

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**School Board Organization Meeting**

December 4, 2017 – 6:30PM

*Per Board Operating Guidelines 006.2, all Board of School Directors meetings  
are audio recorded.*

**I. Call to Order**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room on Monday, December 4, 2017. Mr. Lechman, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Lechman led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. School Board Organization**

**A. Elect Temporary President**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Povacz, Mr. Cowell was nominated for Temporary President.

The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Cowell as Temporary President.

Mr. Cowell was seated.

**B. Oath of Office Administered to Elected Board Members**

Judge Snow administered the Oath of Office and presented Certificates of Election to new board members, Deidre Alderfer, Andrew Ordovery, Dana Schwartz and Liz Sheehan.

**C. New Board Members Take Their Seats**

**D. Elect School Board President**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Povacz, Mr. Cowell was nominated for President.

Mr. Cowell declined nomination.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDonough, Mr. Capriotti was nominated for President.

The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Capriotti as President.

Mr. Capriotti was seated as President.

**E. Elect School Board Vice President**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Alderfer was nominated for Vice President.

The Board voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Alderfer as Vice President.

Mrs. Alderfer was seated as Vice President.

**IV. New Business**

**Discussion/Information Item**

- Proposed 2018 School Board Meeting Schedule \* - Dr. Yanni

**V. Public Comment**

Public comment occurred around the following topics:

- o Mr. Band – commented on the Board vacancy and the process to fill the position.
- o Mrs. Simon – NHSEA welcomes the four new sitting board members and commented about the NSEA contract negotiations.

**VI. Board Discussion**

Board comment occurred around the following topics:

- o Mr. Cowell requested that Dr. Yanni explain the process to fill the vacant board position.
- o Dr. Yanni explained that interested parties are required to submit a resume and answer preliminary questions by December 11, 2017. This will be shared with the Board. At the December 21, 2017 board meeting there will be interviews and an appointment.
- o Mr. Capriotti requested Mr. Band clarify the Right to Know request process for board members resumes to be released publically. The solicitor confirmed that resumes can be public and any personal information should be redacted.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Povacz, the Board voted as follows to suspend the current Board Operating Guidelines that limit interviews to

two applicants for board vacancy and will publically interview any person that submits an application for consideration for the open Board seat.

Mrs. Alderfer	Yes
Mr. Capriotti	Yes
Mr. Cowell	Yes
Mr. McDonough	Yes
Mr. Ordover	Yes
Mrs. Povacz	Yes
Mrs. Schwartz	Yes
Mrs. Sheehan	Yes

Motion passed 8-0 with 0 absent and 0 abstentions.

- Mr. Capriotti – addressed Mr. Band’s comments and confirmed that the Board seat will be filled by the Board not Administration.

**VII. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**The Board will move into Executive Session immediately following adjournment.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Lechman  
Board Secretary

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Date

### **Informational Items**

✚ December 2017 Meeting Schedule

✚ Finance—Thursday (12/14/2017)—6:00 PM

✚ School Board Meeting (12/21/17)—6:30PM

✚ Proposed Board Schedule for January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

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