

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 13, 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 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
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. “Preventing Bias in Schools” Board Training - NJSBA Representative (1 hour virtual)
PowerPoint presentation given by Vincent DeLucia on file in the Board office.
- b. Gifted & Talented Overview - Mrs. Jennifer Horne
PowerPoint presentation given by Mrs. Horne on file in the Board office.
- c. RSC Architects update and cost analysis - Mr. Paul Wolford
Mr. Wolford gave an analysis of the work that has been done by RSC Architects. We had a proposal from the Spring of 2019 for the pre-referendum. Then COVID put a hold on the

plans. The new plans that were added for revitalizing the referendum at this point have not been billed for 2021. They are honoring the monies paid from 2019. The BOE is concerned over the lack of detail in the planning process, therefore concerned about the execution of the project. Would like clarity that our project is a priority for them.

d. **Panorama Surveying Tools - Dr. Peter Hughes**

A way to measure school climate by creating surveys. Research using feedback from students, staff, parents and community. Gives the district strategies to use to drive improvements per the survey results. The Board discussed the pros and cons of using a service like this.

e. **Substitutes and screening for safety protocols - Safe Schools - Hughes/Wunsch**

Mandate new subs have to take some Safe Schools training. For existing subs, pay them to take some of the Safe Schools training. Maybe create a sub handbook.

f. **COVID Testing Options - Hughes**

We partnered with Closter to have any non-vaccinated staff members tested weekly through a company every Tuesday.

g. **Review of October 19, 2021 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft**

VII. Open to the Public on any item - 10:10 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 Rd. - Due to the flooding in September, will the issues that caused it be addressed? Also will additional parking be considered in the referendum plans?

P. Wolford explained that we got a cost for a retaining wall and the cost was over \$50,000. It was a storm of the century and the drains would have overflowed regardless of the drains. The risk versus the return would not be worth it. We will be getting "smart water alarms" for certain areas of the building that will alert the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

He also explained that a parking analysis has not been performed.

Close the Public portion: 10:15 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

R. Rose 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, October 13, 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 HIB and personnel. Action will/will not be taken in public after the executive session.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

R. Rose Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 11:03 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary