

# HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting – Board Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Time: 7:00 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 Regular 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 3, 2023.

4. **REPORT OF THE 2022 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Acknowledgment of the results of the November 2022 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.....	3,650
Mr. Philip DiStefano.....	2,719
Ms. Jennifer Johnson.....	80

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

The Board Secretary will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members.

6. **ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

The Board Secretary will entertain a motion for nominations for **Hopatcong Board of Education President** for the 2022/2023 school year and 2023/2024 school year through December 31, 2023.

**Nominations**

**Made by**

Francis Falconi-Shubert

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### Vote to approve President:

Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
-----		Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

### 7. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

The Board President will entertain a motion for nominations for **Hopatcong Board of Education Vice-President** for the 2022/2023 school year and 2023/2024 school year through December 31, 2023.

#### Nominations

#### Made by

Falconi-Shubert

Turkington

### Vote to approve Vice-President:

Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
-----		Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

### 8. ROLL CALL

Present	Scott Francis	Present	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Present	Philip DiStefano
-----		Present	Gerard Gruenfelder	Present	Jayna Gulan
Present	Jennifer Johnson	Present	Jackie Turkington	Present	Jennifer Polowchena

### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Approval of the attached list of **Board Meeting dates for the 2022/2023 school year and 2023/2024 school year** through the Reorganization Meeting in **January 2024** and notification of such dates to the official newspapers of the Hopatcong Board of Education.

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**Motion to approve Calendar:**

(ACTION)Motion by DiStefano Seconded by Turkington

Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
-----		Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

**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.

**Motion to approve Items 11 – 13::**

(ACTION)Motion by Turkington Seconded by Polowchena

Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
-----		Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

**14. BOARD VACANCY**

Permission to advertise a current board vacancy for a 1 year term that expires on December 31, 2023. The position will be filled at a special meeting to be held on January 10, 2023.

**Motion to approve Item 14:**

(ACTION)Motion by Francis Seconded by Turkington

Yes	Scott Francis	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
-----		Yes	Gerard Gruenfelder	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	Jennifer Johnson	Yes	Jackie Turkington	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena

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## 15. ADJOURNMENT

### **Motion to adjourn:**

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchena seconded by Gulan

All in favor YES Time: 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Hallenbeck  
Board Secretary