

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

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**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 - ABSENT

**VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS**

- a. Elementary Spanish Program presentation and demonstration  
*Dr. Hughes presented the pros and cons of having an online elementary world language program with it being led by the K-5 classroom teacher. It has been a challenge to find a qualified and properly certified teacher, after numerous advertisements. Discussion ensued and various ideas were brought to the table. The district will continue to search for a candidate, and would consider a remote teacher.*
- b. Discussion of the plans for the 2021-22 District Goals

*Dr. Hughes provided a finalized copy of the goals to the Board. The Board asked questions and Dr. Hughes responded to each of them. The Board is ultimately satisfied with the plans Dr. Hughes has put forth towards the completion of each of the goals.*

**c. Update on the Peer Leader Program**

*Dr. Hughes explained the program started by Ms. Lang and Ms. Peykar. He explained the training of the student mentors and the overall purpose of the program.*

**d. Outdoor learning spaces - expansion**

*The district now has two outdoor learning areas, as well as five tents for classes to use. The Board is open to adding more spaces if possible, depending on costs and architectural plans.*

**e. Pre-K discussion**

*Mr. Rodino asked Dr. Hughes to compile a list of everything that is needed to add a Pre-K to a district, so the Board is educated on the process and the needs of this type of program. He explained the difference between an integrated program that includes the special needs children in the district, in addition to tuition based students and a tuition based traditional program. Stacey Cherry, Esq. clarified some points on the two types of programs and answered inquiries from the Board.*

**f. Option of tuition students from Cresskill - Dr. Hughes added this topic at the meeting.**

*Dr. Hughes explained all of the damage that the last storm did to the Cresskill schools. At this time, all of the Cresskill students are learning remotely. Dr. Hughes has received a few inquiries from Cresskill parents regarding paying tuition to send their children to the Haworth School during this time.*

*The Board feels that as long as it fits into Haworth's school setting, that they would support helping their neighbor community as much as possible. It would run as first come, first serve basis.*

*Stacey Cherry, Esq. explained some of the specifics regarding accepting tuition students.*

**g. Review of September 14, 2021 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft**

**VII. Open to the Public on any item - 8:50 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.*

*Jane Cabourg, 162 Haworth Drive: Thanked the district for all of the decisions made regarding COVID. She questioned the high school rubric and the alignment of the standard based report cards.*

*Dr. Hughes explained that the administration has met with the high school supervisors many times and have decided to align our standard based report cards to work with the high school, we have created benchmarks, but we will have a time buffer to make the transition and create alignment.*

*Jane Cabourg - Asked if Haworth has explored using a satellite location for Pre-K, similar to what Harrington Park did last year.*

*Dr. Hughes replied that we have not done so, but that he would reach out to the Harrington Park Superintendent on how they went about that.*

*D. Munoz - 110 Schraalenburgh - Expressed the need for an actual spanish teacher and referenced that an online program is not the same. She also asked if consideration for weather protection was considered for the outdoor spaces.*

*Mr. Wolford responded that the available space was limited and that coverage is currently being considered. He also reminded the public that their is outdoor tent spaces that can still be utilized during inclimate weather.*

**Close the Public portion: 9:08 p.m.**

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

S. Wunsch 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, September 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 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing HIB. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

## **IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

S. Wunsch Moved, A. Davis Seconded  
All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 p.m.**

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Michael Rodino, President  
Haworth Board of Education

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Kristi Giambona  
Board Secretary