

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:47 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

All requirements of the Open Public Business Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Haworth. On December 17, 2014 advance written notice was emailed to **The Suburbanite and The Record**, filed with the Borough Clerk, posted on the school website and forwarded to the Presidents of the Home and School Association and Teachers Association, and all persons requesting such notice.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Haworth Public School District, a safe and nurturing small school environment, in partnership with our community, is dedicated to providing every student with educational excellence through a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous curriculum that fosters productive and responsible life-long learners in a global society. Adopted—May 28, 2013.

V. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mary Anne Doran
Mr. Matthew Gilbert
Mrs. Anna Reduce
Mr. Warren Sutnick
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
Mr. Jeff Ashkenase, Vice President
Mrs. Nicole Brennan, President
Mr. Vincent Occhino, Interim Business Administrator
Ms. Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent/Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:48

The Board is interested in hearing your comments. In order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to speak, we are asking that you speak once and limit your comments to three minutes. We further ask that all comments be directed to the Board. We recognize that everyone has the freedom to speak but advise you that anything said in public may have legal ramifications. There is no protection regarding statements made by the public. Please state your name before you begin.

VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

- Enrollment for January 2016
- HIB/Incident Report to date

IX. MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from the December 16, 2015 BOE meeting.

J. Ashkenase Moved, M. Doran Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

X. PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Christine Werner as part time Payroll Clerk/Bookkeeper/Benefits Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year at a pro-rated annual salary of \$35,000, work hours not to exceed 24 hours per week, not benefit eligible.
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 district school calendar. (Attachment)

J. Montesano: Our district calendar follows the Northern Valley Regional calendar for the most part.

W. Sutnick: Is there a reason why the graduation date is over a week before the last day of school?

J. Montesano: Graduation has traditionally been the Thursday before the last day of school. I will double check with our 8th grade advisor that this is the date she prefers and I will email the board with her response.

M. Doran Moved, A. Reduce Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

XI. FINANCE

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of December, 2015.

J. Ashkenase Moved, W. Sutnick Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

XII. FACILITY

XIII. POLICY

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance
Facilities
Policy
Program/Personnel
BCSBA/NJSB
Joint Boards
Public Relations
Haworth Home & School Association
Northern Valley Regional HS/
NV Educational Foundation
Legislative Chairperson
Senior Citizens Liaison
Town Council Liaison
Negotiations

N. Brennan: Welcome to Dr. Occhino, we are happy to have you here.

V. Occhino: I would like to give a status update on the main entrance project. There was a hold up on the interior doors being shipped. The other hold up was the electrician, who will be here this Thursday. The construction company feels the entire project should be concluded by January 17. Also, the new lights have been installed in the library.

A. Reduce: High School referendum vote will be in March. Please invite Dr. Kipel to speak at the BOE meetings in February and March during a Kids with Character presentation meeting.

XV. Open to the Public on any item – 8:04 p.m.

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XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN – 8:04

N. Brennan Moved, A. Reduce Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT 8:04 p.m.

Nicole Brennan, President
Haworth Board of Education

Jennifer Montesano
Superintendent/Board Secretary