



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA ORGANIZATION MEETING INDIAN HILL SCHOOL/REMOTE JANUARY 6, 2021 5:30 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 (Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, President pro-tem)

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in an Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 remotely and at the Indian Hill School, 735 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, President pro-tem of the Board.

B. Results of Annual School Election – November 3, 2020 (Three, 3 Year Terms)

Eileen Briamonte	3 Year Term
Peter Reddy	3 Year Term
Zhenling "Linda" Zhang	3 Year Term

C. Oath of Office

Paul H. Green, Board Attorney, gave the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Board Members:

Eileen Briamonte	3 Year Term
Peter Reddy	3 Year Term
Zhenling "Linda" Zhang	3 Year Term

D. Roll Call Information/Flag Salute

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: Briamonte, Flynn, Urbanski and Zhang. Messrs: Foster, Hammer, Reddy, Sockol and Wall. Also present, Dr. Lee Seitz, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Mr. Jide Anifowoshe and Mr. Haroon Shaikh were absent.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Victoria Flynn	2021
Brian Foster	2021
Terence Wall	2021
Joseph Hammer	2022
Michael Sockol	2022
Elizabeth Urbanski	2022
Eileen Briamonte	2023
Peter Reddy	2023
Zhenling "Linda" Zhang	2023

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E. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the Office of the Board of Education, 65 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, New Jersey, the District's website and sent to the four district schools.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, Asbury Park Press, Independent, the PLG, PSG, PSA, PTSO, SAB presidents and student representatives to the Board.
- Filing with the Clerk of Holmdel Township, Police Headquarters and Public Library.

F. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- There are certain matters that may be brought before the board that cannot be immediately addressed in public. Such matters may be referred by the president to a board committee and/or to the Superintendent for consideration and/or resolution.
- The board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

G. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items only - None

H. Nomination and Election of President

Resolved: I nominate as President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Ms. Flynn

MOTION: Mr. Sockol SECOND: Mr. Reddy

Asking and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Petrizzo stated he would entertain a motion to close nominations.

Resolved: That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Board President (Title 18A:15.1).

MOTION: Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

Upon recognition that the nominations are closed, Mr. Petrizzo requested the following roll call vote on the election of the Board President:

1. Ms. Flynn

MOTION: Mr. Sockol SECOND: Mrs. Briamonte VOTE: 9-0

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Ms. Flynn has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

Mr. Petrizzo, President pro-tem, turned over the conduct of the remainder of this meeting to the duly elected President, Ms. Flynn.

I. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Resolved: I nominate as Vice President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Mr. Sockol

MOTION: Mrs. Briamonte SECOND: Mr. Foster

Asking and hearing no other nominations, Ms. Flynn stated she would entertain a motion to close nominations.

Resolved: That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Board President (Title 18A:15.1).

MOTION: Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

Upon recognition that the nominations are closed, Ms. Flynn requested the following roll call vote on the election of the Board Vice President:

1. Mr. Sockol

MOTION: Mr. Foster SECOND: Mrs. Briamonte VOTE: 8-0-1
Abstained: Mrs. Zhang

Mr. Sockol has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as Vice President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

J. Presentation(s)/Public Hearing(s) - None

K. Report of the Student Representatives to the Board - None

L. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Seitz congratulated our newly elected Board Members and the President and Vice President and stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone in the future. He stated there were a few things he would like to address.

As you know, on January 4, 2021, new programming began at Satz and the High School where students come to school in the morning for four (4) hours, go home for lunch and then have two (2) classes in the afternoon (virtually). The program is running very smoothly and we look forward to having more students take advantage of in-person instruction everyday program at Satz and the High School. It's important to report that, across the district in an all four schools, we have students coming in five (5) days a week for a full day

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of instruction. Going forward we are hopeful that, with the introduction of the vaccine for Covid-19, that number 1, our teachers (who are high priority) will be able to get their vaccines very soon and reduce their chances of getting sick. We certainly hope that the Covid vaccine is being distributed across our township and across our state and the country to put an end to this pandemic so we can move on to a more natural lifestyle that we've been accustomed to over the years.

In terms of attendance, it varies by building, but it's safe to say that on any given day we have 55 to 60% of our students present for the full day of instruction. That's pretty much what I anticipated but, as I said I hope that increases as students become more comfortable with the full day and with the fact that Covid-19 will begin to decrease significantly.

I heard there is some interest in the numbers of our staff members who are out because of Covid-related situations. So I put together a simple chart to share that information with everyone tonight. We'll probably clean it up a bit and post it on the website, but as of today, throughout the district, we have the following:

Village: 11 Teachers who are out with 8 of those are due to direct contact with someone who has Covid. We had 1 who is symptomatic of Covid symptoms and 2 teachers who tested positive.

Indian Hill: 2 Teachers with 1 having direct contact with someone who has Covid and 1 who is showing symptoms of Covid-19.

Satz: 6 Teachers with 4 having direct contact with someone who has Covid and 2 are due to travel.

High School: 2 Teachers with 1 due to travel and 1 is showing symptoms of Covid-19.

In terms of staff, non-certificated, monitors, secretaries, etc., there is no one at Village, 2 at Indian Hill due to direct contact, 1 at Satz due to symptoms, and 2 at the high school, 1 due to travel and 1 due to symptoms.

Interestingly enough, we have Administrators who are out. At Village, we have 2 with direct contact. At Indian Hill, we had 1 with direct contact and we had 1 person at the High School who tested positive.

These are people who, in many cases, will be coming off self-quarantining within a week. I think the longest one right now is January 19th so I think these numbers are very good and this is as of today and does not include those staff members, approved in September, to teach remotely. Our numbers are good, our students are coming to school and getting a full day of instruction and I think that's fantastic because we are meeting the mission of our district which is to provide each and every child with the best education possible.

