

**HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2020  
7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Board President Morelli

**2. Flag Salute/National Anthem**

**3. Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, public notices of this meeting have been given by the Business Administrator in the following manners:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 10, 2020.
- B. Mailed written notice to the Burlington County Times and to the Courier Post on January 10, 2020.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Hainesport Township on January 10, 2020.
- D. Filed written notice with the members of this body.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

**4. Roll Call**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Michael Morelli, President	X		
Mary-Jean Kneringer, Vice President	X		
Jason Cardonick	X		
Bianca Cuniglio	X		
Jeffrey Duda	X		
Kristin Jakubowski	X		
Samir Patel	X		
Keith Peacock	X		
Peter Scarpati	X		

- Joseph R. Corn, Chief School Administrator
- Robert O'Brien, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

**5. Resolution #19-17:**

Approve resolution at outset of each meeting suspending the relevant by-laws and authorizing the meeting to proceed virtually.

Roll Call on Resolution #19-17

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer		X	X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			

Samir Patel			X		
Keith Peacock			X		
Peter Scarpati	X		X		

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:05pm

**6. Executive Session**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hainesport Township School District Board of Education desires to hold a closed Executive Session at 6:30pm prevailing time for approximately 30 minutes as follows for discussion of the following, action may or may not be taken upon returning to open session:

- Negotiations
- Personnel
- Legal
- Individual Privacy
- Security
- Investment/Property Acquisition
- Litigation

**\*No motion for executive session.**

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to enter into closed session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
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Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time:

Discussion Item(s)\* (Agenda to extent known) defined as excluded from requirements of Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, further it is anticipated that such discussions may be disclosed upon resolution.  
*\*Pursuant to the list of exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act 10:4-12*

**7. Return to Open Session**

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to return to open session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
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Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time:

**8. District Mission Statement**

Board President Morelli read the district mission statement:

The Mission of Hainesport Township School District is to provide a safe, supportive and challenging educational environment in an atmosphere that enables each child to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially in a fiscally responsible manner.

**9. PTO Report & Student Government Report**

- None at this time

**10. Recognition/Presentation**

- None at this time

**11. Public Participation (Action Items Only)**

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff member, followed by building level administration, and then the Superintendent of Schools PRIOR to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level.

Each individual will have one opportunity to speak and be given a maximum of three minutes.

**A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education open the meeting to receive comment from the public present.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Patel	Mr. Scarpati	9	0

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:06pm

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This meeting will now be open to the public, however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, the Board requests that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since those items cannot be discussed in public.

- None at this time

**B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment**

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Patel	Mrs. Kneringer	9	0

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:07pm

**12. Approval of Minutes**

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s):

Item	Meeting Date	Type	Attach.
1.	5/5/2020	Regular Meeting (Open Session)	M-1

Roll Call on Action Item #1:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski	X		X			

Samir Patel			X		
Keith Peacock			X		
Peter Scarpati		X	X		

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:08pm

**13. Superintendent’s Report**

Discussion Items – Mr. Joseph R. Corn, Superintendent

- Mrs. Wenz will be holding a virtual graduation on the original date and time of June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Governor Murphy has been explicit with no in-person graduations. We are very confident in Mrs. Wenz and her team. The award ceremony will be taped. There will be a direct link on the school district website and more information sent directly to families. As for next year, all schools are waiting in limbo for more guidance. Currently, the district is devising a 3-pronged plan for in-person learning, remote learning, and a hybrid of the two. The board will be kept up to date with any new information.
  - Mrs. Jakubowski asked a question regarding graduation and Mr. Corn answered.
  - Board President Morelli asked a question regarding graduation and Mr. Corn answered.

Action Items – Motion to approve the Superintendent’s Report:

*Reports*

Item	Report	Attach
1.	Affirm, Reject, or Modify the monthly HIB Report	SR-1
2.	Code of Conduct	SR-2
3.	Enrollment Report	SR-3
4.	If necessary, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of School to hire personnel to directly replace a staff vacancy occurring between Board of Education meeting dates. Employment is contingent upon criminal history review clearance and issuance of appropriate certification and will notify Board President of any such action if necessary.	

Roll Call on Action Items #1-4:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer		X	X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:21pm

**14. STUDENT SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

A. Student Services Committee Report: Kristin Jakubowski, Chair

- The committee met virtually and updated the K-2 curriculum. Mrs. Salls and her team have done an excellent job. The district is currently sharing approximately 33 Chromebooks with students.

*Curriculum (NJSL)*

Item	Curriculum	Attach
1.	Adopt the Counseling-Social Emotional Learning Grade Kindergarten curriculum	SS-1
2.	Adopt the Counseling-Social Emotional Learning Grade 1 curriculum	SS-2
3.	Adopt the Counseling-Social Emotional Learning Grade 2 curriculum	SS-3

*Out of District Placement*

Item	Student	Placement	Annual Tuition	Term
4.	H-0237	BCSSSD	\$43,676*	12/2/2019-6/19/2020

*\*To be Prorated*

Roll Call on Action Items #1-4:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X *Items 1-3		X *Item 4	
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski	X		X			
Samir Patel		X	X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:23pm

**15. HUMAN RESOURCES RELATIONS:**

- A. Human Resources Committee Report: Jason Cardonick, Chair
- Thank you for everyone’s time in finalizing contracts. We are grateful to have stability within the district.
- B. Motion to approve the following Human Resources action items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

*Faculty*

Item	Description	Attach.
1.	Contract between Cora Schiers, Confidential Assistant to the Chief School Administrator, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-1
2.	Contract between Pat Gwynne, Confidential Assistant to the Business Administrator, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-2
3.	Contract between Christy Eckert, Confidential Business Office Clerk, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-3

4.	Contract between Lauren Salls, Principal PreK-4/Special Services, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-4
5.	Contract between Thomas Simonet, Principal 5-8/Curriculum & Instruction, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-5
6.	Contract between Jules Krause, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, and the Hainesport Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	HR-6
7.	Approve Linda Russ as a One-to-One Aide for 5 hours of Chess Club for student H-0225.	

\*Ratify and Affirm

\*\* To be Prorated

*Leave of Absence*

Item	ID#	Position	Type of Leave
8.	1915	Middle School Special Education Teacher	Maternity Paid Sick LOA 9/1/20 (estimated date) Return Date 10/1/20 Unpaid FMLA 10/2/20 Return Date 1/1/20

Roll Call on Action Items #1-8:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick	X		X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski		X	X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

Motion Carries

Motion Fails

Time: 7:25pm

**16. FACILITIES & FINANCE RELATIONS :**

A. Finance Committee Report: Pete Scarpati, Chair

- Our virtual committee meeting revolved around the bus contracts and decided to hold off on contract renewals with the hopes of further guidance being released in the near future.

B. Motion to approve the following Finance action items upon the recommendation of the

*Reports*

Item	Report Type	Attach
1.	Board Secretary's Report for April 2020	FI-1
2.	Treasurer's Report for April 2020	FI-2
3.	Appropriation Adjustment Journal for April 2020	FI-3
4.	Board of Education Monthly Certification of Funds for April 2020	
5.	Cash Flow Report for April 2020	FI-4

6.	Payment of bills for the month of May 2020	FI-5
7.	Student Activity Account for April 2020	FI-6
8.	Cafeteria Report for April 2020	FI-7
9.	Tax Payment Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year	FI-8
10.	Approve Bayada Pediatrics for nursing services for the 2020-2021 school year for \$56/hour (\$1/hr increase)	

**Resolutions**

Item	Description
11.	Res. #19-18: Submission of the Cares Emergency Relief Grant Application

**Roll Call on Action Items #1-10:**

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer		X	X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:29pm

**Roll Call on Resolution #19-18:**

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel		X	X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:31pm

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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- No public participants present

**B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment**

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Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mrs. Jakubowski	Mrs. Kneringer	9	0

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:32pm

**18. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Board President Morelli asked a question regarding school board elections and Mr. O'Brien answered.

**19. INFORMATION & FUTURE PLANNING ITEMS:**

- None at this time

**20. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- None at this time

**21. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- No motion for executive session

**22. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mrs. Jakubowski	Mr. Patel	9	0

Motion Carries       Motion Fails      Time: 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,



Robert O'Brien  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary