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Wayne Township Board of Education Reorganizes

(Wayne, NJ) – At the reorganization meeting of the Wayne Township Board of Education, held on January 6, 2022, three new board members were seated based on the results of the November general election. Michael Fattal, Haralampos (Harry) Prassakos, and Iveta Wentink took their seats on the board after Senator Kristin Corrado (40th Legislative District) administered the oath of office for each.

Mr. Fattal has been a lifelong Wayne resident and is married to Patricia. They have two children, a daughter who has entered the public school system as a kindergartner in the fall, and a son who will soon follow in her footsteps. Mr. Fattal has been a police officer since November 2003 and is currently employed with the Millburn Police Department. Mr. Fattal is a graduate of Passaic County Community College, with a concentration in Criminal Justice. After the reorganization meeting, Mr. Fattal wrote, " I am honored and privileged to be sworn in as a Trustee. I look forward to working with the new Board and bridging the gap. I take pride in learning and getting to work with this Board."

Mr. Prassakos has been a Wayne resident with his wife Sandy since 2008. In the fall of 2022, when their youngest son will begin full-day kindergarten, their four children will be attending three levels of the Wayne public school system spanning the elementary, secondary, and high schools. Mr. Prassakos is currently employed in a leadership role at a financial institution in Northern New Jersey. Mr. Prassakos earned his B.S. in Finance and Marketing from the Stern School of Business at NYU and an M.B.A. in Finance from the Fordham Gabelli School of Business with a designation in Entrepreneurship and Venture Initiation. After the reorganization meeting, Mr. Prassakos wrote, "I'm ready to guide the District in navigating through the challenges during this unprecedented time. My goal is to collaborate with all of Wayne's stakeholders so that we can improve the academic and extracurricular opportunities for all of our students. I will strive to make our District the exemplary model for New Jersey's public schools by providing the tools for a solid foundation."

Mrs. Wentink has been a resident of Wayne since 2015 and is married to Gavin Wentink. They have three children attending Wayne schools, Cameron (Class of 2023), Reese (Class of 2026) and Avery (Class of 2032). Mrs. Wentink is a graduate of Montclair State University with a B.A. in Psychology and in 2021 she earned a Master's Degree in Corporate Compliance from Fordham University Law School. After the reorganization meeting, Mrs. Wentink wrote, " I want to express my gratitude for this tremendous opportunity to help shape the education of our children here in Wayne, NJ. I am looking forward to working with all of the Wayne Township Board Members, the administration, educators, and parents on the best education for our children. During my campaign, I had the great opportunity to speak with many parents and taxpayers who shared their concerns with me; I hope to bring to the BOE discussions a different perspective that includes these conversations, my educational and professional background in compliance, and practical approach."

The Board of Education also selected a new leadership team. Suzanne Pudup was selected as president after serving six years on the Board of Education and having served previously as vice president. Suzanne is a retired teacher. She and her husband, Dave, have been Wayne residents for over forty years. The Board of Education selected newcomer Michael Fattal as vice president.

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