

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting - Minutes
January 2, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Time: _____pm

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **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 in the Board Meeting room at the Administration Office of the Board of Education, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. January 2, 2020.

4. **REPORT OF THE 2019 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Acknowledgment of the results of the November 2019 Board of Education Election as reported and certified by the Sussex County Board of Elections as follows:

Elected to Hopatcong Board of Education: 3 Year Term

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Total Votes</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs. Nicole Falconi-Shubert..... | 2,061 |
| Mr. Warren Gallagher..... | 1,901 |
| Mr. Alexander McLean..... | 1,697 |

5. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Nicole Falconi-Shubert, Mr. Warren Gallagher and Mr. Alexander McLean.

6. **ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Ms. Joseph, Board Secretary entertained a motion for nominations for **Hopatcong Board of Education President** for the 2019/2020 school year and 2020/2021 school year through December 31, 2020.

Mr. Gallagher nominated Mr. McLean for Board President.

Ms. Perrotti nominated herself via telephone for Board President.

Ms. Jacobus nominated herself for Board President.

Motion to approve Mr. Alexander McLean as Board President was put to vote:

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|----------------|-----|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----|
| Scott Francis | Yes | Warren Gallagher | Yes | Erin Jacobus | No |
| Alex McLean | Yes | Michele Perrotti (via phone) | No | Sarah Schindelar | Yes |
| Nicole Shubert | No | Candice Smith | ABSENT | Carol Trumpore | Yes |

Mr. McLean was approved President of the Hopatcong Borough Schools Board of Education.

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7. **ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mr. Alexander McLean, Board President entertained a motion for nominations for **Hopatcong Board of Education Vice-President** for the 2019/2020 school year and 2020/2021 school year through December 31, 2020.

Mr. McLean nominated Mr. Francis for Board Vice-President.

Ms. Jacobus nominated herself for Board Vice-President.

Mr. Francis made a motion to approve himself as Board Vice President that was seconded by Mr. Gallagher:

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|----------------|-----|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----|
| Scott Francis | Yes | Warren Gallagher | Yes | Erin Jacobus | No |
| Alex McLean | Yes | Michele Perrotti (via phone) | No | Sarah Schindelar | Yes |
| Nicole Shubert | Yes | Candice Smith | ABSENT | Carol Trumpore | Yes |

Mr. Francis was approved as Vice-President of the Hopatcong Borough Schools Board of Education.

8. **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Scott Francis, Vice President
Ms. Erin Jacobus
Mr. Warren Gallagher
Mr. Alexander McLean, Board President
Ms. Michele Perrotti (via telephone)
Dr. Sarah Schindelar
Mrs. Nicole Falconi-Shubert
Ms. Carol Trumpore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Candice Smith

Also Present: Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Piccirillo, Asst. Superintendent; Ms. Carolyn Joseph, Board Secretary and Ms. Kerri Wright, Esq.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - NONE

10. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR**

Approval of the attached list of **Board Meeting dates for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school year** through the Reorganization Meeting in **January 2021** and notification of such dates to the official newspapers of the Hopatcong Board of Education.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Board of Education Annual Meeting Calendar that was seconded by Dr. Schindelar:

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|----------------|-----|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----|
| Scott Francis | Yes | Warren Gallagher | Yes | Erin Jacobus | Yes |
| Alex McLean | Yes | Michele Perrotti (via phone) | Yes | Sarah Schindelar | Yes |
| Nicole Shubert | Yes | Candice Smith | ABSENT | Carol Trumpore | Yes |

The Hopatcong Board of Education Annual Meeting Calendar was approved.

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11. APPOINTMENT OF NEWSPAPERS

Appointment of the *New Jersey Herald*, the *Daily Record* and the *Star Ledger* as the official newspapers used by the Board of Education at the Board Secretary's discretion.

12. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

Approval of **Fulton Bank of New Jersey, Santander, and Valley National Bank** as bank depositories for the Board of Education and authorization for the President to be the signator and have signature plates made.

13. ADOPTION OF CODE OF ETHICS

Approval of the adoption of the Code of Ethics for School Board members as required by law, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and N.J.S.A. 41:1-1 and 1-3.

Dr. Schindelar made the motion to approve items 11 – 13 that was seconded by Mr. Gallagher:

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|----------------|-----|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----|
| Scott Francis | Yes | Warren Gallagher | Yes | Erin Jacobus | Yes |
| Alex McLean | Yes | Michele Perrotti (via phone) | Yes | Sarah Schindelar | Yes |
| Nicole Shubert | Yes | Candice Smith | ABSENT | Carol Trumpore | Yes |

Items 11 -13 were approved.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Dr. Schindelar.

All in favor

Time: 7:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary