

Hi-Nella Board of Education
February 17, 2026
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER-Business Administrator Debbie Trasatti

B. Open Public Meeting Statement

Mrs. Trasatti called the meeting to order pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act at 4:35 p.m. The secretary certifies that all requirements of the Sunshine Law have been met.

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend any meetings of public bodies at which their interest may be discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Hi-Nella Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, purpose and place thereof posted on authorized premises.” Thank you for attending our Board meeting.

C. Roll Call

<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Tyran Basil	
Mrs. Davida Ryan	
Mrs. Theresa Tally	

2. ELECTION

A. Election Results

Full Term - Three (3) Years

- a. Theresa Tally 192
- b. Tyran Basil 2

One Year Term – One (1) Year

- c. Davida Ryan 2

B. Oath of Office

Oath of Office:

- a. Theresa Tally
- b. Tyran Basil
- c. Davida Ryan

C. President Nominations

Mr. Basil made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ryan to nominate Mrs. Tally for President

No other nominations were made

Mrs. Theresa Tally is the 2026 President of the HiNella BOE

D. VP Nominations

Mrs. Tally made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ryan to nominate Mr. Basil for Vice-President

No other nominations were made

Mr. Tyran Basil is the 2026 Vice-President of the Hi-Nella BOE

E. Code of Ethics

Review and acknowledge receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members which is part of Policy Guide Bylaw #0142 Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts & Code of Ethics.

3. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

- **Schedule for future meetings**
 - **Where to hold**
 - **Meetings to be held at the Boro Hall, 100 Wykagyl Rd**
 - **Advertise open meetings**
 - **website, newsletter**
- **Establish emails thru the Boro**
- **Designate Hi-Nella rep for Stratford Board meeting**
 - **David Ryan**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to **agenda items only**. Public participation will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in length unless designated otherwise by the Board President. Each speaker will have five (5) minutes to address the Board in order to allow other individuals to speak.

NONE

5. MINUTES

NONE

6. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC – (5-minute limit; 30 minutes total)

The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items directly related to the operation of the School District. Attempts to resolve problems and/or complaints should be addressed with the appropriate administrator(s) or staff member(s). Such matters should only be brought to the Board after all avenues within the chain of command have been exhausted. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response forthcoming if and when appropriate. Comments regarding individual students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. Please remember that the Board is limited in its ability to respond to the public on the following matters: personnel, anticipated and pending litigation, negotiations, attorney-client privilege, unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, tactics and techniques in protecting the safety and property of the public.

NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Tally, seconded by Mr. Basil to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Trasatti, Board Secretary

Theresa Tally
President

Date