

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:31 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 - **ABSENT**
Mrs. Nicole Brennan, President
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator
Ms. Jennifer Montesano, Superintendent/Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:32

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.

Mr. Chang – I would like more information on the item regarding the turf field. What will be done?

P. Wolford - This is for the yearly maintenance of the turf field.

Mr. Chang – Will the turf be re-lined?

P. Wolford – Certain sections will be.

VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION - 7:33

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

- Enrollment to Date
- HIB/Incident Report to Date

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

Kindergarten: Jonas Lee and Abigail Klain
Grade 1: Alyson Ludwig and Zachary Schneider
Grade 2: Cecelia Flattery and Brett Finetto
Grade 3: Oliver Winik and Joshua Hong
Grade 4: Alea Zirin and Chloe Poirot
Grade 5: Julian Mezzapelli and Sofia Cheetham
Grade 6: Emma Cammalleri and Judah Widzer
Grade 7: Tyler Senzon and Sydney Weisblum
Grade 8: Skyler Groh and James Rutigliano

- 6th Annual All North Jersey School Music Association Elementary Honors Band Festival participant Certificate of Achievement – Rebecca Storch, Aden Pereira, Kevin Lee and Noah Song.

- Division 5 Pascack Valley Indoor Soccer League certificate presentation.

N. Brennan: If you did not hear at the last meeting, we will be splitting every grade at the elementary level, except for first grade, into three sections. This will put us at the lowest student to teacher ratio in the Valley. I would like to thank our administration for all of their hard work on making this happen.

S. Wunsch Moved, J. Eig Seconded
Roll Call: 6/0

IX. MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from the May 2, 2017 regular business meeting.

M. Doran Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
Roll Call: 6/0

X. PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Lorraine Michel, Classroom Aide to utilize unpaid sick leave from May 24, 2017 through June 30, 2017 due to illness, with an anticipated return to work date of September 1, 2017.
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves an additional parent chaperone for the 7th grade Frost Valley overnight trip on June 7, 8 and 9, 2017 (no payment):
 - William Doody
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Jessica Buchheister as a Classroom Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$46,176.00 (BA, Step 1), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Katelyn Arbadji as a Classroom Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$47,391.00 (BA, Step 2), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the following Vandercook College of Music graduate level course for Josefina Winik; reimbursement to be paid at the rate of one 3 credit graduate education course at Rutgers University for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Orff Schulwerk Teacher Education Course Level II
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Nicole Auriemma to attend the Real Time User Group workshop at The Marriott in Saddle Brook, NJ on June 7, 2017. No registration cost, plus travel expenses.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Heather Santostefano as a Special Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$46,176.00 (BA, Step 1), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)
- h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Jennifer Montesano, Carrieann Malanga-DeVito, Lori Scheps, Arlene Domalewski and Jessica Cooley to attend the “Teaching of Reading” workshop at the Teacher’s College at Columbia University in New York, NY from June 26-30, 2017 or August 7-11, 2017. Registration cost of \$825 each, plus travel expenses.
- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Gianna DeNobile as a Classroom Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$46,176.00 (BA, Step 1), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)

- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Laura Bionde as a Classroom Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$49,821.00 (MA, Step 1), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)
- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Sarah Norian as a Classroom Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$49,821.00 (MA, Step 1), benefit eligible. (Salary may be adjusted upon contract ratification.)

M. Doran: We met on May 9th and we discussed the Social Competency Program we are considering with Ms. Schmalzer. We have decided to go with the program from Olweus for the 2017-18 school year.

M. Doran Moved, K. Leddy Seconded
Roll Call: 6/0

XI. FINANCE

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 Valley Program tuition contract for student ID #324029, commencing April 24, 2017 and terminating June 30, 2017, at a total (pro-rated) rate of \$14,821.57.
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of April, 2017.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the shared services agreement for the Site Technician Services – Technical Support Services from the Northern Valley Regional High School Board of Education for the Haworth School District from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 school year at the total annual cost of \$66,300.00.

S. Wunsch Moved, J. Eig Seconded
Roll Call: 6/0

XII. FACILITY

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves SportsCare Synthetic Field Maintenance to provide maintenance of the turf field at a total cost of \$2,450.00 (same cost as 2016-2017).
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves RSC Architects to provide a feasibility/conditions assessment study of the existing school building at a total cost of \$14,600.00.

S. Wunsch: We met on May 12th and we discussed the extension of the sidewalk. We have completed the state required water lead testing.

S. Wunsch Moved, K. Leddy Seconded
Roll Call: 6/0

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 – 7:51 p.m.

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.

R. Song: For facility Item b. is the hiring of this architect due to the addition of classes?

S. Wunsch: No, this is for a full assessment of the school.

J. Montesano: Ideally what we would like to do in the next few months is to have two long range plans; one for facilities and one for programs. This will help us budget our money appropriately for down the road.

M. Groh: Has a facility plan been done in the last 5 years?

W. Sutnick: It was done 5 years ago. It is required to be done every 5 years for long term planning.

M. Groh: I am happy to see the addition of classes and smaller class sizes. How is this adding to the budget?

P. Wolford: We hired two new full time positions and increased two part-time positions to full time. We also moved our existing staff around to fill our needs.

M. Groh: I am concerned with the priorities of the school. I am concerned with the facilities being more important than the programming. The negotiations are taking a toll on the community.

N. Brennen: We are willing and happy to receive and take into take into consideration any written offer from the HTA.

Close the Public portion: 7:56 p.m.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

W. Sutnick Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT 7:56 p.m.

Nicole Brennan, President
Haworth Board of Education

Jennifer Montesano
Superintendent/Board Secretary