

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:33 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 January 8, 2015 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. Michele DiIorgi  
Mrs. Mary Anne Doran  
Mr. Matthew Gilbert  
Mrs. Anna Reduce  
Mr. Warren Sutnick  
Mr. Jeff Ashkenase, Vice President – **ARRIVED 7:43**  
Mrs. Nicole Brennan, President

Ms. Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent/Board Secretary

**VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION – 7:35**

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS**

- Enrollment for October 2015
- HIB/Incident Report to date – Mr. Wolford
- 2015 NJASK Science Grades 4 and 8 Results Presentation – Mr. O’Keefe  
(Power Point Presentation attached)

Kids with Character Award Presentation – criteria for the month of October is Overall Good Character. For October the following children have been chosen:

Kindergarten: Darienne Buckner and Max Davis  
Grade 1: Luca Rosen and Sheridan Wertz  
Grade 2: Thomas Cheetham and William Ruocco  
Grade 3: Alea Zirin and Ryan Dunne  
Grade 4: Leah Rose and Megan Boyes  
Grade 5: Eamon Doran and Koharu Ando  
Grade 6: John Dominniani and Carlie Pavell  
Grade 7: Kenji Salinas and Emma Viggiano  
Grade 8: Emily Reduce and Deniz Akman

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

**IX. MINUTES**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from the September 8, 2015 work session meeting and the September 29, 2015 regular business meeting.

A. Reduce Moved, M. DiIorgi Seconded  
All in favor

**X. PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves movement on the guide from MA+15 to MA+30 for Rosina Siniscalchi for the 2015-2016 school year (pending contract ratification).
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves movement on the guide from BA+15 to MA for Erin Ehlers-Burns for the 2015-2016 school year (pending contract ratification).

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves movement on the guide from BA+15 to MA for Erika Dunn for the 2015-2016 school year (pending contract ratification).
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves movement on the guide from MA to MA+15 for Nancy Polifroni for the 2015-2016 school year (pending contract ratification).
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Middle School Science Olympiad field trip to New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ on January 11, 2016, (snow date: 1/12/16), at no cost to students.
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 7<sup>th</sup> grade overnight field trip to Frost Valley in Claryville, NY from June 8, 2016 through June 10, 2016, at an approximate cost of \$250 per student. Trip Coordinator: Nicole Carnicelli.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Jennifer Eisberg to attend the All Things Google workshop at the Carlstadt Public School in Carlstadt, NJ on November 10, 2015, no cost to attend, plus travel expenses.
- h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Jennifer Montesano to attend the Exceptional Team Leader workshop in Parsippany, NJ on November 3, 2015, at a cost of \$149, plus travel expenses.
- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the annual membership of Daniel O’Keefe and Carrieann Malanga to the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association for the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$180 each.
- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the appointment of Vincent Occhino as Interim School Business Administrator as of November 9, 2015 and through the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, at a per diem rate of \$550, annual salary not to exceed \$65,000, not benefit eligible. Contract subject to approval by the County Superintendent.
- k. **Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Arben Turku as a substitute custodian with black seal license for the 2015-2016 school year, not benefit eligible.**

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 for the period of September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015 which had previously been approved by the various committees be approved and payment made through the Valley National Bank from funds in the appropriate accounts as follows:

Payroll	\$482,541.51
Fund (10, 20, 40, 50)	\$379,726.46
Fund (30)	\$ 38,677.14

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of September, 2015.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Report of Board Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, and the Report of Monthly Transfers for the month of September, 2015. (Attachment)
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the services of Lesco Services, Inc. for asbestos abatement. All work to be performed in accordance with current federal, state, and local regulatory requirements at a cost of \$6,400.
- e. **Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Region 3, Slice Tuition for the 2015-2016 year of \$9,468.00.**

J. Ashkenase: Regarding the item on asbestos abatement, that is only part of the cost. There will be additional costs involved for testing and some minor construction to complete the project.

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

## **XII. FACILITY**

A. Reduce: We are going to try and meet this coming Monday to get an update from Mrs. DeRiso.

## **XIII. POLICY**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the second reading of the following policy:
- 3514.1 - School Furnished Electronic Device:  
Distribution and Acceptable Use
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies:

- 4112.8/4212.8 - Nepotism
- 5111 – Admission
- 6171.4 - Special Education
- 4138.2 – Private Tutoring

W. Sutnick: Just as a reminder, a first reading is just a draft so if you have any questions, concerns or comments, you can email those to me to bring to the committee.

J. Ashkenase: What is driving the change in the Special Education policy?

J. Montesano: We added a financial chart for when a parent wants to go out and get an independent evaluation because they disagree with our Child Study Team's initial findings for their child. We would like to have restrictions and guidelines on what the maximum allowed cost would be. We looked at the surrounding districts and kept the costs in line with them.

J. Ashkenase: On the Private Tutoring policy we may have to think of a transition time period.

W. Sutnick: That is fine, just send me an email with your concerns.

W. Sutnick Moved, M. Doran Seconded  
Roll Call: 7/0

#### **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

M. Doran: HHSA has the Trick or Trunk and TrEAT this Friday and next week is our Book Fair. Poker Night is this Saturday night. At the next HHSA meeting we will be going over the budget.

M. Gilbert: Ms. Montesano will be putting out an eblast to parents that the PARCC scores for the individual districts will not be out until mid November.

J. Montesano: Yes, only the state has received the scores, not the individual districts.

A. Reduce: Also, Ms. Malanga will be coming to the Program & Personnel meeting tomorrow to go over the PAR scores with us.

**XV. Open to the Public on any item – 8:11 p.m.**

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**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XVIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

A. Reduce Moved, M. DiIorgi Seconded  
All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:12 p.m.**

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Nicole Brennan, President  
Haworth Board of Education

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Jennifer Montesano  
Superintendent/Board Secretary