

**Delaware Township School
Reorganization Board of Education Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

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:	Harrington, Hoffman, Hornby, May, Opdyke, Pouria
Absent:	Lyons, Ponzio
Also Present:	Dr. Richard Wiener, Superintendent and Mrs. Susan Joyce, Business Administrator/Bd Secretary

E. The Board Secretary was appointed the Temporary Chairperson

F. Audience Participation – Agenda Items - None

G. Oaths

1. Oath of Allegiance to New Board Member, Ms. Jessica Stahl
2. Code of Ethics was given to all Board Members – (Exhibit H.2)

H. Nomination and Second for Office of President – Mrs. Joyce called for nominations for Board President

Election of President, Mrs. Cathy Pouria – Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Ms. Stahl to nominate Mrs. Cathy Pouria as President. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 7-0-0

Mrs. Joyce turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board President, Mrs. Cathy Pouria.

I. Nomination and Second for Office of Vice President – Mrs. Pouria called for nominations for Vice President

Election of Vice President Mr. Tate Hoffman – Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mrs. Harrington to nominate Mr. Tate Hoffman as Vice President. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 7-0-0

J. Board of Education Meeting Dates

1. Motion by Mrs. Opdyke, seconded by Mrs. Harrington to approve the meeting dates for January 2022 – June 2023. (Exhibit J.1) Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

K. Board Committees

1. Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mrs. May to approve the committee appointments for calendar year 2022. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 7-0-0

Curriculum/Instruction/Technology	Finance/Facilities	Personnel/Policy
Chair – Mrs. May Member – Mr. Hoffman Member – Mrs. Hornby	Chair – Mrs. Lyons Member – Ms. Stahl Member – Mrs. Opdyke	Chair – Mr. Ponzo Member – Mrs. Pouria Member – Mrs. Harrington
Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD

2. Motion by Ms. Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Hornby to approve the following board representative liaison appointments for calendar year 2022. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 7-0-0

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

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

L. Executive Session – None.

M. Audience Participation

Dr. Wiener summarized the DOH guidance updates, if our region goes to RED, on student vaccinations and sports. The board continued a discussion regarding these and other topics such as test to stay, close/contact tracing, boosters and testing being a parental choice, purchasing/federally supplied testing kits, using ESSER funds to purchase tests & supplies, bus driver and teacher shortages.

Mrs. Pouria and Mrs. Joyce read four letters from the public.

Mr. Miller thanked the Board and Dr. Wiener for their leadership. He talked about his opposition to vaccine mandates for children.

Mr. Pate talked about vaccines for sports and activities.

Mrs. Hornby asked whether cohort mixing would further burden our contact tracers. Could it lead to a school shut down?

Dr. Wiener informed the board that before Christmas Hunterdon Central hired contact tracers and they still had to shut down. He further stated that we have three options if it comes down to state mandates:

- 1) Full Day – lunch
- 2) ½ - no lunch
- 3) All remote

Mrs. Pouria read an email that she sent to Dr. Wiener, the Administration, the DTEA, etc. thanking them for all of their efforts.

N. Adjourn

Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mrs. Harrington to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Joyce
Board Secretary

Date Approved

Cathy Pouria, President