



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
ORGANIZATION MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 3, 2024 6:00 PM

Mission Statement

The mission of the Holmdel Township Public Schools is to provide a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement. In partnership with our community, the School District will support all our students' efforts to meet and exceed the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and to become responsible and resourceful citizens and lifelong learners.

A. Call to Order (Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, President pro-tem)

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in an Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, President pro-tem of the Board.

B. Flag Salute / Star Spangled Banner sung by Keith Bellamy

Keith Bellamy, former student, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

C. Results of Annual School Election – November 7, 2023 (Three, 3 Year Terms)

Anthony Libecchi	3 Year Term
Alison LoPresti	3 Year Term
Peter Reddy	3 Year Term

D. Oath of Office

John Giampolo, Esq administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Board Members:

Anthony Libecchi	3 Year Term
Alison LoPresti	3 Year Term
Peter Reddy	3 Year Term

E. Roll Call Information

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: LoPresti. Messrs: Buckley, DiMare, Libecchi, Mann, Reddy and Wall. Absent: Dr. Collur, and Mrs. Tuccillo. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Anugna Parvateneni and Mr. Jack Powers were absent.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Surekha Collur	2024
Kimberly Tuccillo	2024
Terence Wall	2024
John Buckley	2025

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Chris DiMare	2025
Jeffrey Mann	2025
Anthony Libecchi	2026
Alison LoPresti	2026
Peter Reddy	2026

F. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the Office of the Board of Education, 65 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, New Jersey, the District’s website and sent to the four district schools.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger, the PLG, PSG, PSA, PTSO, SAB presidents and student representatives to the Board.
- Filing with the Clerk of Holmdel Township, Police Headquarters and Public Library.

G. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- There are certain matters that may be brought before the board that cannot be immediately addressed in public. Such matters may be referred by the president to a board committee and/or to the Superintendent for consideration and/or resolution.
- The board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

H. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items only - None

I. Nomination and Election of President

Resolved: I nominate as President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Mr. Wall MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Mr. Mann

Asking and hearing no other nominations, Mr. Petrizzo stated he would entertain a motion to close nominations for President.

Resolved: That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Board President (Title 18A:15.1).

MOTION: Mr. Mann SECOND: Mr. Buckley VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

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Upon recognition that the nominations had been closed, Mr. Petrizzo requested the following roll call vote on the election of the Board President

1. Mr. Wall

MOTION: Mr. Mann SECOND: Mr. Buckley VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

Mr. Wall has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

Mr. Petrizzo, President pro-tem, turned over the conduct of the remainder of this meeting to the duly elected President, Mr. Wall.

J. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Resolved: I nominate as Vice President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Mr. DiMare MOTION: Mr. Mann SECOND: Mr. Buckley

Asking and hearing no other nominations, Board President Wall stated he would entertain a motion to close nominations for Vice President.

Resolved: That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Board Vice President (Title 18A:15.1)

MOTION: Mr. Buckley SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

Upon recognition that the nominations are closed, Board President Wall requested the following roll call vote on the election of the Board Vice President.

1. Mr. DiMare

MOTION: Mr. Buckley SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

Mr. DiMare has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as Vice President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

Mr. Wall thanked Keith Bellamy for coming tonight, thanked the Board and welcomed the newly elected Board Members, Mr. Libecchi, Mrs. LoPresti and returning Board Member Mr. Reddy. He also expressed thanks to Board of Education candidate, Ms. Taha, who was not elected and made additional comments regarding the role of the Board of Education and thanked his family and the community for their continued support.

Mr. DiMare congratulated Mr. Wall on his Presidency and thanked the Board and the community for their support. He shared a list of the many Board of Education accomplishments from 2023 and stated that he is looking forward to the Board accomplishing much more in 2024.

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Mr. Reddy wished Mr. Wall and Mr. DiMare luck, thanked his family and the community for their continued support and stressed the importance of trying to get the town to work with the district on the PILOT funds. He shared that he is looking forward to another productive year on the Board of Education.

Mr. Libecchi thanked his family and the community for their support and stated that he is very excited to be a part of this with everybody here and is looking forward to collaborating to do whatever we can to make this school district better. He also thanked Mr. Bellamy for an ‘absolutely fantastic’ performance.

Mrs. LoPresti thanked her family, friends and the community for all of their support, encouragement and love. She shared that she is excited for the opportunity to serve the community and is deeply committed to ensuring that our students, parents and educators are supported. She shared that she is looking forward to learning from her fellow Board Members, Administration, educators and the community and she congratulated Mr. Bellamy.

Mr. Mann thanked the Administrators for all of their hard work and congratulated Mr. Wall and Mr. DiMare. Mr. Mann also congratulated Mr. Reddy on his re-election, welcomed Mrs. LoPresti and Mr. Libecchi and thanked them for joining the Board. Mr. Mann also thanked Mr. Bellamy for an amazing performance.

Mr. Buckley congratulated the new Board Members and Mr. Reddy on his re-election.

K. Public Hearing(s) - None

L. Action Items

1. Open Public Meetings Act - Establish Meeting Date, Time and Place

Resolved: That the Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* (Open Public Meetings Act) does hereby proclaim the regular monthly public meetings of the Board of Education will be held at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733, at 6:00 p.m., as set forth below unless indicated otherwise:

Be It Further Resolved: That the purpose of the Regular Business Meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board’s attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and that action may be taken on all such items; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education does hereby designate the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger as official newspapers to receive notices of meetings; and

Be It Further Resolved: That notices of meetings of the Board of Education will be posted in the Holmdel Township Board of Education Administration Office and posted on the District website; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education reserves the right to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time to discuss such matters that may be considered in closed session; and

Be It Further Resolved: That in order to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

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- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The Board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board Secretary is authorized and directed to advertise and announce the annual schedule of such meetings as more particularly set forth below, in the manner prescribed by the Open Public Meetings Act; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Day of Week	Date	Time	Business Meeting	Location
Wednesday	January 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	January 31, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	February 21, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	February 28, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	March 20, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	March 27, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	April 17, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	April 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	May 22, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	May 29, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	June 19, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	June 26, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	July 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	July 31, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	August 21, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	August 28, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	September 18, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	September 25, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	October 23, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	October 30, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	November 13, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	November 20, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	December 11, 2024	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	December 18, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	January 8, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Organization Meeting	Holmdel High School

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Immediately preceding each Regular Business Meeting, the Board will have an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, to discuss matters exempt from public discussion by law including, but not limited to student matters, contract matters, personnel matters, negotiations and/or litigation.

Unforeseen circumstances may force the rescheduling of these meetings. In such case, notice will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Board will continue to permit the public to view its meetings remotely. Details for how to view the meetings remotely will be posted on the District website at www.holmdelschools.org.

MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

2. Approval of Contract for General Counsel Legal Services

Resolved: That the Board approve a contract for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, with Appruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy for General Counsel Legal Services at a rate of \$195.00 per hour.

Discussion: Mr. Reddy thanked the Law firm of Schenck, Price, Smith and King for their services over the last several years, congratulated Mr. Trent and the new Law Firm and stated he is looking forward to working with them.

MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

3. Approval of Contract for Labor Negotiations Legal Services

Resolved: That the Board approve a contract the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, with Appruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy for Labor Negotiations Legal Services at a rate of \$195.00 per hour.

MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

4. Approval of Extension of Agreement for Special Education Legal Services

Resolved: That the Board approve an extension of the Agreement (dated September 1, 2023) with the law firm of Methfessel and Werbel to provide Special Education Legal Services at the rate of \$165.00 per hour for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Mr. Mann VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo

M. Old Business - None

N. New Business - None

O. Questions or Comments from the Public - None

P. Executive Session (if required) – None

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Board President Wall thanked Dr. Cascone for his insight and Mr. Giampolo, Esq for swearing in the new and re-elected Board Members. He thanked the community for their continued support and stated the Board of Education is looking forward to making it a great year.

Q. Adjournment

Board President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reddy motioned, Mr. Mann seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary