

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 17, 2023**

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 January 5, 2023 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:

Mr. Tae Chang
Mr. Charles Crowley - **LATE 7:33 p.m.**
Dr. Danielle Insalaco-Egan
Mrs. Deborah Munoz-Maniscalco
Mr. Michael Rodino
Mr. Robert Rose
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator/Acting Superintendent
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS

a. Nursing needs for TIP & Pre-K for 2023-24 school year
All student medical info to be provided to nurse. Pre-K will have different vaccine requirements, as it is mandated that they have a flu vaccine.

b. Update on bids for kitchen and main project
Received one bid yesterday. Planned to have it be a 2 phase project. Equipment being the phase 1 and the construction being phase 2. We budgeted up to \$350k. The

bid came in at \$625k. That is too high so we will reject that bid. We will advertise for this again and try to receive bids on June 12 or 13 to see if we can get additional bids within our budget.

As far as the referendum, today we received the RFQ's and over the next week the referendum proposal committee will meet to review the quotes and specifications. Once the committee scores are in then we can open the sealed price quotes from each contractor. Each bid is scored on technical and price submissions. Will have a virtual Q&A with each company.

c. Referendum update link on website discussion

Mr. Rodino will look into accessing the editable link from the public relations committee.

d. Summer Enrichment & Jump Start Program update

We found a teacher for ELA Jump Start so we will have both ELA and Math offered. Summer enrichment opened up for teacher's ideas for enrichment classes. They will submit proposals and they will be contingent upon student interest.

e. 2023-24 staffing update

We will be hiring both Math & Science MS teachers to replace the retirees we had filling those spots. Having demo lessons for the Special Education & Elementary teachers. We had a resignation that will be accepted at the next meeting which has already been advertised as "anticipated" and we have already received some candidates.

f. Review of May 24, 2023 BOE Meeting Agenda Draft

Mr. Wolford announced that we had our 1st baseball win all season and the new team is going well so a shout out to the coaches, Mr. Rucereto and Mr. Cobb, who are doing an amazing job with new team.

S. Wunsch inquired how far can we go out and fundraise to get donations for needed money for the school? Maybe host class reunions and solicit monetary donations?

Mr. Wolford stated that we will be picking a date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the outdoor classroom.

VII. Open to the Public on any item - 8:00 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.

Jenn Samples, 560 Sylvan Place: asked if there will be a change in the number of class sections for each grade next year?

Mr. Wolford responded that there may be one change, due to predicted enrollment in one grade, but cannot confirm until June.

Close the Public portion: 8:02 p.m.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

D. Egan Moved, R. Rose Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary