



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
MARCH 20, 2024 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Holmdel Township School District is to provide a well-rounded and inclusive education that empowers all students to reach their full potential and thrive. We believe that excellence comes from building strong relationships, embracing a positive attitude toward growth, overcoming challenges with determination, and celebrating our unique differences. Through teamwork and cooperation, we aim to create an environment where students can succeed academically as life-long learners and responsible global citizens.

A. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Wall, Board President.

B. Open Public Meetings Act

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.

C. Roll Call

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

D. Resolution for Executive Session – N/A

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, permits a public body to go into an Executive (Closed) Session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters specified in the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to go into an Executive Closed Session to discuss matters relating to certain items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Holmdel that it shall adjourn into Closed Session at this time to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and 10:4-13:

1. Student matters
2. Personnel matters
3. Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public; the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Board of Education, provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State, or local statutes or regulations and do not fall within the attorney-client privilege.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session – N/A

F. Call to Order – N/A

G. Opening Statement

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. Flag Salute

I. Presentation(s)/Public Hearing(s):

- Tentative Budget 2024/2025 – Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Mr. Michael Petrizzo and Mrs. Jessica DeWysockie
- Holograms & Innovative Technologies – Dr. Katherine Grace August and Dr. Tom Willis

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J. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items Only- None

K. Action Items

1. Tentative Budget 2024/2025

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2024/2025:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2024/2025 School Year using the 2024/2025 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	
	FUND	REVENUE	SERVICE	TOTAL
2024/2025 Total Expenditures	\$68,442,917	\$1,598,844	\$3,070,738	\$73,112,499
Less: Anticipated Revenues	6,850,962	1,598,844	616,964	9,066,770
Taxes to be Raised	\$61,591,955	\$ -	\$2,453,774	\$64,045,729

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press, in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held at Holmdel High School located at 36 Crawfords Corner Road in Holmdel, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2024/2025 School Year.

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Reddy VOTE: 8-0
 Absent: Dr. Collur

2. Adjustment for Healthcare Costs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Holmdel Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$399,821. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Reddy VOTE: 8-0
 Absent: Dr. Collur

3. Use of Banked Cap

BE IT RESOLVED that the Holmdel Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$970,124 for the purpose of transportation costs. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2025.

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Reddy VOTE: 8-0
 Absent: Dr. Collur

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4. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the Holmdel Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Holmdel Board of Education established \$66,812 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$31,627 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$66,340 for the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Reddy VOTE: 8-0
Absent: Dr. Collur

L. BOE Liaison Reports

- Mrs. Tuccillo reported out about the recent SEPAC Meeting.
- Mr. Libecchi reported out about the recent HFEE Meeting.
- Mrs. Tuccillo reported out on behalf of HYAA and stated that the scoreboard that HYAA donated (at the new turf field) was installed.
- Mr. Wall provided an update regarding the status of the field lights for the new turf field.

M. Board Sub Committee Reports

1. Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 3/6/24

- Mrs. LoPresti reported out about the results of the meeting and the review/analysis of the 2024/2025 Tentative Budget.

2. Policy Committee Meeting 3/12/24

- Policy Services Discussion – Mr. DiMare reported out about the results of the meeting and the Policies that will be on the next meeting. There was discussion about Policy 5756 and the status.

Mr. DiMare also spoke about NJSBA and the Policy Services they provide and their proposal to provide these services. The Board agreed to use NJSBA Policy Services going forward.

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N. Old Business

1. Complex Ingress/Egress Project – Update
 - Dr. Cascone provided an update on this topic and draft renderings that were displayed tonight.
 - Mr. Wall provided additional comments and explanations as to why this is a priority project.

There was a detailed discussion on this topic.
2. Public Relations Consultant/Services
 - Mr. Wall provided an overview of this topic.
3. Mrs. Tuccillo referenced the AP Testing topic, the reimbursement for AP Testing and GPA boost. She requested the change start with the new freshman class for 2024/2025. Dr. Irwin responded accordingly.

O. New Business

1. Holograms & Innovative Technologies – Dr. Katherine Grace August and Dr. Tom Willis (moved to Presentation section of meeting).
2. Teaching Script
 - Mr. Wall provided an overview on this topic which led to a discussion amongst the Board and Administration.
3. Review of Agenda Action Items for March 27, 2024 Public Meeting
 - There were no questions from the Board.
4. Central Office Department Updates
 - Administration provided the applicable department updates.

P. Questions or Comments from the Public – None

Q. Executive Session (if required) – N/A

R. Adjournment

Board President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mr. Mann seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary