



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AGENDA  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
MARCH 13, 2020 4:30 PM

## *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Holmdel Township Public Schools is to provide a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement. In partnership with our community, the School District will support all our students' efforts to meet and exceed the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and to become responsible and resourceful citizens and lifelong learners.*

## A. Call to Order

The emergency special meeting of March 13, 2020 was called to order via teleconference at 4:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present via teleconference: Mesdames: Flynn, Briamonte, Collins and Urbanski. Messrs: Sockol, Foster, Hammer and Wall. Absent: Mr. Reddy. Also present, Dr. Robert McGarry, Superintendent, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Hannah Lin and Mr. Jide Anifowoshe were absent.

## B. Sunshine Statement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

Adequate public notice of this emergency meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has not been provided. The matters to be discussed are of great urgency and importance involving the protection of student health and safety and the need for immediate steps to be taken in connection with that goal and providing for education of the District's pupils in light of the coronavirus epidemic.

Delay in holding the meeting will result in harm to the public interest because without immediate consideration of this topic students' health and that of their families, as well as continuity of students' education, may be jeopardized. The meeting will be limited to discussion of the matters of urgency and importance set forth above.

Written notice of the meeting was given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- a. Posting written notice at Township Hall, in the Board of Education Administrative Office and on the District website on March 13, 2020; and
- b. Sending written notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the on March 13, 2020.

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**1. Resolution to Conduct Emergency Meeting**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advance notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advance written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the spreading coronavirus epidemic has created an urgent situation necessitating immediate consideration by the Board of various circumstances, tactics, techniques and related contractual and legal matters necessary to protect the health and safety of the District's students and employees and continuation of instruction, and a delay for purposes of providing adequate meeting notice would risk exposing students to possible harm; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted to discuss these matters which involve the health and welfare of these students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education shall conduct an emergency special meeting on March 13, 2020 commencing at 4:30 pm.

MOTION:           Mrs. Briamonte           Second: Mrs. Collins           Vote: 8-0  
Absent: Mr. Reddy

**2. Resolution to Recess into Executive Closed Session**

RESOLVED:        To recess into Executive Closed Session at 4:39 p.m. to discuss tactics and techniques for protection of student health and safety, continuation of instruction, related contractual matters and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege in connection with protection of student health, safety and education.

It is expected that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public at such time as the need for confidentiality may no longer exist.

MOTION:           Mrs. Briamonte           Second: Mrs. Collins           Vote: 8-0  
Absent: Mr. Reddy

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**3. Motion to Adjourn Emergency Special Meeting**

Board President Flynn called for a motion to adjourn the Emergency Special Meeting. Mr. Hammer motioned, Mr. Wall seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary