

**SHREWSBURY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SHREWSBURY, NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
MINUTES**

**Opening Procedures**

- 1.1 Call to order – 6:00 p.m.
- 1.2 Flag salute
- 1.3 Opening Statement

“Public notice of this was faxed to the Asbury Park Press November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act PL 1975 CH 231, effective January 16, 1976. Notice has been posted in the Fern Ross entrance and Bell Foyer entrance to Shrewsbury Borough School. A copy of this notice is also on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.”

- 1.4 Roll Call:

Mrs. Barber	Mrs. Laughlin
Mrs. Carroll	Mrs. Hemel
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	Mr. MacConnell, Superintendent
Mrs. Groom	Ms. Avento, Business Administrator
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	Mr. Christopher Barrett, Board Attorney
Mr. Sweeney	

- 1.5 Mission Statement

The mission of the Shrewsbury Borough School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs consistent with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and which respect individual differences and diversity. Students will be prepared to meet the challenges presented in the regional high school and the world beyond.

**2.0 Closed Executive Session**

- 2.1 It was motioned by Mrs. Gourley-Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Groom, to move into Closed Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss confidential personnel matters or Board Business and/or matters of attorney/client privilege and/or matters of litigation and/or negotiations or contractual matters from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney	X				
Mrs. Laughlin	X				
Mrs. Hemel	X				

On a voice vote, seven (7) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

- 2.2 It was motioned by Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg, seconded by Mrs. Groom, to reconvene into public session at 6:25 p.m.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney	X				
Mrs. Laughlin	X				
Mrs. Hemel	X				

On a voice vote, seven (7) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

### 3.0 Candidate Interviews for Board Vacancy

The Board of Education conducted interviews of the candidates to fill the vacant seat on the Board. Mr. Barrett explained the process and terms.

The other candidates were asked to leave the meeting until they were called for their interview.

Mr. Gene Crimoli III                      Mrs. Rebecca Montgomery                      Mr. David Ngo

### 4.0 Closed Executive Session

- 4.1 It was motioned by Mrs. Groom, seconded by Mrs. Gourley-Thompson, to move into Closed Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss confidential personnel matters or matters of Board Business and/or Personal Privacy interests from which the public may be excluded. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken after Executive Session.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney	X				
Mrs. Laughlin	X				
Mrs. Hemel	X				

On a voice vote, seven (7) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

4.2 It was motioned by Mrs. Groom, seconded by Mrs. Gourley-Thompson, to reconvene into public session at 7:25 p.m.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney	X				
Mrs. Laughlin	X				
Mrs. Hemel	X				

On a voice vote, seven (7) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

The Board Attorney read the following Board Policy:

\*Pursuant to Board Policy 0143 A roll call vote will be conducted on candidates in the order the candidates were nominated with a second. If there are two or more vacancies, each vacancy will be filled by a separate election process. The first candidate who receives the votes of a majority of the remaining Board members will be elected to the vacancy. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the remaining Board members, another election process shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The first person to get the majority votes will be the successful candidate seated.

The Board President called for nominations for a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Montgomery was nominated by Mrs. Groom and seconded by Mrs. Gourley-Thompson.

Mrs. Hemel asked for a roll call vote for Mrs. Montgomery as the candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney					
Mrs. Laughlin					
Mrs. Hemel					

On a roll call vote four (4) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

Mrs. Montgomery was sworn in and seated on the Board of Education.

## 5.0 Public Participation

Mrs. Groom thanked everyone for coming.

## 6.0 Adjournment

It was motioned by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Gourley-Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Mrs. Barber				X	
Mrs. Carroll	X				
Mrs. Gourley-Thompson	X				
Mrs. Groom	X				
Mrs. Hepburn-Goldberg	X				
Mr. Sweeney	X				
Mrs. Laughlin	X				
Mrs. Hemel	X				

On a roll call vote seven (7) members voted yes, one (1) member was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debi Avento  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary