

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting – Board Meeting Room

January 2, 2024

7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Time: 7:02 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 2, 2024.

4. **REPORT OF THE 2023 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Acknowledgment of the results of the November 2023 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>
Mr. Joseph Falconi.....	1,525
Dr. Natalia Cappello.....	1,719
Mr. James Chaffee, Jr.....	1,695

Elected to Hopatcong Board of Education: 1 Year Unexpired Term

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Mr. Alexander McLean.....	65

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 2023/2024 school year and 2024/2025 school year through December 31, 2024.

Nominations

Made by

Nicole Falconi Shubert

Joe Falconi

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Motion to approve President:

(ACTION)Motion by J. Falconi Seconded by J. Gulan

Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Natalia Cappello	Yes	Alexander McLean	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	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 2023/2024 school year and 2024/2025 school year through December 31, 2024.

Nominations

Made by

Jennifer Polowchena

Joe Falconi

Motion to approve Vice-President:

(ACTION)Motion by J. Falconi Seconded by J. Gulan

Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Natalia Cappello	Yes	Alexander McLean	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena	-----	

8. ROLL CALL

Present	Joseph Falconi	Present	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Present	Philip DiStefano
Present	Natalia Cappello	Present	Alexander McLean	Present	Jayna Gulan
Present	James Chaffee, Jr.	Present	Jennifer Polowchena	-----	

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. VACANCY

Approval of the appointment of Jayson Cittrich to an open seat on the Hopatcong Board of Education, for a one - year term, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve Items 10:

(ACTION)Motion by P.DiStefano. Seconded by J.Polowchena

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11. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Approval of the attached list of **Board Meeting dates for the 2023/2024 school year and 2024/2025 school year** through the Reorganization Meeting in **January 2024** and notification of such dates to the official newspapers of the Hopatcong Board of Education.

12. 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.

13. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

Approval of **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.

14. 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 – 14:

(ACTION)Motion by P.DiStefano. Seconded by J.Chaffee

Yes	Joseph Falconi	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert	Yes	Philip DiStefano
Yes	Natalia Cappello	Yes	Alexander McLean	Yes	Jayna Gulan
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena	-----	

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION)Motion by J.Falconi seconded by J,Gulan

All in favor: Yes Time: 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Hallenbeck, Board Secretary