

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
Minutes
June 12, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:31 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 8, 2024 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, President
Dr. Danielle Insalaco-Egan, Vice President
Mr. Drew Krasny
Mrs. Deborah Munoz-Maniscalco
Mrs. Courtney Russell
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch
Mr. Paul Wolford, Superintendent
Mr. Kevin Lane, Business Administrator/MS Supervisor
Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq., Fogarty & Hara, Esqs.
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:32 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.

VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION - NO PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S/BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

- a. **Kids with Character Award Presentation** – the themes for the months of May & June are “Dependability” & “Teamwork”. For May & June the following students have been awarded:

Kindergarten: Louis Choi, Aleks Cohen, Matthew Finetti, Oscar Gizman, Natalia Miltiadou, Theo Youssis

Grade 1: Sofia Alex, Mika Grinman, Franklin Hull, Suno Kim, Christian Nam, Sarah Shim, Rafael Srugo

Grade 2: alex Cabbad, Atlas Ezeroglu, Einar Faxvaag, Adeline Jordan-Filetto, Frannie Kim, Philip Noh, Nathan Wang, Andrew Whelan

Grade 3: Kensleigh Erfurt, William Eshgh, Mason Feygin, Ehlrich Gideon, Tatum Levine, Andy Ngai, Ben Park

Grade 4: Chloe Cabbad, Tommy Figlio, Hannah Giannotti, Oona Jordan-Filetto, Joey Kang, Nancy Kim, Sam Krasny, Mira Kushner, Elijah Lee, Brooke Madison, Yrjin Sung, Maddie Wertz

Grade 5: Valentina Albert, Ella Aviv, Zoey Bush, Aiden Kennedy, Juah Kim, Logan Scott

Grade 6: Juliana Cabbad, Reid Heit, Joshua Herstik, Zoe Lebel, Avery Miskovitz, Charlotte Paul, Nico Saporito, Gemma Taumoefolau, Gavin Thatcher, Kimi Zou

Grade 7: Jacob Alan, Mia Dy, Andreas Miltiadou, Sadie Poirot

Grade 8: Lauren Knaggs, Zach Schneider, Addie Scott, Sooa Tani, Lyla Timochko

Staff Shout Out's: Custodial Staff, V. Binetti, K. Blazina, M. Corsentino, J. Eisberg, L. Ferrara, A. Homan, A. Huettenmoser, A. Kosakowski, T. Leeshock, K. Oddo, M. Pinzon, J. Gregg, M. Robson, M. Rucereto, K. Simon, C. Talty, J. Winik, D. Zukofsky

- b. Board Goals Update - Mr. Paul Wolford

PowerPoint presentation on file for review in the Board office.

P. Wolford - shared how pleased he is with how the entire staff and the Board of Ed have been working together as a team with everything that the district has going on right now. Everyone is pulling in the same direction and it is great to see.

S. Wunsch - commented how pleased she is with the communication and all the work that has been done collaboratively with the administration and the teachers during the referral process. We have a strong administration and staff and it shows with all the district has been accomplishing with the referendum and new initiatives.

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 - 466**
- b. **Emergency & Crisis Situations Drill Record: May**
 - Fire Drill: May 9, 2024
 - Security Drill: May 28, 2024
 - Administrator in charge: Mr. Paul Wolford

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- c. Approval of meeting minutes from the May 15, 2024 Regular Business meeting.
- d. Approval of meeting minutes from the May 15, 2024 Executive Closed Session.

SUBMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- e. 2023-2024 Security Drill Statement of Assurance
- f. 2024-2025 Pre-K and Kindergarten submission
- g. 2024-2027 NJDOE Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Three-Year Plan
- h. 2023-2024 Nonpublic Route Verification Report
- i. 2023-24 Certified Audit Findings Report (CAFR)
- j. Annual Tax Exempt Bond Compliance Survey
- k. **HIB Report for May, 2024:**
 - Reported Cases: 1
 - Number of Cases Open: 1
 - Number of Cases Closed: 0

D. Egan Moved, C. Russell Seconded
 Roll Call: 7/0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			

Mrs. Wunsch	✓			
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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
1.	TBD (January or March, 2025)	5th grade	Paramus, NJ	TBD	J. Buchheister

S. Wunsch Moved, D. Egan Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			
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.	Kristi Giambona	May 22, 2024	NJASA Executive Administrative Assistant Seminar	Union, NJ	\$0

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 2025 graduate level courses for the following staff members; reimbursement to be paid at the 2024-25 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.	Cristina Martell	LAN-220 Italian 2	Bergen Community College
2.	Cristina Martell	ES 5063 Linguistics for TESOL	American College of Education
3.	Jaclyn Honovich	EDUC 42445 Building Empathy and Community in Middle and High School (Grades 6-12)	University of California at San Diego
4.	Michael Rucereto	EL 5623 Developing Teachers	American College of Education
5.	Katelyn Arbadji	MATH 5083 Mathematics Instruction for Elementary Teachers	American College of Education

- c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Joseph Ribeiro as a Teacher for the 2024-25 school year, at a salary of \$67,825.00 (MA, Step 6), benefit eligible. Start date September 2, 2024, pending criminal history review.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Sarah Huster as a Teacher for the 2024-25 school year, at a salary of \$70,785.00 (MA30, Step 5), benefit eligible. Start date September 2, 2024, pending criminal history review.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Michelle Corsentino, School Psychologist, effective June 30, 2024.
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Dayana Marchisio, Lunch Aide, effective June 30, 2024.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the temporary stipends for the following employees for the 2024-2025 school year:

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1.	Derick Talty	Testing Coordinator	\$500.00 (monthly)
2.	Nicole Chamberlain	Curriculum/Professional Development Coordinator	\$2,500.00
3.	Angelica Talamo	I&RS Coordinator	\$2,500.00
4.	Michael Rucereto	G&T Coordinator	\$2,500.00

h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves stipends for the following employees for the 2024-2025 school year.

Robert Lally	Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,255.00
Lisa Ferrara	Volleyball Coach	\$2,255.00
Michael Rucereto	Baseball Coach	\$2,255.00
Taylor Hall	Track Coach	\$1,899.00
Paul Doran	Track Coach	\$1,899.00
Josefina Winik	Select Choir	\$2,611.00
Paul Doran	Athletic Director	\$2,017.00
Cristina Martell & Jackie Honovich (shared)	Yearbook	\$2,017.00
Vanessa Vaglio	Student Council	\$2,017.00
Terry Leeshock	Garden Club Advisor	\$1,425.00
Pam Bagot	Art Club Advisor	\$1,425.00
Suzanne Paullilo	Debate Club	\$1,425.00
Jina Choi	School Store	\$2,017.00
Melissa Jackson	ESL Coordinator	\$2,611.00
Victoria Binetti	Girls Softball Coach	\$2,255.00
Vanessa Vaglio	STEM Fair Advisor	\$1,780.00
Alicia Kosakowski	Brainbusters	\$593.00
Derick Talty	Brainbusters	\$593.00
Jennifer Eisberg	Battle of the Books	\$593.00
Alison Homan	Overnight Field Trip Advisor - Washington D.C.	\$297.00

Michael Rucereto	Overnight Field Trip Advisor – Frost Valley	\$297.00
Abigail Ronberg	Overnight Field Trip Advisor - Philadelphia	\$297.00
Michele Robson	Kindergarten Coordinator	\$2,611.00
Alicia Kosakowski	8th grade/Middle School Coord.	\$2,611.00
Rebecca Hall Dina Mattessich (alternate) Taylor Hall (alternate)	After School Sports Security	\$36.00/session

- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the following staff member for Math & ELA curriculum writing at a rate of \$55 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours.

- Jessica Buchheister

- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves unpaid leave for personal reasons to the following staff members:

1.	Employee # 44746881	June 10, 2024	1 day
2.	Employee # 38497087	June 13, 2024	1 day

- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves Danielle Villone as a School Psychologist for the 2024-25 school year, at a salary of \$79,952.00 (MA30, Step 9), benefit eligible. Start date September 2, 2024, pending criminal history review.
- l. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Arielle Ashkenase, Classroom Aide, effective June 30, 2024.

