

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 5, 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 advance written notice was emailed to **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. Ilisha Borek
Mrs. Alanna Davis
Mrs. Mary Anne Doran - LATE 7:55 p.m.
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

Mr. Rodino asked for a motion to temporarily suspend Policy 0164 - Conduct of Board Meeting

K. Leddy Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
Roll Call: 5/0

VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS

a. Team Building: Ms. Borek

The Board members participated in the “M&M game”, which emphasized getting to know one another.

b. Meeting Norms - the Board collaborated on the following responses:

- Be respectful, cell phones on vibrate or cell phones off

- One person speaks at a time
- Be on time
- Active listening
- Be open minded
- Come prepared - read through documents before meeting
- Mission focused (stay on task and use “parking lot” to put ideas aside until a future meeting)
- For work session meetings, begin with a mindfulness/team building exercise
- Be present
- Be mindful of personal time, be results oriented
- Add suggested time frames for each agenda topic
- Collaboration
- Productive conflict: work to come to middle ground

c. **Legal Presentation: Stacey Cherry, Esq.** - PowerPoint attached

d. **Student Performance Review: Data Walk Activity**

- **SchoolDigger Data**
- **NJSLA - Comparative Scores to DFG, Bergen County, State**
- **Link-It Pre-Assessment Data Form A vs. Form B Data**

Dr. Hughes provided the Board with a wall of comparative data to review. Each member was given post-it notes to add questions or comments to the data wall.

e. **Curriculum Recommendations - Math Time & Training**

Dr. Hughes explained the additional training he would like to provide for the teachers in math. He explained why additional math instruction time would be beneficial for all students. He told the Board that more information on that topic will be provided soon.

f. **Presentation on Assessment Literacy Progress and Monitoring** - Available Online

The Board agreed to watch the online presentation on their own time.

g. **High School Preparedness Update**

- **8th Grade Research Papers - Process, Progress, and Scores**
- **Other Benchmarks Update**
- **Recommendations Update**

h. **Student Council Proposal Requesting Funding for Speaker - \$2,000**

The Board agreed to fund this portion of the initiative. The HHSA will provide funding for the other half of the cost.

i. **Review of Draft Agenda for 2/11/20**

There were no questions on the upcoming agenda.

Mrs. Leddy suggested that a visit to Mendham should try to be arranged before the March meeting, to get insight on their test preparation.

VII. Open to the Public on any item – 10:14 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: 10:14 - NO PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 10:15 p.m.

I. Borek Moved, A Davis 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, February 5, 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 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

S. Wunsch Moved, I. Borek Seconded
All in favor

ADJOURNMENT - 10:34 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary