

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
Minutes
December 14, 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, President
Mr. Robert Rose
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch, Vice President
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator
Dr. Peter Hughes, Superintendent
Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq., Fogarty & Hara
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:34 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.

Karen Leddy, 300 Park Street - Questioned why the 2021 NJSLA scores have not been posted on the website. She shared her displeasure on having to fill out an OPRA request to receive the presentation that was shared with the public in October. She noted that student achievement is essential and that the administration should keep the community apprised of the achievement of the district. She shared Haworth Middle School Math score comparison data to Demarest and Closter scores. She noted the difference in achievement between the districts for 8th grade math in particular. She shared that between 2015-2019 when the BOE focused on elevating ELA achievement it proved to be successful. She stated that no the same focus needs to be put on Math. She shared that she is excited to see new leadership in the Administration of the district and she feels confident that the district will get back on track and its main focus be on student achievement.

Mrs. Leddy's full statement is on record in the Business offices.

Heather Wasser, 64 Summit Place - thanked Mrs. Borek and Mrs. Davis for the service to the children of Haworth on behalf of the entire community.

VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION - 7:41 p.m.

M. Rodino - Responded that the 2021 NJSLA scores were presented at public meetings on 10/12 and reviewed again on 10/19. An additional math period per week has been added this year, as the Board had concern regarding math. The scores are not being hidden from the public. The website was redesigned and the Board will consider posting score presentations in the future.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

- a. Kids with Character Award Presentation – the theme for the month of December is “Kindness”. For December the following students have been awarded:

Kindergarten: Amelia Fox, Emilia Galfand, Madison Pauley
Grade 1: Levi Alley, Olivia Bruno, Julia Figlio
Grade 2: Henry Fox, Mia Lamberta, Evan Son
Grade 3: Sammy Finkelstein, Mira Kushner
Grade 4: Joanna Chung, Aiden Kennedy
Grade 5: Sasha DeCosta, Emma Kottke, Morgan Thatcher
Grade 6: Jacob Alan, Paige Gladstein
Grade 7: Mason Kim, Jillian Montello
Grade 8: Hazelle Bartlett, Idalia Sawicki

- b. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER RECOGNITION:

WHEREAS Mrs. Borek has served as a member of the Haworth Board of Education since January 7, 2020 and

WHEREAS Mrs. Borek's term will conclude from the Haworth Board of Education effective JANUARY 4, 2023 and,

WHEREAS Mrs. Borek gave 3 years of dedicated and effective service to the community and the children of Haworth and,

WHEREAS during that time, Mrs. Borek served as a member of the Policy, Negotiations, Public Relations and Finance and Facilities Committee, and also served as Haworth Home and School Association and Senior Citizens Liaison,

WHEREAS the Haworth Board of Education is desirous of recognizing her many years of service to the school district and also wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude for her efforts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be read into the record of the December 14, 2022 Haworth Board of Education minutes as permanent testimony to her outstanding service as a member of the Haworth Board of Education.

I. Borek - Exclaimed that it has been an honor and pleasure to help the students of Haworth School. She noted that she is proud of the work the Board has done together and that she wishes the new Board members the best of luck!

WHEREAS Mrs. Davis has served as a member of the Haworth Board of Education since January 7, 2020 and

WHEREAS Mrs. Davis's term will conclude from the Haworth Board of Education effective January 4, 2023 and,

WHEREAS Mrs. Davis gave 3 years of dedicated and effective service to the community and the children of Haworth and,

WHEREAS during that time, Mrs. Davis served as the Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee, and also served as Town Council Liaison,

WHEREAS the Haworth Board of Education is desirous of recognizing her many years of service to the school district and also wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude for her efforts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be read into the record of the December 14, 2022 Haworth Board of Education minutes as permanent testimony to her outstanding service as a member of the Haworth Board of Education.

A. Davis - Exclaimed that it has been a great honor and pleasure to serve with this Board and noted that they have weathered many storms together, literally and figuratively. She noted that it has been a great learning experience to work with a group of people that she has so much respect for. She stated that she is leaving this experience feeling fuller than she ever thought she would. She thanked the entire Board for their friendship.

S. Wunsch Moved, R. Rose Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items VIII. b. and c.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mr. Rose	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be voted on by one vote. Any Board of Education member wishing to remove any items from the consent agenda and request an individual vote may do so.

- a. **Enrollment Report to Date - 441**
- b. **Emergency & Crisis Situations Drill Record: November**
 - Fire Drill: November 9, 2022
 - Security Drill: November 22, 2022
 - Administrator in charge: Mr. Paul Wolford

MINUTES:

- c. Approval of meeting minutes from the November 9, 2022 Work Session meeting.
- d. Approval of meeting minutes from the November 9, 2022 Closed Executive Session.

- e. Approval of meeting minutes from the November 16, 2022 Regular Business meeting.

SUBMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- f. 2022-23 Health & Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance
- g. Application for State School Aid (ASSA)
- h. **HIB Report for November, 2022:**
 - Reported Cases: 0
 - Number of Cases Open: 0
 - Number of Cases Closed: 0

D. Egan Moved, I. Borek Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items IX. a. through h.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mr. Rose	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

X. CURRICULUM

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the following field trips. Transportation costs will apply where applicable.

#	DATE	GRADE/ CLUB	LOCATION	COST PER STUDENT	STAFF IN CHARGE
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1.	2/8/23	Debate Club	Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, NJ	0	S. Paulillo
2.	2/14/23 <i>Alt. Date: 2/17/23</i>	Gr. 7&8 ASPIRE	Demarest Middle School	0	V. Vaglio
3.	4/20/23	Gr. 4 ASPIRE	Parkway School in Paramus, NJ	0	J. Eisberg
4.	5/10/23	Gr. 5 ASPIRE	Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ	0	J. Eisberg

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the STEAM Curriculum for grades 6 through 8.

S. Wunsch Moved, C. Crowley Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items X. a. and b.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mr. Rose	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

XI. PERSONNEL

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the attendance and registration costs, if applicable, for the below indicated professional

development and/or training workshops or conferences for the following employees. Travel & accommodation expenditures reimbursed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

#	NAME	DATE(S)	CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP	LOCATION	REGISTRATION COST
1.	Melissa Jackson	December 9, 2022	Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference	Virtual	\$49.00
2.	Vanessa Vaglio	January 31, 2023 (new date - previously approved on 10/19/22)	Sewn Circuits Grades K-12	Piscataway, NJ	\$95.00

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2022 graduate level courses for the following staff members; reimbursement to be paid at the 2022-23 state college or university graduate level course rate, pursuant to Article VII of the Haworth Teachers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

#	NAME	COURSE	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
1.	Katelyn Arbadji	CS 563 Designing Staff Development Programs	Pennsylvania State University
2.	Michael DeFelice	ELAD 635 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Montclair State University
3.	Nicole Chamberlain	RE 5173 Research Methods EL 5703 School Improvement	American College of Education

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves stipends for the following employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Michael Rucereto	Overnight Field Trip Advisor - Frost Valley	\$290.00
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- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves unpaid leave for personal reasons to the following staff member:

1.	Employee #90814138	December 22 & 23, 2022 January 3, 4 & 5, 2023	5 days
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I. Borek Moved, R. Rose Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items XI. a. through d.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mr. Rose	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

XII. FINANCE & FACILITIES

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the bills for the period of November 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 which has previously been approved by the various committees and payment made through the Valley National Bank from funds in the appropriate accounts as follows:

<u>Bills Description</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll - Operating	11/15/22	\$320,742.91
Board Share - FICA	11/15/22	\$6,370.10
State Share - FICA	11/15/22	\$17,131.99

	TOTAL:	\$344,245.00
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<u><i>Bills Description</i></u>	<u><i>Dated</i></u>	<u><i>Amount</i></u>
Payroll - Operating	11/30/22	\$292,077.23
Board Share - FICA	11/30/22	\$4,382.39
State Share - FICA	11/30/22	\$16,582.60
	TOTAL:	\$313,042.22

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of December, 2022.
- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, and the Report of Monthly Transfers for the month of October, 2022.
- d. Be It Resolved, that the Haworth Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves **the appropriation of the 2021-2022 Extraordinary Aid Excess funds** in the amount of \$95,488.00 into the 2022-2022 budget as allowable and as awarded by the New Jersey State Department of Education. The District's total amount to be appropriated was \$262,414.00 of which \$166,926 was utilized in the 2022-2023 budget building process. The excess funds shall be appropriated in the 2022-2023 fiscal year as follows:

11-000-100-562-050-00	Tuition Public Special Education	\$95,488.00
	Total	\$95,488.00

A. Davis Moved, D. Egan Seconded

Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items XII. a. through d.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Borek	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Mrs. Davis	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Rodino	✓			
Mr. Rose	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

XIII. NEGOTIATIONS

NO RESOLUTIONS

XIV. POLICY

NO RESOLUTIONS

XV. EDUCATION

NO RESOLUTIONS

XVI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Facilities
Curriculum & Instruction
Negotiations
Public Relations

BCSBA/NJSBA

Haworth Home & School Association - *I. Borek thanked the HHSA for the terrific drama production! S. Wunsch said she was particularly impressed with the cast party.*

Northern Valley Regional High School & NV Educational Foundation

Legislative Chairperson

Senior Citizens Liaison

Town Council Liaison

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

The Board wanted to thank Mrs. Scheps for her dedication to the district and wish her well on her future endeavors.

D. Egan - Asked how the assembly went this week?

Dr. Hughes - Replied that he did not attend but heard only positive feedback from the staff and students.

A. Davis - Congratulated Mrs. Carboneri on her Teacher of the Year honor.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIX. Open to the Public on any item – 7:53 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.

S. Wunsch - welcomed Ms. Munoz (who was seated in the audience) to the Haworth Board of Education

Close the Public portion: 7:54 p.m.

XX. 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 14, 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 15 minutes for the purpose of litigation. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

XXI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 p.m.

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary