

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
Minutes
January 6, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:52 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 July 24, 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
Dr. Danielle Insalaco-Egan
Mr. Drew Krasny
Mrs. Deborah Munoz-Maniscalco
Mrs. Courtney Russell
Mrs. Jennifer Samples
Mr. Paul Wolford, Superintendent
Mr. Kevin Lane, Business Administrator/MS Director
Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq., Fogarty & Hara, Esqs.
Mrs. Kristi Giambona, Board Secretary

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - 7:52 p.m.

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VII. CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION - 7:53 p.m. NO PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

- a. Board of Education Ethics Presentation - Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq.
Presentation on file in the Board Office for review by request

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 - 508**
b. **Emergency & Crisis Situations Drill Record: December**
Fire Drill: December 10, 2024
Security Drill: December 18, 2024
Administrator in charge: Mr. Paul Wolford

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- c. Approval of meeting minutes from the December 18, 2024 Regular Business meeting.

SUBMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- d. School Safety Data System - Report Period 1
e. Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff

f. **HIB Report for December, 2024:**
Reported Cases: 0
Number of Cases Open: 0
Number of Cases Closed: 0

D. Egan Moved, T. Chang Seconded
Roll Call: 7/0

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

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

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Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			
Mrs. Samples	✓			

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.	June 2, 2025	Brain Busters	Mahwah, NJ	\$0	A. Kosakowski
2.	June 13, 2025	G&T Gr. 8	Oradell, NJ	\$0	C. Martell

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

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

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

XI. PERSONNEL

- a. 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.	Elizabeth Rocchio	ED 5223 Transforming Teaching and Learning LEAD 5053 Designing and Leading Professional Learning	American College of Education
2.	Michele Robson	EDUC 42326 The Science of Reading (K-5) EDUC 40144 The Daily 5 (K-3)	University of San Diego

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED** that Employee #67402438 (hereinafter referred to as the “Employee”) be granted a leave of absence utilizing thirty-six sick days from January 16, 2025 to March 13, 2025, subject to receipt of an updated letter from the employee’s physician; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Employee shall return to work on March 14, 2025, or on an earlier return date, subject to advance notice to the Haworth School District Administration (hereinafter referred to as the “District”), whereupon the above leave dates may be administratively adjusted as appropriate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any requests to extend or change the terms of the Employee’s leave of absence shall be made to the Board, which request shall be subject to Board approval, the availability of sick days, Federal and State statutes and regulations, and employee’s contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the dates of said leave may be adjusted based on certification from the Employee’s physician or changes to the District’s calendar.

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

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

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

D. Maniscalco: asked how many sick days an can employee take?

S. Cherry: replied that there is no limit as long as they have the days in their sick bank.

XII. FINANCE & FACILITIES

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the bills for the period of December 1, 2024 to December 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>Bills Description</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll - Operating	12/15/2024	\$354,614.32
Board Share - FICA	12/15/2024	\$6,868.41
State Share - FICA	12/15/2024	\$18,314.73
	TOTAL:	\$381,797.46

<u>Bills Description</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll - Operating	12/20/2024	\$324,798.70
Board Share - FICA	12/20/2024	\$4,721.88
State Share - FICA	12/20/2024	\$18,180.37
	TOTAL:	\$347,700.95

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Bills and Claims for the month of January, 2025.
- 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 November, 2024.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Haworth Board of Education approves the Chancellor Academy 2024-25 school year (1/13/25-6/30/25) tuition contract for student ID #2011989020 for a total cost of \$47,292.45.

C. Russell 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
Mr. Chang	✓			
Mr. Crowley	✓			
Dr. Egan	✓			
Mr. Krasny	✓			
Mrs. Maniscalco	✓			

Mrs. Russell	✓			
Mrs. Samples	✓			

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
Northern Valley Regional High School & NV Educational Foundation
Legislative Chairperson
Senior Citizens Liaison
Town Council Liaison
Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Mr. Crowley will have the new committee structure ready for approval at the February meeting.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIX. Open to the Public on any item – 8:42 p.m.

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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: 8:42 p.m. NO PUBLIC COMMENT

XX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

D. Egan Moved, D. Krasny Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Charles Crowley, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary