

Delaware Township School Reorganization Board of Education Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024 – 7:00 pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Delaware Township School District is to prepare each student to become a productive, responsible member of society, able to adapt and change, by providing an environment that:

Creates a foundation for a self-motivated lifelong learner by providing relevant innovative, comprehensive curricula that reflect the New Jersey Student Learning Standards;

Focuses on individual needs and promotes individual excellence by encouraging and enhancing the intellectual and social development of each student.

This environment will be realized through an active and responsive partnership that includes the students, faculty, parents, community and staff.

A. Call to Order – Mrs. Susan Joyce, Business Administrator

B. Open Public Meeting Act Statement

Welcome to a meeting of the Delaware Township School Board of Education. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) and that advance notice required therein has been provided. Meeting notice was also posted in the entrance hallway of Delaware Township School; sent to the Trenton Times and the Hunterdon County Democrat newspapers; posted on the school website and sent to the Clerk of Delaware Township. The public will have the opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

C. Flag Salute

D. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Pate, Ms. Stahl, Mrs. Pouria

Absent: Mrs. Harrington and Mr. Ponzio

Also present: Mrs. Susan Joyce, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

E. The Board Secretary appointed the Temporary Chairperson

Motion by Ms. Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Pouria to appoint the Board secretary as the Temporary Chairperson. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (5-0-0).

F. Audience Participation – Agenda Items - None

G. Oaths

1. Oath of Allegiance to New Board Members
Mr. Kafarski, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Pate.
2. The Code of Ethics and Acknowledgement of Receipt was given to all of the board members.

H. Nomination and Second for Office of President.

Motion by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Pate to nominate Mrs. Catherine Pouria for the Office of President. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (7-0-0). Mrs. Joyce turned the meeting over to the Board President, Mrs. Pouria.

Nomination and Second for Office of Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Pate, seconded by Ms. Stahl to nominate Mr. Tate Hoffman for the Office of Vice President. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (7-0-0).

J. Board of Education Meeting Dates

Motion by Mr. Pate, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the board of education meeting dates. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (7-0-0).

Mrs. Lyons said that Ms. Stahl talked last year about starting to plan the 2025-26 calendar earlier.

Mr. Lipson, congratulated the new and returning board members; he looks forward to working with them.

Mrs. Pouria is looking forward to working with Mr. Lipson.

Ms. Stahl said that the township meeting is the night before our next board meeting. She will get the notes in ASAP.

I. Board Committees and Liaisons

Board Committees Curriculum/Instruction/Technology	Finance/Facilities	Personnel/Policy
Chair – Mrs. Harrington Member – Mrs. Martin Member – Mrs. Pouria	Chair – Mrs. Lyons Member – Ms. Stahl Member – Mr. Pate	Chair – Mr. Ponzo Member – Mr. Hoffman Member – Mr. Kafarski
Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD

1. Board Liaisons

Committee	Representative	Alternate
Recreation	Ms. Stahl	Mrs. Martin
Partners in Education (PiE)	Mrs. Harrington	Ms. Stahl
Township	Mr. Kafarski	Ms. Stahl
Educational Service Commission (ESC)	Mrs. Lyons	Mrs. Pouria
Planning Board	Mr. Pate	Mr. Hoffman
Hunterdon County School Board Association	Mrs. Pouria	Mr. Kafarski
New Jersey School Board Association Legislature	Mrs. Martin	Mrs. Lyons
Community Relations	Mrs. Pouria	Ms. Stahl
Hunterdon Central Regional High School (HCRHS)	Mr. Hoffman	Mrs. Harrington
Delaware Township Athletic Association (DTAA)	Mr. Ponzo	Mr. Pate

This concludes the organization of the Delaware Township Board of Education.

J. Executive Session - None

M. Audience Participation – None

N. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Pate to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Joyce
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Catherine Pouria
President