

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641  
MINUTES  
March 23, 2021**

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**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 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, 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. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:34 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.*

**VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION - 7:35 p.m. NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

- a. Kids with Character Award Presentation – criteria for the month of February is “Cooperation”. For February the following students have been awarded:

Kindergarten: Ayaan Dhongde, Levi Hennig, Shayne Hereghty, Logan O'Brien  
Grade 1: Elizabeth Polifroni, Alexis Stegall, Yejin Sung  
Grade 2: Aiden Kennedy, Sam McGuirk  
Grade 3: Zoe Lebel, Avery Miskovitz, Allison Park  
Grade 4: Blake Barba, Abigail Klain  
Grade 5: Hudson Hall, Michael Saporito  
Grade 6: Caden Miskovitz, Ella Panahi  
Grade 7: Casey Ashkenase, Ryan Scuro  
Grade 8: Ryan Dunne, Isabella Sun

- b. Kids with Character Award Presentation – criteria for the month of March is “Empathy”. For March the following students have been awarded:

Kindergarten: Nina Crowley, Mason Feygin, Ellie Lebel, Sandrine Ng  
Grade 1: Grayson Baldomero, Akemi Hallowell, Nathan Samples  
Grade 2: Siddarth Gokul, Nicole Szukics  
Grade 3: Sydney Davis, Emma Kottke, Jackson Kushner  
Grade 4: Milo Riding, Abigail Schettino  
Grade 5: Darienne Buckner, Maeve Natale  
Grade 6: Idalia Sawicki, Liam Weill  
Grade 7: Sophie Langer-Hurst, Madalyn Plump  
Grade 8: Aiden Hwang, Marisa Samperi

**c. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: Mr. Gregory Stott**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Stott has served as a member of the Haworth Board of Education since January 6, 2021, and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Stott's term concluded from the Haworth Board of Education effective February 23, 2021 and,

**WHEREAS** during that time, Mr. Stott served as a member of the Policy Committee, and also served as the Senior Citizens Liaison.

**WHEREAS** the Haworth Board of Education is desirous of recognizing his service to the school district and also wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude for his efforts,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be read into the record of the March 23, 2021 Haworth Board of Education minutes as permanent testimony to his service as a member of the Haworth Board of Education.

S. Wunsch Moved, I. Borek Seconded  
Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items VIII. a. through c.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

*Mr. Rodino publicly thanked Mr. Stott for his service to the Haworth School.*

d. Meet and interview the candidate for the Board of Education vacancy:

1. Mr. Robert Rose

*Mr. Rose publicly shared his background and explained his interest in returning as a member of the Board of Education.*

M. Rodino Moved, D. Egan Seconded  
Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items VIII. d.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

*The Board welcomed Mr. Rose back as a returning member of the Board of Education.*

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following resolutions are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be voted on by one vote. Any Board of Education member wishing to remove any items from the consent agenda and request an individual vote may do so.

- a. **Enrollment Report to Date - 418**
- b. **Emergency & Crisis Situations Drill Record: December**  
  - Fire Drill: per class model held on various days per COVID guidelines
  - Security Drill: per class model held on various days per COVID guidelines
  - Administrator in charge: Mr. Paul Wolford
- c. **HIB Report for February 2021:**

Reported Cases: 0  
 Number of Cases Open: 0  
 Number of Cases Closed: 0

**MINUTES:**

- d. Approval of meeting minutes from the February 10, 2021 Work Session meeting.
- e. Approval of meeting minutes from the February 23, 2021 Regular Business meeting.
- f. Approval of the meeting minutes from the February 23, 2021 Closed Session meeting.

**SUBMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

- g. School Ethics Commission Personal & Financial Disclosure

A. Davis Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded  
 Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items IX. a. through g.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

**X. CURRICULUM**

NO RESOLUTIONS

**XI. PERSONNEL**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Anna Premselaar as a Special Education Teacher, at a prorated annual salary of \$58,104.00 (MA, Step 3), benefit eligible. Start date: April 19, 2021
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Cori Attali as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, not benefit eligible.

C. Crowley Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded  
Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items XI. a. and b.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

**XII. FINANCE & FACILITIES**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the bills for the period of February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 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:

<b><i>Bills Description</i></b>	<b><i>Dated</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
Payroll - Operating	2/15/2021	\$263,498.90
Board Share - FICA	2/15/2021	\$4,096.20
State Share - FICA	2/15/2021	\$15,067.20
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$282,662.30</b>

<b><i>Bills Description</i></b>	<b><i>Dated</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
Payroll - Operating	2/26/2021	\$263,596.49

Board Share - FICA	2/26/2021	\$4,325.86
State Share - FICA	2/26/2021	\$14,845.01
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$282,767.36</b>

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of March, 2021.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 SLICE Summer Program tuition contract for student ID numbers 334171, 334000, 264117 & 264112, commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating July 30, 2020, for a cost of \$4,184.00.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC to replace the RTU in the music room, at a cost of \$12,250.00.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Corby Associates, Inc. to replace three outdoor outdoor basketball backboards, at a cost of \$10,890.00.

D. Egan Moved, A. Davis Seconded  
Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items XII. a. through e.**

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

*I. Borek asked if the basketball hoops order could be changed to adjustable hoops.*

*P. Wolford said that adjustable hoops can create an insurance issue but he would look into it. He believes that at least one hoop can be changed.*

**XIII. NEGOTIATIONS**

NO RESOLUTIONS

**XIV. POLICY**

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the first reading of the following new/revised district policies and regulations:

<b>Policy or Regulation</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>New/Revised /Abolished</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>
P 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency	New	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools	New	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P & R 7430	School Safety	Abolished	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability	Abolished	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 2415.02	Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers	Abolished	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	



P 6360	Political Contributions	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 8330	Student Records	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	
P 9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups	Revised	Mandated	March 23, 2021	

C. Crowley Moved, A. Davis Seconded  
Roll Call: 6/0

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items VIII. d.**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

**XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Facilities - *announced that the public hearing for the budget will be on April 27th.*

Curriculum

Policy

Negotiations

Public Relations

BCSBA/NJSBA - *the in-person convention has been canceled, although it may be held virtually.*

Joint Boards

Haworth Home & School Association

Northern Valley Regional High School

NV Educational Foundation

Legislative Chairperson

Senior Citizens Liaison

Town Council Liaison

**XVI. OLD BUSINESS**

**XVII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XVIII. Open to the Public on any item – 7:50 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.*

*J. Gladstein - 35 Grant Street: asked if the raw data and comments from the parent surveys will be shared with all of the BOE members?*

*M. Rodino responded that the entirety of the data will be shared with the whole BOE.*

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

**XIX. CLOSED SESSION - 7:55 p.m.**

S. Wunsch Moved, D. Egan 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 Tuesday, March 23, 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 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

**XX. MOTION TO ADJOURN - 8:42 p.m.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Michael Rodino, President  
Haworth Board of Education

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Kristi Giambona  
Board Secretary