



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING REMOTE MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2021 5:00 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 Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Special Board of Education on Friday, February 19, 2021, via remote meeting. Ms. Flynn, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. Roll Call/Flag Salute

The following Board Members were present: Mesdames: Flynn, Briamonte, Urbanski, and Zhang. Messrs: Sockol, Hammer, Reddy (arrived at 5:03p.m.) and Wall. Absent: Mr. Foster and Mr. Hammer. Also present,

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Dr. Lee Seitz, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Jessica DeWysockie, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary, and Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney.

E. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items Only

- Mrs. Tuccillo, Parent, emailed the following questions:

1. The original abolishment of the Director of Guidance and creation of the new Director of Planning etc. was not on the original BOE agenda for November 4, 2020. However, it was voted on in public after the executive session, when the majority of attendees left the meeting. As this was an abolishment and creation of a new position, it clearly was planned and I am not sure why it wasn't on the agenda for that day. That being said, if approved on November 4th why is this posted "anew" now?

2. With the Governor putting in for a federal testing waiver, is this new position really needed for this school year? (Again I am assuming you are looking to hire someone on Wednesday's BOE meeting, hence this special meeting.)

3. With the abolishment of the Director of Counseling who is in charge of the following:

- a. Evaluating districtwide counseling program
- b. Coordinate all guidance activities.
- c. Post-HS opportunities and the college fair
- d. 504 Coordinator (still on website as Eric)
- e. HIB Coordinator (still on website as Eric)
- f. Contacting 8th grade students/families in regards to HHS. Students have already been accepted to CBA and are awaiting results from High Tech etc. and have still not been contacted about HHS and what our new referendum brings to the district, as a way to keep some of our brightest students in town!

Being that Eric was released immediately in November I would assume there are answers in place for these questions.

I can ask them live in the meeting if I am sending this email too late.

Kimberly Tuccillo

Mr. Green responded to Question No. 1, stating that if there is an alleged defect in a previous action item, the board can ratify the prior action and re-approve.

Dr. Seitz provided insight on the position and its importance to the school district.

Dr. Seitz responded that each department/individual that is currently taking responsibility for the items listed/mentioned above.

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- Mrs. Powers, Parent, thanked the members of the Board and the Administrative team for their hard work in getting the schools back up for 5-day instruction. Also made a statement regarding the lack of transparency on how the approval for this position transpired. Stated that the website still does not reflect accurate information. Dr. Seitz is looking into having this rectified immediately.

F. Action Items

- **Superintendent's Recommendations**

1. De novo consideration of and action on the Superintendent's recommended administrative reorganization to eliminate the position of Director of School Counseling Services and create the position of Director of Planning, Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability.

Whereas, at its November 4, 2020 meeting the Holmdel Board of Education adopted resolutions approving the Superintendent's recommendation for an administrative reorganization, including abolition of the position of Director of School Counseling and creation of the position of Director for Planning, Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability; and

Whereas, the Board has at its February 19, 2021 special meeting conducted a de novo review of the Superintendent's recommended administrative reorganization;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the resolutions adopted by the Holmdel Board of Education at its November 4, 2020 meeting to approve the administrative reorganization of the Guidance Department, abolish the position of Director of School Counseling for reasons of economy and efficiency, terminate the employment of employee number 5481, and create the position of Director for Planning, Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability, are hereby expressly restated, ratified, and reaffirmed; and be it

Further resolved, that former employee number 5481 shall be paid at the appropriate salary level in accordance with standard District payroll procedures retroactively to January 16, 2021 and continuing through and ending on February 19, 2021, and shall be reimbursed for any COBRA payment made by the former employee for health insurance coverage for February, 2021, upon submission of satisfactory proof of such payment; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Board Attorney shall notify the affected individual's attorney of this action forthwith, and the District's Administration shall take all other steps necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Sockol SECOND: Mrs. Briamonte VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Mr. Foster and Mr. Hammer

G. Questions or Comments from the Public – None

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H. Adjournment

Board President 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 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jessica DeWysockie
Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary