

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 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 5, 2017 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
Mrs. Judy Eig
Mrs. Karen Leddy
Mr. Warren Sutnick
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
Mr. Jeff Ashkenase, Vice President
Mrs. Nicole Brennan, President
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator
Ms. Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent/Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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 Report to date
- HIB/Incident Report to date

- Kids with Character Award Presentation – criteria for the month of February is Fairness. For February the following children have been chosen:

Kindergarten: Sebastian Fontanez and Aiden Lim
Grade 1: Evan Newsom and Sooa Tani
Grade 2: Brooke Marchisio and Joanne Shen
Grade 3: Zachary Storch and Lily Cammalleri
Grade 4: Noah Chang and Ivan Timochko
Grade 5: Kiera Lau and Teddy Gatanas
Grade 6: Paris Escobar and Ohan Ambartsoumian
Grade 7: Joseph De Croce and Caitlyn Eby
Grade 8: Steven Abe and Julietta Ambartsoumian

- Negotiation’s Update

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

IX. MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 4, 2017 regular business meeting.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 4, 2017 reorganization meeting.
- c. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 26, 2017 special meeting.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

X. PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Laura Scanlan to attend the Innovative, Functional & Transition Practices in Special Education workshop at the Bergen County Special Services office in Paramus, NJ on March 17, 2017. No cost to the district.
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 district school calendar. (Attachment)
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the maternity leave resolution for Erin Burns to commence on or about May 5, 2017.

(Attachment)

- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Carrieann Malanga-DeVito to attend the New Jersey Dyslexia Conference – Matching Intervention to Reading Difficulties at The Westwood in Garwood, NJ on March 24, 2017 at a cost of \$205.00, plus travel expenses.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the summer school program from July 10, 2017 through July 27, 2017 (4 days per week for 3 weeks total), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., for the 2017 session, at a stipend of \$2,500.00 per teacher.
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Nancy Polifroni as summer school nurse for 12 days of the Summer School 2017 session at a rate of \$2,500.00.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Kevin Lane to attend the Portable Magic: Developing Powerful Small Group Instruction & Conferences at Teachers College, Columbia University in Manhattan, NY on April 25, 2017. No registration cost, plus travel expenses.
- h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 5th and 6th grade Battle of the Books winners (10 students maximum) field trip to the Harrington Park School for Battle of the Books on June 14, 2017, no cost for students, plus bus fee. Jennifer Eisberg trip coordinator.
- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Grade 8 walking trip to the Haworth Swim Club on June 16, 2017 (raindate: June 19, 2017) for the annual Graduation Swim Club Party at no cost to students. Trip Coordinators: Alicia Kosakowski, Karen Foglio, Caitlin Sobota.
- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Lisa Quinn as a Substitute Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, not benefit eligible.
- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Kindergarten field trip to the Bergen Performing Arts Center in Englewood, NJ on May 18, 2017 at an approximate cost of \$10 per student, plus cost of bus. Trip coordinator: Jennifer Montesano.
- l. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Jennifer Montesano and Carrieann Malanga to attend the Discovering Digital Citizenship Seminar at Eduscapse in Montvale, NJ on March 10, 2017. No registration cost, plus travel expenses.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

XI. FINANCE

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the bills for the period of January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2017 which has previously been approved by the various committees and payment made through the Valley National Bank from funds in the appropriate accounts as follows:

Bills Description	Dated	Amount
Payroll – Operating Account	01/15/17	\$147,120.83
State Share – FICA	01/15/17	\$13,821.93
Board Share – FICA	01/15/17	\$4,352.18
	TOTAL:	\$165,294.94

Bills Description	Dated	Amount
Payroll – Operating Accounting	01/31/17	\$134,477.16
State Share – FICA	01/31/17	\$13,830.40
Board Share – FICA	01/31/17	\$3,206.61
	TOTAL:	\$151,514.17

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of December, 2016.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of January, 2017.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
 Roll Call:

XII. FACILITY

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the building use for the Haworth Summer Recreation Camp from June 27, 2017 through August 4, 2017.
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the purchase of a new security system from Red Hawk Fire & Security at a total cost of \$12,410.00 (includes installation).
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the purchase of services from Agra Environmental and Laboratory Services to perform the state mandated analytical testing of all water outlets at a total cost of \$850. (\$45.00 per unit)

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

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

XV. Open to the Public on any item – _____ p.m.

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Close the Public portion: _____

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Haworth School District has been elected by the residents of Haworth, NJ to determine policy and approve programming for the students of the district, within the confines of both federal and state statutes governing education, and

Whereas, the Haworth Board of Education envisions the inauguration of Donald Trump as the President of the United States, on January 20, 2017, as an opportunity for a renewal of public

education in the United States of America in a way which creates opportunities for all students to learn and thrive, and

Whereas, the Haworth Board of Education works to foster an educational environment where all of our students, regardless of ability, background, race, religious affiliation or gender, feel secure, focusing on the academic, physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and relational growth of our students, and

Whereas, President Trump has called for the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education of the United States, a candidate apparently lacking any credentials as an educator, experience in the administration and management of public schools, demonstrating a pre-disposition toward and long-history of support for charter schools and school voucher programs, which by their very nature compromise free and appropriate public education for many economic, social and racial groups, and

Whereas, Ms. DeVos has been at the forefront of the establishment of the Detroit charter school initiative that by many accounts hurt students and enriched the coffers of private companies, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Haworth Board of Education hereby, based on this record, opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education and calls upon the incoming United States Senate to stand firm by opposing this nominee, and be it further

Resolved, that the Haworth Board of Education invites President Trump, the nominee for secretary of education or any representative of the incoming education team to meet to conduct a forthright and meaningful discussion about the future of public education and their strategies to enhance education for all students rather than a privileged few.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION _____ p.m.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

WHEREAS the following subject is not appropriate to be discussed in a public meeting and is within the exemptions which may be discussed and acted upon and,

WHEREAS only the following subject shall be discussed in private recess by the Board and the minutes made available to the public as soon as the reason for exemption no longer exists, it is therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED at the Public Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Tuesday, February 7, 2017 pursuant to Sections 7 & 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the following subject shall be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public: Please be advised that the Board will be going into executive session for approximately _____ hour to discuss personnel, negotiations or litigation. Action may be taken in public after the executive session.

XIX. MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION at _____ p.m.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

XX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

ADJOURNMENT _____ p.m.

Nicole Brennan, President
Haworth Board of Education

Jennifer Montesano
Superintendent/Board Secretary