

**HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Board of Education Special Meeting  
January 28, 2021 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting as Permitted Under Public Act 254

**1. Call to order and roll**

A. Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Jeff Gilder, President.

B. Roll Call – Members present: Andrea Buist, Karen Ryan, Traci Rhoades, Jessica Johnston,  
Jeff Gilder, John VanBonn (Virtually)

Members absent: None

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of “Consent Agenda” Items:** Inclusive motion to approve the following: (Please note: Any Board Member may request removal of any item(s) from the “Consent Agenda” and that said item(s) stand alone as an action item(s).

A. Agenda

B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 18, 2021

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Johnston to approve the Consent Agenda Items

Voice Vote: Motion carried

**4. Hearings & Correspondence**

**5. Board Candidate Interviews:**

A. Sydney Haralson – 6:10pm

B. Megan Bermania – 6:35pm

C. Stephanie Wilson – 7:00pm

**6. Informational Items:**

A. Superintendent’s Report

**7. Citizen’s Comments (For Agenda Items)**

*The purpose of this Board of Education meeting, which is held in public, is to conduct the business of the Board. Members of the audience who wish to make comments are asked to first state their name and address and to limit any comments to a maximum of five minutes. The Board and/or superintendent will respond in writing to comments, if appropriate. For a copy of Bylaw 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board meetings, please see the Superintendent of Schools.*

- Ashley Boyles – Has a kindergarten student would like to return full time ASAP
- Jen Belka – No guarantee of social distancing – concerned for kids’ safety
- Julie Smith – Struggle having students wear masks properly – What is our stance on “Let Them Play”? – Survey parents to see if remote learning will increase.
- Ronda Gilbert – Social distancing pods will be impossible
- Lisa Nagengast – couldn’t connect virtually

**8. Action Items**

A. Motion by Ryan, supported by Rhoades to approve the appointment of Stephanie Wilson as a new board of education member.

	Y	N	A*		Y	N	A*
Buist	X			Ryan	X		
Gilder	X			VanBonn	X		
Johnston	X						
Rhoades	X						

\*A = Abstain

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6, No: 0      Motion carried

B. Motion by Ryan, supported by Buist to approve the changes to the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan  
Voice Vote: Motion carried

- C. Motion by Rhoades, supported by Johnston to table the approve of the Costa Rica Trip June 17-25, 2021 pending information from the health department  
Voice Vote: Motion carried

## **9. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Comments from the Audience
- B. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- John – Tried to do what's best for kids
  - Karen – Thanks to teachers
  - Traci – Learning was good for her kids
  - Jessica – Teachers and administrators have done a great job – it has been tough on families
  - Jeff – Thanks to the board
- C. Future Meeting Dates:
- February 15, 2021      Regular Meeting @ 6pm
  - March 1, 2021      Work Session Meeting @ 6pm
  - March 15, 2021      Regular Meeting @ 6pm at Sycamore Elementary
  - April 19, 2021      Regular Meeting @ 6pm

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Buist to approve adjourning meeting at 8:20 p.m.  
Voice Vote: Motion carried