

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION AGENDA
December 7, 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. STEAM Curriculum Update
- b. Review of December 14, 2022 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft

VII. PERSONNEL

- a. **WHEREAS**, on or about November 28, 2022, the Haworth Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), received Dr. Peter Hughes (hereinafter referred to as "Hughes") resignation from his position as Superintendent of Schools;

WHEREAS, Hughes requests to resign effective at the close of business on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Hughes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board shall accept Dr. Hughes's resignation effective the close of business on December 31, 2022.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

- b. **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools (hereinafter referred to as the "Superintendent") has resigned effective January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint an Acting Superintendent to perform the duties of Superintendent while the Haworth Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") initiates the procedures for posting, advertising and interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Wolford (hereinafter referred to as the "Wolford") is desirous of performing the duties of Acting Superintendent of Schools on an interim basis until the Board of Education hires a candidate to fill the vacancy;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Haworth School District to appoint Wolford to the position of Acting Superintendent of Schools, beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement between the Board and Wolford on or about March 31, 2023, subject to approval of the appointment by the Acting Commissioner of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-9B-13.1 and approval of the Employment Agreement by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Wolford as the Acting Superintendent of Schools from January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, pending the approval of the Acting Commissioner of Education and the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request to appoint Wolford shall be submitted to the Acting Commissioner for approval in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-9B-13.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Employment Agreement shall be submitted to the Interim Executive County Superintendent for review and approval, according to standards adopted by the Acting Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Agreement with Wolford for the position of Acting Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment, conditional upon the approval of the Employment Agreements between the Board and Wolford by the Interim Executive County Superintendent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Wolford following receipt of the approval by the Acting Commissioner of Education and the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

VIII. Open to the Public on any item -

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.

Close the Public portion:

IX. CLOSED SESSION

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

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 7, 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 _____ for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, negotiations or HIB. Action will/will not be taken in public after the executive session.,

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

_____ Moved, _____ Seconded
Roll Call:

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary