

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES OF January 4, 2021**

**A. Call to Order** – Mrs. Susan Joyce, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**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:** Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Ponzio, Mrs. Pouria

**Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Dr. Wiener, Superintendent and Mrs. Joyce, Board Secretary

**E. Appoint Board Secretary as Temporary Chairperson**

Motion by Mr. Ponzio, seconded by Mrs. Lyons to appoint Mrs. Susan Joyce, Board Secretary, as Temporary Chairperson. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**F. Audience Participation – None**

**G. Oaths**

1. Oath of Allegiance to New Board Members  
Mrs. Hornby, Mrs. May and Mrs. Opdyke were sworn in as Members of the Board of Education.
2. The Code of Ethics, the NJSBA Code of Ethics training presentation and the Acknowledgement were distributed to all board members for their annual review.
3. Board members were reminded about the upcoming Annual Financial Disclosure Forms.

- H. Nomination and Second for Office of President** – The floor was open for nominations for board president.

Motion by Mrs. Lyons, seconded by Mrs. May to nominate Mrs. Cathy Pouria as Board President. No other nominations were made.

Motion to elect Mrs. Pouria as President passed by unanimous roll call vote. 9-0-0

- I. Nomination and Second for Office of Vice President** – The floor was open for nominations for vice president.

Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mrs. Lyons to nominate Mr. Tate Hoffman as Vice President.

Motion by Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mrs. May to nominate Mrs. Dunn as Vice President

Motion to elect Mr. Hoffman as Vice President Failed 4 Yes - Hoffman, Hornby, Lyons,  
Pouria 5 No – Burns, Dunn, May, Opdyke,  
Ponzo

Motion to elect Mrs. Dunn as Vice President Passed 6 Yes – Burns, Dunn, Lyons, May,  
Opdyke, Ponzo  
3 Abstain – Hoffman, Hornby,  
Pouria

**J. Board of Education Meeting Dates**

1. Motion by Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ponzo to approve meeting dates for January 2021 – June 2022. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 9-0-0

**K. Board Committees**

1. Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mr. Ponzo to approve the following committee appointments for calendar year 2021. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 9-0-0

<b>Curriculum/Instruction/Technology</b>	<b>Finance/Facilities</b>	<b>Personnel/Policy</b>
Chair Mr. Hoffman Member Mrs. May Member Mrs. Burns	Chair Mrs. Lyons Member Mrs. Pouria Member Mrs. Opdyke	Chair Mrs. Hornby Member Mr. Dunn Member Mr. Ponzo
Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD	Meeting Date TBD

2. Motion by Mr. Ponzo, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the following board representative liaison appointments for calendar year 2021. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. 9-0-0

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Recreation	Mrs. Burns	Mrs. Opdyke
Partners in Education (PiE)	Mrs. Pouria	Mrs. Hornby
Township	Mr. Hoffman	Mr. Ponzo
Educational Service Commission (ESC)	Mrs. Lyons	Mrs. Burns
Planning Board	Mrs. Hornby	
Hunterdon County School Board Association	Mrs. Dunn	Mrs. Lyons
New Jersey School Board Association Legislature	Mrs. Lyons	Mrs. Dunn
Community Relations	Mrs. Pouria	
Hunterdon Central Regional High School (HCRHS)	Mrs. Burns	Mrs. May
Delaware Township Athletic Association (DTAA)	Mr. Ponzo	Mr. Hoffman

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

**N. Audience Participation**

Mrs. Burns asked about the Covid Pledge participation.

Mrs. Joyce read an email from Olena Shpanko asking whether athletic events will resume and if Executive Order 194 is helping make this decision as transmission rates in our county have been incredibly low. Discussion followed.

**O. Adjourn**

Motion by Mr. Ponzo, seconded by Mrs. May to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Joyce  
Board Secretary

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Date Approved

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Cathy Pouria, President