

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
October 14, 2020**

**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 8, 2020, February 21, 2020, and September 18, 2020, 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. WORK SESSION TOPICS**

- a. Discussion regarding in-person or virtual BOE meetings

*Stacey Cherry, Esq. updated the Board on new guidance given by the state regarding all virtual Board of Education meetings. If there is space to have in person meetings of no more than 25 socially-distanced attendees, then that option must be provided. Currently, Haworth Public School is using all public spaces for classrooms or storage, so that the school is able to achieve social distancing for the in-person students. S. Cherry agreed that a one building school district may face challenges with adhering to the new guidelines. She will prepare a resolution that provides specific procedures within the guidelines for the Haworth School District.*

b. Standard Based Report Cards Review

*Dr. Hughes commended Mrs. Voigt and all of the staff members that worked on and completed the K-5 Standard Based Report Cards roll out for this school year. Many of the BOE members agreed that this report card format will help families get a better idea of the progress of their child.*

*A. Davis: Suggested sending out an explanation to the parents of what the Standards Based Report Card is and to provide resources for them to refer to.*

c. Update on all-virtual contingency plan

*Dr. Hughes explained that in the event of having to switch to an all-virtual school day, the students will follow the same schedule as they are currently following, and that there will be full simulcasting for a portion of each period. The staff is prepared to move to an all virtual format in a moment's notice.*

*Members of the BOE asked for there to be more emphasis on the special area classes.*

d. Review of draft Agenda for 10/20/20

*The Board reviewed the addition of the "Consent Agenda" section on the regular business meeting BOE Agendas. It was explained that consent agenda items can either be voted on all at once, or a BOE member can move to pull out a specific line item to be voted on separately. This is the format that the Haworth Town Council uses and the Haworth BOE is going to try out to streamline the voting process.*

*Dr. Hughes also informed to BOE that he will be sending out the NJSBA workshop offerings as well as a Google Sheet for sign-ups for specific workshops.*

**VII. Open to the Public on any item - 9:11 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 before you begin.***

*D. Siciliano representing the Haworth Town Council, thanked the school district staff for all of their great work during this difficult time.*

**Close the Public portion: 9:13 p.m.**

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

S. Wunsch Moved, R. Rose 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 Work Session Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Wednesday, October 14, 2020 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 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel and a student matter. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

**The Board returned to the public meeting at 9:57 p.m.**

## **X. MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

S. Wunsch Moved, I. Borek Seconded  
All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:58 p.m.**

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Michael Rodino, President  
Haworth Board of Education

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Kristi Giambona  
Board Secretary