

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

June 24, 2025

Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m in the Board Meeting Room
2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

CALL TO ORDER

Time:

1. **FLAG SALUTE**

2. **OPENING STATEMENT**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, this public body, the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby announces that The New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record have been notified by email that this Board of Education Special Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m on June 24, 2025 at the Hopatcong Board of Education, Board meeting room in the Administration Building.

3. **ROLL CALL**

-----... ▾	Natalia Cappello	-----... ▾	Kevin Daviau	----- ▾	Veronica Schram
-----... ▾	James Chaffee, Jr.	-----... ▾	Philip DiStefano	----- ▾	Jennifer Polowchena
-----... ▾	Jayson Cittrich	-----... ▾	Jayna Gulan	----- ▾	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

5. **PERSONNEL**

Approval of the following personnel item, **5a-5c**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the resignation of Anna Voloshin from her position as a School Nurse effective June 30, 2025.
- b. Approval of the rehiring of Mamta Patel, who was non-renewed for reasons of economy and lack of work on April 28, 2025, as a School Nurse at Durban Avenue School for the 2025-2026 school year, with a salary of \$97,510, which represents MA+60, step 11 in accordance with the HEA contract and resuming her position on the guide.
- c. Approval of the employment of **Meg Castro** as a Middle School Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2025 at a salary of \$76,410, which represents MA, Step 1 of the 2025-2026 HEA contract.

Motion to approve 5a-5c:

((ACTION))Motion by Choose Item ▾ . Seconded by Choose Item ▾

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6. **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has recommended that the Hopatcong Board of Education withhold the employment and adjustment increments of Employee 80270 (hereinafter referred to as the “Employee”) for the 2025–2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Superintendent’s recommendation together with the entire record; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Superintendent’s recommendation to the Board that the Employee’s employment and adjustment increments be withheld for the 2025–2026 school year is amply supported by the record as a whole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts and affirms the Superintendent’s recommendation to withhold the Employee’s employment and adjustment increments for the 2025–2026 school year for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s letter to the employee, dated **June 18, 2025**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby requests that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator or designee provide the Employee with written notice that his/her employment and adjustment increments for the 2025–2026 school year are being withheld, together with the reasons therefor, within 10 days of the date of this Resolution, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14*.

Motion to approve 6a:

((ACTION))Motion by Choose Item ▾ . Seconded by Choose Item ▾

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7. **FINANCE**

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, June 16, 2025, through June 23, 2025 be approved in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account -	\$232,766.78
Cafeteria account -	\$87,531.70
Fund 30 -	\$191,350.00

Motion to approve 7a:

((ACTION)Motion by Choose Item . Seconded by Choose Item

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION)Motion by Choose Item . seconded by Choose Item

All in favor: Choose an item. Time: