

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 9, 2022**

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 5, 2022 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
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. COVID Health Protocol Discussion - Dr. Nancy Rothenberg & Dr. Hilary Cohen
3 choices with the mask mandate:

- Optional without metrics
- Optional with metrics
- Leave mask mandate in place

Waiting for additional and more specific guidance from the state government.

Dr. Rothenberg, School Physician and Dr. Hilary Cohen, parent and community member Both doctors weighed in on their opinions regarding the wearing of masks in school. They both agree that if the level of community transmission continues to decrease, then the March 7th date to remove masks would be reasonable. If the transmission levels increase again, then bring the masks back. They also would like to see more specific guidelines from the state if an positive case is in the classroom, and then have guidance on quarantine and contact tracing protocols. They suggested that if the community levels are in orange or red on March 7th, then the mask should be required still and if the levels are yellow or lower, then make the masks optional. Have a timeline for reassessment of the trends. Keep the parents informed of all plans. Dr. Rothenberg suggested that the quarantine guidelines stay with what the CDC recommends, if the Governor does not make specific guidelines by March 7th.

b. Emotional Intelligence Proposal for Middle School

Series of workshops for the students with Lee Rouson, a former NFL player. There are eight sessions focused on creating students sense of purpose. This would go towards the goal of working on the social and emotional supports. The cost would be encumbered by ESSER funds.

c. District Website Discussion

Dr. Hughes has been evaluating different website companies. The BOE would like the navigation to be simpler and more user friendly, and the site to have a more modern look.

d. Review of the revised 2022-23 school district calendar.

Passover falls on April 5 & 6, so the district should be aware in case kids are out those extra days before the April break.

e. Review of February 9, 2022 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft

VII. Open to the Public on any item - 8:29 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, address and group affiliation (if any) before you begin.

D. Munoz 110 Schraalenburgh Road - How many children in district have IEP's?

Dr. Hughes said he will get the exact number and get back to her.

Close the Public portion: 8:31 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 8:38 p.m.

A. Davis 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 Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Wednesday, February 9, 2022 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 for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

C. Crowley Moved, I. Borek Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:02 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary