



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
AUGUST 23, 2023 5:45 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.

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 of 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

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by Mr. Reddy, 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: Briamonte. Messrs: Reddy, Wall, Buckley and DiMare. Absent: Dr. Collur, Mrs. Tuccillo, Mrs. Zhang and Mr. Mann. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Ms. Katherine Gilfillan, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Anugna Parvateneni and Mr. Jack Powers were absent.

D. Resolution for Executive Session

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;

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:

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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.

MOTION: Mr. Wall SECOND: Mr. Buckley

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 5:54 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

Resolved: That the Board of Education returns to public session.

MOTION: Mr. Wall SECOND: Mr. Buckley

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 7:09 p.m., the meeting returned to public session.

F. Call to Order

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G. Opening Statement

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

- There is one opportunity for the public to speak.
- 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.

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H. Roll Call/Flag Salute

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I. Questions or Comments from the Public – None

J. Old Business

1. National Honor Society Recommendation

- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of this topic and Dr. Irwin reviewed the recommendations.

2. Test for Credit Recommendation

- Dr. Irwin provided an overview of this topic and the recommendation.

3. Grading Recommendations

- Dr. Irwin provided an overview and the recommendations.

4. Strategic Planning Top Level Review

- Dr. Cascone provided an update regarding this matter.

5. Board Committee Structure Discussion: COW or Subcommittees, September 2023

- Mr. Reddy provided an overview of this topic and requested Board feedback.
 - Mr. Wall stated the reasons why he supports COW.
 - Mrs. Briamonte stated the reasons why she supports the Committee structure.
 - Mr. DiMare stated the reasons why he supports COW.
 - Mr. Buckley provided the reasons why he supports COW.
 - Mrs. Zhang provided the reasons why she supports COW or Committee structure.
 - Mr. Reddy stated the reasons why he supports COW or Committee structure.

Mr. Reddy stated this topic would be discussed again next week when the full Board is present.

K. New Business

1. Policies

- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the information/policies that was provided to the Board, how this information is organized and the reasons for the updates. There was a detailed discussion on this topic. At the conclusion, it was agreed to include the following two policies on the 8/30/23 Agenda because they must be in place for the start of the school year.

Policy & Regulation 2419 – School Threat Assessment

Policy & Regulation 1642.01 – Sick Leave

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The rest of the Policies will be held and reviewed with the new Policy Committee.

Mr. DiMare had questions regarding the controversial issues policy and Dr. Cascone and Dr. Irwin responded accordingly.

2. District/Board Goal Setting for the 2023-2024 school year

- Dr. Cascone reviewed the draft 2023/2024 District Goals.

3. Review of Agenda Action Items for August 30, 2023 Public Meeting

- Dr. Cascone, Mrs. Lamoglia, Mr. Howard and Mr. Petrizzo reviewed the draft agenda accordingly.

4. Central Office Department Updates

- Administration provided the applicable department updates.

L. Executive Session (if required)

Mr. Reddy stated the need to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, no action would be taken and the Board will adjourn from Executive Session.

M. Adjournment

Board President Reddy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wall motioned, Mr. DiMare seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary