



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Attending Board Members: Lori Ammirati-chair, Eileen Briamonte, Jamie Collins, Chiung Yin Liu  
Administrators: Robert McGarry, Dineen Seely, Meryl Gill, Lisa Marino

## **Curriculum & Instruction/Special Services Holmdel High School Conference Room July 23, 2019 @ 5:00**

### **Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval**

1. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel
2. Approval of Textbooks and Supplemental Resources for Instruction
3. Approval of Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program
  - 6th grade LEAD program with PO Martin
4. Adoption of Reflective Practice Protocol as part of the Teacher Evaluation System
  - Annual Adoption of Reflective Practice Protocol for Highly Effective Teachers
5. Approval of Presenters New Teacher Orientation
  - Power School Program and IEP Direct
6. Approval of Discarded Book Lists
  - Discarding of outdated textbooks at Holmdel Township Public Schools.
7. Approval of Professional Development Consultants
  - Approval of Consultant for Professional Development, 2019/2020 School Year
8. Approval of Title Funded Motions
9. Approval of Athletic Training Services Provider
  - RJW training service provider. Annual contract to provide an athletic trainer to the district.
10. Approval of Donations
  - A non-monetary donation from the Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) value not to exceed \$4,334.05 and a monetary donation from the HFEE of \$9,645.00 to be used to purchase additional equipment for the new Village School Playground.
11. Approval of Home Instruction
12. Approval of Student Placements
13. Approval of Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Services
14. Approval of Allocation of 2020 IDEA Preschool Funds
15. Approval of Nursing Services Provider
16. Approval of Settlement Agreements
17. Approval of Student Teachers/Clinical Practice/Observations/Field Experience

### **Items to Discuss**

1. Old Business
  - a. Pep Band
    - The original discussions from over 2 years ago centered around the idea that we shouldn't be forcing students to do something that actually wasn't part of their day's schedule for the class they signed up for. They sign up for Symphonic Band. In the description for the course offering of Symphonic Band, was a mandatory requirement for students to attend football games (home and AWAY), or their grade would be penalized. The committee unanimously agreed that the course requirements needed to be reconsidered and potentially changed. After all, the school is not in the business of forcing students to do something that is way outside their classroom course. Over the course of the year, discussions continued, and an appropriate suggestion was presented by administration. That suggestion was that football games would not be mandatory. But, for those who did attend, they'd be offered a varsity letter and community service hours. It was a very

welcomed change by everyone in the committee. The wording was not changed in time for last year's Program of Studies, but the committee was told that the teacher and Mrs. Jablonski relayed the information to the students. We were assured that the Program of Studies for 2019-2020 would have the correct wording, which it now does. The committee still agrees that a student should not be mandated to attend football games when the course is Symphonic band. The committee came up with some alternative ideas. Perhaps starting a PEP band club in which students can play for the football games as well as use as an enhancement for college apps. Another suggestion was to meet with all leaders (band, dance, cheer, football, parent clubs... to brainstorm a more collaborative effort.

- b. Data Consultant A data consultant will join our August 21st committee meeting from 5pm-7pm to help us determine a focus and if we need to proceed with hiring a consultant for further professional guidance.

## 2. New Business

- o [LEAD Program](#) - Officer Martin and Ms. Marino

- Too Good puts Social and Emotional Learning to work through fun and interactive lessons, building the self confidence young people need to make healthy choices and achieve success. Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence promote positive, pro-social attitudes and behaviors, while fostering healthy relationships, resistance to substance abuse and conflict, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence. Target population: Grade 6. 110 week program. PO Martin has agreed to present an overview of the program to the 1st PLG September meeting.

- o Summer Assignment

- All are posted on the [C&I website](#) (Under the "Department" tab on the top ribbon)
- New rising 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Math Skills Summer Review
- HHS mandatory summer assignments

The committee asked that administration look into the grading of summer assignments. We asked if assignments can be looked at more as an informal measure of understanding and less of a graded assignment. We also asked for a presentation from the department heads/teachers in an effort to understand the necessity of lengthy summer work.

- o [Updated HS Graduation Requirement](#)

- o Aces Program at HHS

- o Option II

- o Naviance Program-the committee requested that a Naviance representative present to the HS parents in an effort to engage parents in using the college and career planning and scholarship search tools included in Naviance.

## 3. Items for the Good of the Order

- 4. Next meeting date: August 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM