

SY 2020-2022

<u>  </u> Ammie Davis	<u>  </u> Joseph Ryan	<u>  </u> Tara Sullivan-Butrica
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SY 2021-2023

<u>  </u> Joseph Miller	<u>  </u> Christopher Proulx	<u>  </u> Lori Cassidy
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SY 2022-2024

<u>  </u> James Blumenstein	<u>  </u> Allison Cox	<u>  </u> Andrea Robinson
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SY 2022 Mt. Ephraim Representative

X Nancy Schiavo

**VI. Reorganization of the Board**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 1**

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Proulx

**1. Office of President**

Motion to Nominate Board President: Joseph Ryan nominated James Blumenstein as Board President

Motion to Approve Item 1: J. Ryan Second: C. Proulx

X Ammie Davis      X Joseph Ryan      X Tara Butrica      X Nancy Schiavo

X Joseph Miller      X Christopher Proulx      X Lori Cassidy

X James Blumenstein      X Allison Cox      X Andrea Robinson

**VOTE FOR ITEM 1**

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

The Board Secretary/Business Administrator declares Jim Blumenstein duly elected as the President of Audubon Board of Education, President assumes chairmanship of meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 2**

Motion by Mrs. Schiavo and seconded by Mr. Miller

**2. Office of Vice-President**

Motion to Nominate Board Vice President: Nancy Schiavo nominated Ammie Davis as Board Vice President

Motion to Approve Item 2: N. Schiavo Second: J. Miller

**Roll Call**

X Ammie Davis      X Joseph Ryan      X Tara Butrica      X Nancy Schiavo

X Joseph Miller      X Christopher Proulx      X Lori Cassidy

X James Blumenstein      X Allison Cox      X Andrea Robinson

**VOTE FOR ITEM 2**

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

The Board Secretary/Business Administrator declares Ammie Davis duly elected as the Board Vice President

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 3**

Motion by Mrs. Butrica and seconded by Mr. Proulx

**3. Board Meeting Dates**

Motion to approve the Board meeting dates for the period of January 5, 2022 through January 4, 2023. Meetings will begin as noted with the Executive Closed Session at 6:30 pm, followed by the Action meeting at 7:00 PM except for the Re-Organization Meeting on January 4, 2023 which will start at 7:00pm

**Roll Call**

- X Ammie Davis                    X Joseph Ryan                    X Tara Butrica                    X Nancy Schiavo
- X Joseph Miller                    X Christopher Proulx                    X Lori Cassidy
- X James Blumenstein                    X Allison Cox                    X Andrea Robinson

**VOTE FOR ITEM 3**

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

**VII. Governance**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-2**

Motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Cox

1. Motion to approve Audubon Board of Education’s compliance with the Ethics Acts thereby certifying that:
  - i. The School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members has been received and discussed,
  - ii. Policies and Procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members have been adopted, and
  - iii. Each School Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics.
  
2. Motion to approve Robert’s Rule of Order as the basis for the conduct of all meetings of the Audubon Board of Education.

Motion to Approve Item(s) 1 through 2: J. Miller                    Second: A. Cox

**Roll Call**

- X Ammie Davis                    X Joseph Ryan                    X Tara Butrica                    X Nancy Schiavo
- X Joseph Miller                    X Christopher Proulx                    X Lori Cassidy
- X James Blumenstein                    X Allison Cox                    X Andrea Robinson

**VOTE FOR ITEMS 1-2**

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

**VII. OPERATIONS**

**IX. EDUCATION**

**X. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**XI. Public Participation: (Open Discussion)**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AUDUBON BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 5, 2022

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board has set aside two portions of this Board meeting for public comment on any school or school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of interest to the residents of the school district.

For the first portion, public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda for tonight's meeting. For the second portion, public comments are invited on all matters pertaining to the school district.

Participants should announce their name, address, and any group they may represent, if applicable. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion. Public discussion of a topic will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Reference bylaws #0167 of the Audubon Public Schools Board of Education Policy Manual.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen. Not all issues brought to a Board meeting will be resolved at that particular meeting. Complaints stated or actions requested by the public may be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, actions, or disposition at a later date or time. The public comments sessions are an opportunity for citizens to share their opinions and remarks with the Board; it is not a question and answer session. The Board may or may not respond to public comments at the time they are made and is under no obligation to do so.

The Board does not endorse public comments nor will the Board be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Any individuals who may be the subject of public comments, including district employees, shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. There will be a Board Retreat on January 8, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Media Center. No action will be taken.
2. The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School auditorium.
3. Motion by Mrs. Cox seconded by Mr. Proulx to adjourn closed Authorizing Executive session at 7:15pm. Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

Motion to Approve:   A. Cox   Second:   C. Proulx  

**Roll Call**

<u>  X  </u> Ammie Davis	<u>  X  </u> Joseph Ryan	<u>  X  </u> Tara Butrica	<u>  X  </u> Nancy Schiavo
<u>  X  </u> Joseph Miller	<u>  X  </u> Christopher Proulx	<u>  X  </u> Lori Cassidy	
<u>  X  </u> James Blumenstein	<u>  X  </u> Allison Cox	<u>  X  </u> Andrea Robinson	

*The Audubon Board of Education reserves the right to add and/or delete motions or make changes to motions in this agenda up to the time of the meeting and during the actual meeting.*

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**Deborah Roncace**  
**Business Administrator/Board Secretary**