

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 19, 2021**

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 11, 2021, 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. During meetings held remotely for some or all participants, a member of the public wishing to provide comments during public comment on agenda items or public comments on all other items, is directed to type his or her name, address, and group affiliation, if any, in the “chat” window at the start of the public comment section where he or she wishes to be recognized. The Board President will recognize each member of the public individually when it is his or her turn to speak and will unmute his or her audio at that time. If a member of the public wants to provide a comment, but cannot access the “chat” he or she can verbally state their name, address, and group affiliation, if any, and the Board President will inform him or her when it is his or her turn to comment. The Board will also read written comments submitted in accordance with the Board’s resolution. All public comments are limited to three minutes, including time for the Board to respond. At all other times, members of the public will be muted. The Board will follow its adopted bylaws, procedures, and resolutions with regard to conduct during the Board meeting, including during public comments.

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
Dr. Danielle Insalaco-Egan
Mr. Michael Rodino
Mr. Robert Rose
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
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. BOE member training - Mr. Matthew Lee, New Jersey School Boards Association
Mr. Lee reviewed the CSA Evaluation process, which needs to be completed by 7/1/21.
- b. Continued Facilities discussion (survey, outdoor space budget, air filtration system)
Mr. Wolford explained that the building survey would be completed within 4-6 weeks, which is important to have for suture planning. He clarified that the air filtration system company is a state approved vendor, and some of the cost will be encumbered by ESSER II funds. The outdoor learning space cannot be reimbursed by ESSER II funds, but the administration believes it will be a positive addition for student learning.
Mrs. Borek asked when a referendum would go out for a vote?
Mr. Wolford responded that the Long Range Facilities Plan would need to be approved first, then the state would have to review the referendum plan and approve, and then if approved, they would give us a figure on how much aid we will receive for it.
- c. Curriculum - 2021-2022 (TC lite, STEAM, other)
For the 2021-22 school year, the district will invest in more math professional development by using Nancy Schultz and other outside consultants. Teacher's College workshops will be offered for new teachers who are not already trained. More collaborative time will be given to the teachers as well. STEAM will offered as a part of the Summer Enrichment program, and will be the district's next area of focus.
- d. District Goals update
Presentation by Dr. Hughes on record in the Board office.
- e. Discussion of virtual vs. in-person BOE meetings after June, 2021
Governor Murphy will require all meetings to resume in public once the public health emergency is lifted, which will likely be on June 13, 2021.
- f. Review of May 25, 2021 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft

VII. Open to the Public on any item - 9:15 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: 9:16 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

C. Crowley 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, May 19, 2021 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 for the purpose of discussing confidential student matters. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

D. Egan Moved, A. Davis Seconded
All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary