

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 10, 2020**

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 8, 2020 and February 21, 2020 advance written notice was emailed to **The Record and The Ridgewood News**, 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. Ilisha Borek
Mr. Charles Crowley
Mrs. Alanna Davis
Mrs. Mary Anne Doran
Mrs. Karen Leddy
Mr. Michael Rodino, President
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch, Vice President
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator
Dr. Peter Hughes, Superintendent
Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq., Fogarty & Hara
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS

a. 2019-20 District Goals Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation was given on the completion of the four 2019-20 District Goals by Dr. Hughes, Mr. Wolford, and Mrs. Voigt.

Goal 1: Increase student proficiency in Mathematics on both NJSLA and LinkIt Benchmark Assessments

What has been done: Additional Professional Development with Nancy Schultz from Conquer Mathematics, summer Jump Start Math program, offer Algebra to more 8th grade students, provide extra help in the morning, do more data analysis to create data driven decision making. Added student centered instructional programs such as Freckle and Think Central.

M. Rodino asked what could be added for 2020-21?

Dr. Hughes suggested additional periods for math instruction weekly. Analyze data and assessments, and then customize the instruction for individual students.

M. Doran asked if there will be at home assessments given if school remains virtual in the fall?

Dr. Hughes responded that plans will be made for this over the summer.

Goal 2: Design benchmark assessments in grades 6-8 matching the required skills of the high school. Administer benchmark assessments to create a baseline year of data.

Added a more formalized writing goal and a culminating project combining ELA and Social Studies.

Goal 3: Increase student proficiency in ELA as measured on the LinkIt and NJSLA assessments.

This is the 5th consecutive year that there has been improvement in ELA.

M. Rodino asked what could be added for 2020-21 for more ELA growth?

P. Voigt emphasized the importance of the teachers focusing on research papers and being cognizant of the time it takes to complete the assignments. She also reinforced the importance of writing across content areas.

Goal 4: The school will create K-4 standards based report cards to be rolled out for the 2020-2021 school year.

Grades K-5 Standard Based Report Cards have already been completed and will be rolled out for the 2020-21 school year. The teachers tweaked the existing report cards, as well as added grading behaviors of “consistently”, “occasionally”, and “infrequently”.

Moving to trimesters will align with this initiative.

Grades 6-8 Standards Based Report Cards will be focused on next school year for roll out for the 2021-22 school year.

b. Discussion of summer enrichment proposals

Dr. Hughes reviewed the teacher proposals for summer enrichment virtual classes. The BOE members were impressed with the offerings. Dr. Hughes will create a flyer to obtain interest and get an idea of enrollment numbers. M. Rodino suggested there be a review of the summer recreation camp programs to minimize overlap.

- c. Discussion regarding trimesters

The Board unanimously agreed to move to trimesters for the upcoming school year for all grades in support of the new Standards Based Report Card format.

- d. Discussion of Finance 2020-2021

Mr. Wolford shared his plan for the possibility of funding cuts and state aid. He explained where savings can be found on certain flexible lines.

- e. Review of Draft Agenda for 6/16/20

There were no questions or concerns regarding the upcoming Agenda.

V. Open to the Public on any item – 8:46 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.

Close the Public portion: 8:47 p.m. NO PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. CLOSED SESSION 8:52 p.m.

M. Doran Moved, I. Borek 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 Work Session Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Wednesday, June 10, 2020 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 1 hour for the purpose of discussing personnel, and the Superintendent's annual evaluation. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

A. Davis Moved, K. Leddy Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT 9:55 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary