

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 8, 2021**

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 June 22, 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.

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 - **ABSENT**
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator
Dr. Peter Hughes, Superintendent
Mr. Vic LaPira, Esq., Fogarty & Hara
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS

a. Governance Discussion

Discussion regarding the structure of committees for possible changes at the Reorganization meeting. The BOE discussed the possibility of making the Policy Committee an Ad-Hoc committee. They also discussed the possibility of bringing back the Personnel Committee. The idea came up of having the same people on two committees to be able to have back to back meetings. Minutes should be more in depth to give the other BOE members the most information possible. The BOE recommended having set dates for meetings. The idea of

having an Ad-Hoc Referendum Committee until the referendum is complete was discussed. Mr. Rodino expressed going back to a regular Curriculum Committee, as opposed to having Curriculum as a Committee of the Whole.

b. Referendum Update

Mr. Wolford went over the questions from the state that will be responded to from the architect and the district. The Board is hoping to get the question on the ballot in March of 2022. Plans are complete and we will be advertising for bids. The Board would like to have the lowest bid approved at the February 2022 meeting.

c. Review of December 14, 2021 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft

d. BOE Meeting calendar for 2022

Contemplating moving all meeting dates to Wednesday's to not have any conflicts with the Haworth Town Council.

e. COVID Update

Discussion on protocols for concerts and overnight field trips.

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 before you begin.

D. Munoz - 110 Schraalenburgh Road - Questioned the mental health services due to COVID and if that is still on the table and what the timeline is.

Dr. Hughes - Responded that the specifics on that are still being worked on.

Close the Public portion: 8:30 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A.. Davis 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 Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Wednesday, December 8, 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 45 minutes for the purpose of discussing HIB. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

D. Egan Moved, I. Borek Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:34 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary