

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 23, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

Board Members Present: J. Collins, Chair | V. Flynn | M. Sockol | E. Briamonte | T. Wall |
E. Urbanski | J. Hammer | B. Foster

Administrators Present: R. McGarry, Superintendent | M. Petrizzo, Board Secretary | D. Seeley,
Director of Curriculum & Instruction | M. Gill, Director of Special
Services | M. Peart, Director of Human Resources & Compliance

Meeting Location: Indian Hill School - Cafetorium

- I. The board met on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm for its first Curriculum and Instruction/Special Services Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- II. The evening began with Dr. Seeley’s presentation on “Standardized Assessment” that you saw tonight. The presentation contained comparative SAT and the NJSLA data based on District Factor Groups (DFG’s), which are recommended by the NJ Department of Education to be utilized when doing comparisons. Dr. Seeley indicated that while District Factor Groups are based on the 2000 census, it is still a good group to use for comparison purposes. The presentation also included data on the total AP enrollment in the District (i.e. the total number of AP classes taken in a particular year) and the total number of tests taken. Thereafter, the board discussed the presentation as well as the critical issue of district rankings, especially those published by US News and NJ Monthly publications, and possible steps needed to improve same. The board raised questions, asked for further data, and made general comments regarding the presentation. The recording of the meeting has been posted online. The next meeting will be the Thursday before the board meeting on February 20 at 6:30.
- III. Questions for Administration/Follow Up Data Requests/Other Requests [click here](#)
- IV. General Comments/Concerns regarding AP & rankings [click here](#)
- V. General Comments [click here](#)
- VI. Action Plan(s) for Questions/Data Requests/Other Requests - for consideration
 - A. Getting more students to take and pass at least one AP exam; encouraging more students to take the test Implementing a policy that weighted grade is only for students that sit for AP exam
 - B. Underserved Population Scores - PARCC & NJSLA testing data Note: critical for US News Ranking
 - C. Update - Administration’s Evaluation of Guidance/School Counseling Program
 - D. NJSLA - plan for improvement of scores
 - E. SAT data over time
 - F. ACT data
 - G. Answers to Questions posed in Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - H. Student Cheating on Assessments
 - I. Consolidation of AP classes

- J. Special Service Presentation
- K. Special Services Audit - verbal results in March (Robert indicated that there will be no written report)
- L. Academic Health of District - Robert
- M. Consideration of Policy Change - 5701
- N. Composition of Students in AP classes/Number of students taking 1, 2, 3 classes, etc.
- O. AP Latin - no tests taken