

Delaware Township School

Reorganization Board of Education Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023 – 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: Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Hornby, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Opdyke,
Mr. Pate, Mr. Ponzo, Ms. Stahl, Mrs. Pouria

Absent: N/A

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

E. The Board Secretary Appointment as the Temporary Chairperson

F. Motion by Mrs. Hornby, seconded by Mrs. Lyons to appoint the Board secretary as the Temporary Chairperson. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (9-0-0).

G. Audience Participation – Agenda Items - None

G. Oaths

1. Oath of Allegiance to New Board Members
Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Ponzo and Mrs. Pouria
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 Mrs. Harrington to nominate Mrs. Catherine Pouria for the Office of President. Discussion followed. Motion passed by roll call vote (7-0-2). Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Hornby abstained. Mrs. Joyce turned the meeting over to the Board President Mrs. Pouria.

I. Nomination and Second for Office of Vice President.

Motion by Mrs. Lyons, seconded by Mrs. Harrington to nominate Mr. Tate Hoffman for the Office of Vice President. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (9-0-0).

J. Board of Education Meeting Dates

Motion by Ms. Stahl, seconded by Mrs. Hornby to approve the board of education meeting dates. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (9-0-0).

K. Board Committees and Liaisons

1. Board Committees

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

2. Board Liaisons

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	Mrs. Pouria
Planning Board	Mr. Pate	Mrs. Hornby
Hunterdon County School Board Association	Mrs. Pouria	Mrs. Lyons
New Jersey School Board Association Legislature	Mrs. Lyons	Mrs. Hornby
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.

L. Executive Session – None

Ms. Stahl is looking forward to 2023 and everyone working together. There are a lot of projects going on. She is happy to have Mr. Pate on the finance/facilities committee; and we will miss Mrs. Opdyke.

Mrs. Pouria said that members can attend other committee meetings. Ms. Stahl asked if committee agendas can be shared.

M. Audience Participation - None

N. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Pate, seconded by Ms. Stahl to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Joyce
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Catherine Pouria
President