

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 9, 2020**

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 8, 2020, February 21, 2020, and October 22, 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. During meetings held remotely for some or all participants, a member of the public wishing to provide comments during public comment on agenda items or public comments on all other items, is directed to type his or her name, address, and group affiliation, if any, in the “chat” window at the start of the public comment section where he or she wishes to be recognized. The Board President will recognize each member of the public individually when it is his or her turn to speak and will unmute his or her audio at that time. If a member of the public wants to provide a comment, but cannot access the “chat” he or she can verbally state their name, address, and group affiliation, if any, and the Board President will inform him or her when it is his or her turn to comment. The Board will also read written comments submitted in accordance with the Board’s resolution. All public comments are limited to three minutes, including time for the Board to respond. At all other times, members of the public will be muted. The Board will follow its adopted bylaws, procedures, and resolutions with regard to conduct during the Board meeting, including during public comments.

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

Dr. Hughes announced and congratulated the 2021 Governor's Educator of the Year, Mr. Derick Talty!

Dr. Hughes thanked Nurse Polifroni for all of her hard work in handling the pandemic and all the extra duties that come along with it for her. Her expertise is immeasurable.

a. COVID Update - presentation by Dr. Hughes

Dr. Hughes announced that 6 out of 8 of the Northern Valley districts are currently closed due to COVID. He explained the process of the testing the district did after the Thanksgiving break. He identified the hiccups and his plan to address them for the next time. The Board shared ideas on how to improve the testing process. Dr. Hughes will discuss the ideas with the laboratory service to see if any of the suggestions could be implemented. Dr. Hughes explained the new travel recommendations provided by the state and the timeline the district will use for reopening in January.

b. District Goals Update - presentation by Dr. Hughes

The district goals align directly with the 5 year strategic plan. Dr. Hughes updated the Board on the progress that has been made on each goal.

I. Borek commented that she would like to see a focus on afternoon learning and the special areas from January through March.

c. Review of draft Agenda for 12/15/20

I. Borek asked that the BOE be provided with the student numbers for virtual learners and in-person learners with their weekly Board updates.

VII. Open to the Public on any item - 8:38 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.

L. DeLuca - 8 Littlefield Court: questioned if the 14 day quarantine for COVID exposure has changed?

Dr. Hughes: explained that only the quarantine requirements for travel outside of the state has been updated by the Governor, and that the CDC is still recommending 14 days quarantine for exposure.

Close the Public portion: 8:41 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

R. Rose Moved, S. Wunsch 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, December 9, 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 negotiations. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:20 p.m.

I. Borek Moved, C. Crowley Seconded
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Rodino, President
Haworth Board of Education

Kristi Giambona
Board Secretary