D. Krasny Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			

Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

XII. FINANCE & FACILITIES

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the bills for the period of May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 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><i>Bills Description</i></u>	<u><i>Dated</i></u>	<u><i>Amount</i></u>
Payroll - Operating	5/15/2024	\$331,876.72
Board Share - FICA	5/15/2024	\$6,672.09
State Share - FICA	5/15/2024	\$17,386.29
	TOTAL:	\$355,935.10

<u><i>Bills Description</i></u>	<u><i>Dated</i></u>	<u><i>Amount</i></u>
Payroll - Operating	5/30/2024	\$304,303.79
Board Share - FICA	5/30/2024	\$4,562.75

State Share - FICA	5/30/2024	\$17,386.29
	TOTAL:	\$326,252.83

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of June, 2024.
- 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 April, 2024.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the shared services agreement with the Northern Valley Regional High School District to provide non-NSLP meals at a to be determined set cost per meal paid for by the students for the 2024-25 school year.
- e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the contribution to the Capital Reserve Account of funds in excess, not to exceed \$850,000.00.
- f. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Haworth Public School's participation in the Northern Valley Regional High School District Consortium, BEN 17007414, for the procurement of eligible Category One services and related equipment and authorize the Northern Valley Regional High School District Consortium and its agents, designees, employees, or representatives to submit FCC Forms 470, FCC Forms 471, and other E-rate forms to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of the Haworth Public School District, and to order eligible services/equipment on the District's behalf.
- g. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Sage Alliance Schools Extended School Year tuition contract (6/24/24 - 7/26/24) for student ID number 2011989020, for a total cost of \$5,860.00.
- h. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Sage Alliance Schools 2024-25 school year tuition contract for student ID number 2011989020, for a total cost of \$74,878.20.
- i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the ECLC of New Jersey tuition contract (7/1/24 - 6/30/25) for student ID number 9550623737, for a total cost of \$88,078.00.

- j. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Eastern DataComm, Inc. – to provide ShoreTel/Mitel telephone system services, support and EDC maintenance for the 2024-25 school year, at an annual cost of \$7,282.00, plus services fees as applicable
- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the 3 year contract with Securly DealRoom to provide student laptop security filters, at a total cost of \$10,899.00.
 - Year 1: \$3,633.00
 - Year 2: \$3,633.00
 - Year 3: \$3,633.00

D. Egan Moved, S. Wunsch Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			

D. Maniscalco - question about Item f. Can you explain it?

P. Wolford - it is about funding through the state it represents a pool of money issued to us through the consortium with the other Northern Valley towns and then we get our part.

XIII. NEGOTIATIONS

NO RESOLUTIONS

XIV. POLICY

NO RESOLUTIONS

XV. EDUCATION

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Haworth Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in a HIB matter Case #265130 and directs the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

S. Wunsch Moves to affirm the Superintendent’s decision, D. Egan Seconded

Roll Call: 7/0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haworth Board of Education approves Items XV. a.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			
Mrs. Wunsch	✓			

XVI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Facilities
 Curriculum & Instruction
 Negotiations
 Public Relations
 BCSBA/NJSBA
 Haworth Home & School Association
 Northern Valley Regional High School & NV Educational Foundation
 Legislative Chairperson
 Senior Citizens Liaison

Town Council Liaison
Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

S. Wunsch - asked if there has been more issues related to the parking on Valley Court or has it been resolved?

P. Wolford - shared that the district is working on ideas for additional parking once the construction is completed. This is something that we know has to be figured out.

S. Wunsch - stated that she hopes that as a result the people on Crocker Court are not now having the parking issue. She also noted that watching the Torch Run was nothing short of remarkable and it was great to see the school community involved.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

C. Crowley- asked if the BOE members can let him know their vacation plans for July to make sure there will a quorum for the July 17th meeting.

XIX. Open to the Public on any item – 8:19 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.

Close the Public portion: NO PUBLIC COMMENT 8:20 p.m.

XX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

D. Egan Moved, T. Chang Seconded
All in favor

ADJOURNMENT:

Charles Crowley, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary