

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HAWORTH, NEW JERSEY 07641  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
January 6, 2021**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:03 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 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  
Mr. Gregory Stott  
Mrs. Stacey Wunsch  
Mr. Paul Wolford, Business Administrator  
Dr. Peter Hughes, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stacey Cherry, Esq., Fogarty & Hara

## VI. WORK SESSION TOPICS

a. Discussion regarding reopening priorities

*Nurse Polifroni will receive all of the Covid testing results before the school building opens again on January 11th.*

b. COVID update and vaccine discussion

*The BOE discussed the state roll out of the vaccine and the availability of electronically registering to get on the list to receive the vaccine. Dr. Hughes is going to schedule meetings of the Pandemic Response Team for this next phase of preparedness. The goal is to allow the middle school students more time in the building for in-person learning.*

c. 9th grade student placement

*Dr. Hughes did a presentation on the 9th grade placement process. The previous placement process has been reviewed, and the teachers will recommend student high school placement with the oversight of the Administrative team. It was recommended that Dr. Hughes schedule a Coffee with the Superintendent session regarding this topic.*

d. Emergency Plan

*The schools current emergency plan includes addendums referencing the procedures during a pandemic. It was reapproved at the reorganization portion of the public meeting.*

## VII. Open to the Public on any item - 8:50 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.*

*K. Bevilacqua - 376 Maple Street: Asked if the middle school will be moving to Standard Based Report Cards as well? She also inquired if Demarest and Closter would also use Standard Based Report Cards since they also send students to Northern Valley Demarest High School?*

*Dr. Hughes - responded that Standard Based Report Cards for middle school students are currently being worked on. He noted that Demarest and Closter both use a report card model that is in between the traditional model report card and a standards based report card model. He also noted that the Northern Valley Curriculum Center is aware of the future changes and feels it is fine for placement.*

**Close the Public portion: 8:54 p.m.**

## VIII. CLOSED SESSION

S. Wunsch Moved, D. Egan 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, January 6, 2021 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 and personnel. Action will not be taken in public after the executive session.

**IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 p.m.**

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Michael Rodino, President  
Haworth Board of Education

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Kristi Giambona  
Board Secretary