I also want to address the issue of length of quarantine. This is not a simple thing because we are getting different responses from different agencies. We are getting changes on a somewhat regular basis but as of January 1st, and I received this letter today – and as you know, or you might know, we posted this on the website, we sent it to the parents of our students and we sent it to our staff and it says, very clearly, in the first paragraph – and this is from the Department of Health, State of New Jersey, Communicable Disease Service – it says that any child with Covid-19 compatible symptoms should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test for SARS-CoV-2 or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever reducing medications with symptom improvement. As of January 1, from the State of New Jersey, it is a 10-day quarantine. I do know that people were late getting the message today and if a message went out with 14 days on it, I apologize for that. We are correcting it and going forward, all correspondence should show 10

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days quarantine unless, of course, things change from the State of New Jersey or the CDC. That will conclude my report for this evening.

Resolved: That the Superintendent's Report is hereby accepted and filed by the Board Secretary.

MOTION: Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

M. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (H.I.B.) Report - None

N. Committee Report(s) – None

O. Action Items

- Approval of Minutes – None

- Policy

1. Approval of Board Policies and Regulations

Resolved: That the policies and regulations governing the actions of the Holmdel Township Board of Education, as posted on the District Website, are hereby readopted.

MOTION: Mr. Sockol SECOND: Mrs. Briamonte VOTE: 8-0-1
Abstained: Mrs. Zhang

- Superintendent's Recommendations – None

- Business Administrator's Recommendations – None

P. Old Business

- Annual Meeting Notice

2. Approval of Revised Annual Meeting Notice

Resolved: That the Board approve the Revised Annual Meeting Notice, as attached.

MOTION: Mr. Sockol SECOND: Mrs. Briamonte VOTE: 9-0

Q. New Business

- Mr. Sockol thanked the Board for their support to serve as Vice President.
- Mrs. Briamonte thanked her family and the community for supporting her to be elected to the Board of Education.
- Mr. Reddy thanked his family and the community for supporting him to be elected to the Board of Education.
- Mrs. Zhang thanked her family and the community for supporting her to be elected to the Board of Education.

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- Mr. Wall thanked the newly elected Board Members, Vice President and President of the Board of Education and Dr. Seitz for his leadership and bringing the students back to school full time.
- Mrs. Flynn thanked Mrs. Zhang for her community service along with Mrs. Briamonte and Mr. Reddy who are serving multiple terms and thanked the rest of the Board of Education for their support and services.

R. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Savage, parent, thanked everyone for their efforts to bring the students back to school full time. She stated that her children are very involved with sports and inquired when the Athletic program can be brought back into schools. Dr. Seitz and Ms. Flynn advised that these activities will be discussed at the next committee meeting to determine if and when they can restart.
- Mrs. Mihalenko, parent, thanked the teachers for all of their efforts. She referenced the email that was sent from the Board on 12/19/2020 and stated the reasons why she disagrees with the message in email. Ms. Flynn responded to Mrs. Mihalenko's concerns and clarified certain statements that were made at the 12/16/2020 Board meeting (referenced in 12/19/2020 email). Mr. Sockol responded and stated the Board is always open for dialogue and discussion. Mr. Wall also responded and stated that his name was fraudulently used and an investigation is pending. He also explained that, by bringing students back to school full-time, in-person instruction, the district is fulfilling its obligation to provide a thorough and efficient education for students.

S. Executive Session (if required) – N/A

T. Adjournment

Ms. Flynn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sockol motioned, Mrs. Briamonte seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REVISED ANNUAL NOTICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2020/2021**

All Regular Business Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

Meetings will be held at the Indian Hill School, 735 Holmdel Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733

The public will be admitted to meetings to the extent this can be done in accordance with the requirements of applicable Executive Orders for indoor meetings. This may require limiting the amount of the public who can attend in person, on a first-come first-admitted basis.

Please be further advised that due to the current Public Health Emergency, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b)* and the provisions of P.L. 2020, c.11 and *N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1. et seq.*, the Holmdel Board of Education will also make attendance at these meetings available to Board members and the public by remote means.

Day of Week	Date	Time	Business Meeting	Location
Wednesday	January 6, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Organization Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	January 27, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	February 24, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	March 17, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	March 31, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	April 28, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	May 26, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School
Wednesday	June 30, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Indian Hill School

Immediately preceding each Regular Business Meeting, the Board will have an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, to discuss matters exempt from public discussion by law including, but not limited to student matters, contract matters, personnel matters, negotiations and/or litigation.

Unforeseen circumstances may force the rescheduling of these meetings. In such case, notice will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

Details for how to access the meetings remotely will be posted on the District website at www.holmdelschools.org. Those members of the public who do not physically attend the meeting may observe it and participate in public comment via Zoom or such other streaming platform as the Board may determine to use. There will also be instructions on the website for listening to the meeting and submitting public comment by telephone.

Public comments by those not attending in person or via the internet platform may also be directed by email to Board President Vicky Flynn at vflynn@holmdelschools.org. In order to be considered for public reading, emailed comments must specify in the subject matter heading either "First Public Comment" or "Second Public Comment" and the date of the Board meeting for which they are submitted. The first public comment is for agenda action items only, and the email subject line for these comments must also specify the agenda item(s) for which the first public comments are submitted. The second public comment is for any other matters. Written public comments may also be mailed to School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Michael R. Petrizzo at 65 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733, and must include at the beginning of the comments the same information specified above for email comments. **ALL** written submissions must also contain the full name and address of the sender. **Written comments, whether by email or ordinary mail, MUST be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be read.** Written submissions which do not comply with all of the above requirements will not be read aloud during the public comment portions of the meeting.