



**Stanhope Board of Education**  
**24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey**  
**Media Center**  
**Reorganization Meeting Minutes**  
**January 6, 2021**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Stanhope Board of Education was called to order on January 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria at the Valley Road School, 24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874. The Board of Education Members present included: Mrs. Kenia Choquette, Mr. Jonathan Clauson, Mrs. Jennifer Herold, Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio, Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein, Mr. Frank Shay, and Mr. Gil Moscatello. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Steven Hagemann, Superintendent, Mrs. Alicia Finklea-DiCataldo, Pricipal, and Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary. There were 16 Community Members present (Virtually) for the meeting.

**Sunshine Law Statement – N.J.S.A. 10:4-8d; N.J.S.A. 10:4-10a**

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” Stanhope Board of Education, located at 24 Valley Road, Stanhope, New Jersey, has caused this notice to be posted at the office of the Stanhope Board of Education, mailed to the New Jersey Herald, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stanhope, the Stanhope Post Office, and posted at the Valley Road School and Linden Avenue School, setting forth the time, date, and the location of the meeting.

**Mission Statement**

The Stanhope School District will provide a diverse and challenging educational environment that encourages individual initiatives, fosters success through teamwork, promotes accountability, demonstrates a passion for educational excellence and ensures student achievement related to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The Stanhope School District is committed to the development of our students and staff, so that individual aspirations can be achieved through their lifelong learning.

**School Election Results**

Official results of the Annual School Board Election of November 2019 are as follows:

Three Year Terms

NAME	# OF VOTES	PERCENTAGE %
Mattia Scharfstein	1395	49.70%
Kenia Choquette	1352	48.17%
Write-In	60	2.13%

## **Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected and newly elected Board of Education members.

- Mrs. Kenia Choquette
- Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein

## **Board Officers and Appointments**

### **President:**

#### **Election of President of the Board:**

- Mrs. Scharfstein nominated Mr. Moscatello to be Board of Education President.
- Mrs. Percarpio nominated Mr. Shay to be Board of Education President
- There were no additional nominations for Board of Education President.

#### ***Roll Call Vote for the President of the Board of Education:***

**Mrs. Kenia Choquette** – Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mr. Jonathan Clauson** - Voted For Mr. Moscatello  
**Mrs. Jennifer Herold** - Voted For Mr. Moscatello  
**Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein** - Voted For Mr. Moscatello  
**Mr. Frank Shay** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mr. Gil Moscatello** - Voted For Mr. Moscatello

#### **Total Votes:**

- Mr. Moscatello – 4 Votes
- Mr. Shay – 3 Votes

*Mr. Moscatello was elected Stanhope Board of Education President.*

***Mr. Moscatello, Board President, now presides over the meeting.***

### **Vice President:**

#### **Election of Vice President of the Board:**

- Mr. Shay nominated Mr. Shay to be Board of Education Vice President.
- There were no additional nominations for Board of Education Vice President.

#### ***Roll Call Vote for the Vice President of the Board of Education:***

**Mrs. Kenia Choquette** – Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mr. Jonathan Clauson** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mrs. Jennifer Herold** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mr. Frank Shay** - Voted For Mr. Shay  
**Mr. Gil Moscatello** - Voted For Mr. Shay

**Total Votes:**

- Mr. Shay – 7 Votes

*Mr. Shay was elected Stanhope Board of Education Vice President.*

**Appointment of Delegates**

1. Appointment, by the President, of delegates and alternates to the New Jersey and Sussex County School Boards Association from January 6, 2021 through formal re-organization of the Stanhope Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year:

State Delegate: Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein  
State Alternate: Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio

County Delegate: Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio  
County Alternate: Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein

2. Appointment, but the President, of a member and alternate to the Sussex County Educational Services Commission Board of Directors from January 6, 2021 through formal re-organization of the Stanhope Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year:

Member: Mr. Gil Moscatello  
Alternate: Mr. Frank Shay

3. Operate as a Board under a committee system for the 2021 calendar year. Appointment of the following committees, chairs, and members:

Personnel, Curriculum and School Climate and Culture Committee:

Chair: Mr. Frank Shay  
Members: Mrs. Kenia Choquette  
Mr. Gil Moscatello

Business Services, Facilities & Technology Committee:

Chair: Mr. Jonathan Clauson  
Members: Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio  
Mr. Gil Moscatello

Policy Committee:

Chair: Mrs. Jennifer Herold  
Members: Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein  
Mr. Gil Moscatello

Budget Committee:

Chair: Mr. Gil Moscatello  
Members: Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein  
Mrs. Jennifer Herold

Negotiations Committee:

Chair: Mr. Gil Moscatello  
Members: Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein  
Mrs. Jennifer Herold

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay, and seconded by Mrs. Scharfstein, to approve the above list of delegates:

***Roll Call:***

**Mrs. Kenia Choquette - Yes**  
**Mr. Jonathan Clauson - Yes**  
**Mrs. Jennifer Herold - Yes**  
**Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio - Yes**  
**Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein - Yes**  
**Mr. Frank Shay - Yes**  
**Mr. Gil Moscatello - Yes**

**Motion Passes**

**Code of Ethics**

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay and seconded by Mrs. Scharfstein, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve in accordance with Bylaws 0142 "Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts, and Code of Ethics, the formal Code of Ethics Statement. (Each Board Member will review and sign a copy of the formal Code of Ethics Statement.):

***Roll Call:***

**Mrs. Kenia Choquette - Yes**  
**Mr. Jonathan Clauson - Yes**  
**Mrs. Jennifer Herold - Yes**  
**Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio - Yes**  
**Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein - Yes**  
**Mr. Frank Shay - Yes**  
**Mr. Gil Moscatello - Yes**

**Motion Passes**

## **Adoptions**

A motion was presented by Mr. Shay, and seconded by Mrs. Scharfstein, to approve the following:

1. Approve the Board Committee Meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year:

### **Committee Meeting Schedule**

January 6, 2021  
February 3, 2021  
March 3, 2021  
April 21, 2021  
May 5, 2021  
June 16, 2021  
September 1, 2021  
October 6, 2021  
November 3, 2021  
December 1, 2021

2. Approve the Board Regular Meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year:  
*\*In the event that the said schedule is hereafter revised, the Board Secretary is hereby instructed to direct notice to the New Jersey Herald, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Stanhope, and Posted at the Valley Road School, setting forth the time, date, and location of the revised meeting date.*

### **Regular Meeting Schedule**

**(Start time 7:00 p.m.)**

January 13, 2021  
February 10, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
April 28, 2021 (Public Hearing - Budget Adoption)  
May 12, 2021  
June 23, 2021  
July 14, 2021  
August 25, 2021  
September 8, 2021  
October 13, 2021  
November 10, 2021  
December 8, 2021

3. Motion to designate the following official newspapers of the Board, effective for the 2021 calendar year:

New Jersey Herald, Newton, NJ (Primary Newspaper)  
The Star Ledger, Newark, NJ (Alternate, as needed)  
The Daily Record, Parsippany, NJ (Alternate, as needed)

***Roll Call:***

**Mrs. Kenia Choquette - Yes**  
**Mr. Jonathan Clauson - Yes**  
**Mrs. Jennifer Herold - Yes**  
**Mrs. Cynthia Percarpio - Yes**  
**Mrs. Mattia Scharfstein - Yes**  
**Mr. Frank Shay - Yes**  
**Mr. Gil Moscatello - Yes**

**Motion Passes**

**Adjournment**

A motion was presented by Mrs. Scharfstein, and seconded by Mr. Shay, that the Stanhope Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

***Voice Vote:***

***Yes:***               **7**  
***No:***                 **0**  
***Abstain:***         **0**

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Steven E. McHugh, Sr.***  
Dr. Steven E. McHugh, Sr.  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

*Approved: January 13, 2021*