

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:32 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 – 7:33 No public comment.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

- Enrollment Report to Date
- HIB/Incident Report to date
- Certificate of Achievement – Zoe Weill - 2017 combined grades 4 & 5 Spelling Bee winner.
- Kids with Character Award Presentation – criteria for the month of April is Citizenship. For April the following children have been chosen:

Kindergarten: Giselle Fermano and Emily Lim
Grade 1: Addison Scott and Regina Martin
Grade 2: Emma Graffeo and Ari Borek
Grade 3: Elisheva Widzer and Harrison Davis
Grade 4: Andrew Zwernemann and Connor Shea
Grade 5: Finley Aspholm and Aidan Calvert
Grade 6: Jordan Wright and Katherine Doran
Grade 7: David Polifroni and Yasmine Azmi
Grade 8: Robbie Osder and Laura Centanni

N. Brennan: Our next meeting on May 2nd is our budget presentation so we invite everyone to attend.

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

IX. MINUTES

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from the March 28, 2017 regular business meeting.

J. Ashkenase Moved, K. Leddy Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

X. PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL

- a. 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):

- Chang soo Han

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Caitlin Sobota, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2017.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the retirement of Laura Scanlan, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2017.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the retirement of Debra Gadino, .6 School Social Worker, effective June 30, 2017.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the following students from Northern Valley Regional High School to participate in the Senior Service Program with the noted staff member at Haworth Public School from May 15, 2017 to June 20, 2017.

- Jessica Adler - Mrs. Martell
- Alana Brenner - Mrs. Talty
- Ella Buckley - Mrs. Ferrara
- Philomena Chamberlain - Mrs. Cooley
- Liam Cristello - Mr. Nasta
- Sean Jansson - Mr. Talty
- Ian Lam - Mrs. Chamberlain
- Brooke Manus - Mrs. Kosakowski
- Gabriel Marge - Mr. Nasta
- Lily McGinley - Mrs. Carr
- Whitney Rosenfeld - Mrs. Cabourg
- Sarah Sutnick - Mr. Doran

- f. WHEREAS, the Haworth Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") currently employs a part-time (.6) School Psychologist; and
WHEREAS, for reasons of program development and efficiency, the Board has determined to abolish the position of part-time (.6) School Psychologist effective July 1, 2017; and
WHEREAS, the Board has determined to create a full-time position of School Psychologist/Gifted & Talented Coordinator effective July 1, 2017 with a work week as defined per the Haworth Teacher's Association contract, benefit eligible; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby abolishes the position of the School Psychologist effective July 1, 2017; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby creates the full-time position of School Psychologist/Gifted & Talented which shall be a ten (10) month position, effective July 1, 2017, the job description for which is attached hereto; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to advertise the position of School Psychologist/Gifted & Talented Coordinator forthwith.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the field trip to Woodmont Day Camp in New City, NY on June 19, 2017 for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 for "Field Day". Rain date of June 21, 2017. Trip Coordinator: Jennifer Montesano.

***h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves an additional staff chaperone (to replace James Muir) for the 6th grade overnight field trip Philadelphia from April 20 through 21, 2017, with a stipend of \$100 per night:**

- **Pasquale Pace**

N. Brennan: We would like to thank our retiring teachers for their service to our district.

J. Ashkenase: What are the differences in the job description for School Psychologist/Gifted & Talented Coordinator?

J. Montesano: Currently our School Psychologist is part-time and she is working to begin to tailor the gifted & talented program into a more effective program. This position will now be full-time and this person will be in charge of leading this more in depth.

K. Leddy: We are thrilled that the kids will be able to attend Field Day at Woodmont Camp. It is a wonderful place and we think they will have a great time.

J. Ashkenase Moved, S. Wunsch 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 March 1, 2017 to March 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	03/15/17	\$143,250.19
State Share – FICA	03/15/17	\$13,791.79
Board Share- FICA	03/15/17	\$3,863.29
	TOTAL:	\$160,905.27

Bills Description	Dated	Amount
Payroll – Operating	03/31/17	\$133,319.67
State Share – FICA	03/31/17	\$13,564.88
Board Share – FICA	03/31/17	\$3,149.06
	TOTAL:	\$150,033.61

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, and the Report of Monthly Transfers for the month of January, 2017.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, and the Report of the Monthly Transfers for the month of February, 2017.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of March, 2017.

J. Ashkenase: I do want to point out the approval of a new purchasing bidding software, Ed Data to manage our purchases and give us the best prices. Today we received a proposal from the architects on a five year plan. It includes a review of the site and of the actual space we have, either for an addition to the building or adding a second floor to certain sections.

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

XII. FACILITY

S. Wunsch: We met and discussed the new architect and the lead water testing. We should be getting the results of the test soon.

J. Ashkenase: The administration met with the Haworth Chief of Police and discussed our security plan, recommendations and next year's evacuation drills.

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.

A. Condos: When the children are coming to the school from the north side, the sidewalk comes to an end and the kids are then walking in the street.

S. Wunsch: We are actually working with someone right now to give us a cost to get that done and add the sidewalk there. It requires a retaining wall which becomes a bigger expenditure.

N. Brennan: We also have to stay within code, all of which is being researched.

D. Manescalco: Question regarding the expansion of the classrooms, is anything going to be done?

N. Brennan: This is also currently being addressed.

Close the Public portion: 7:54 p.m.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

N. Brennan: We had a fact finding meeting with the state mediator as part of the negotiations process and we are expecting a decision by the summer.

R. Sodaro (from the public): Does this mean that nothing can be settled before then?

N. Brennan: We would love to have a written counter from the teachers. Our offer in the fact finding report was not our final offer.

W. Sutnick: No, that was our final offer.

N. Brennan: We are still more than willing to negotiate with them.

W. Sutnick: We were willing to negotiate two years ago and now we are done.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION: 7:57 p.m.

M. Doran Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
All in favor.

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, April 18, 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 20 minutes to discuss negotiations. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

XIX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

J. Eig Moved, W. Sutnick Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 p.m.

Nicole Brennan, President
Haworth Board of Education

Jennifer Montesano
Superintendent/Board Secretary