

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
October 27, 2020
6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm 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 Jan. 10, 2020.
- B. Mailed written notice to the Burlington County Times and to the Courier Post on Jan. 10, 2020.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Hainesport Township on Jan. 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
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: 6:38pm

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

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

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Scarpati	Mr. Patel	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 6:39pm

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
Mr. Patel	Mr. Cardonick	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:06pm

Mr. Morelli reconvened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

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

- 1. Cheryl Rothkopf Presentation – Andrea Cahill

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. Scarpati	Mr. Patel	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:15pm

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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.

Katie Hoffman (118 East Maple Avenue):

- Provided the following comment: Teachers are excited for the hybrid model. Over the past 2 months they've been building a strong relationship with students. The hybrid phase brings a lot of adjustments, and we want as much continuity as possible. Need a creative solution to keep continuity. Please allow teaching staff the ability to develop a plan to handle absences. Please allow students to be able to continue with a routine schedule.

Lauren Maiorano (404 Brown Street):

- Provided the following comment: In addition to Katie Hoffman, advocating on behalf of the students to keep the continuity when we come back in a few weeks.

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. Duda	Mr. Patel	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:23pm

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.	9/29/20	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: 7:23pm

13. Superintendent’s Report

Discussion Items – Mr. Joseph R. Corn, Superintendent

- o None at this time.

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.	Nurse’s Report for September 2020	SR-4
5.	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	
6.	Approve revised school calendar to reflect Governor Murphy’s notification that schools are closed on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and no student instruction on October 6, 2020	SR-5
7.	Adopt the Respiratory Program Plan	SR-6

Roll Call on Action Items #1-7:

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			
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Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:25pm

14. STUDENT SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

A. Student Services Committee Report: Kristin Jakubowski, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Human Resources action items:

Student Services

Item	#	Title	Policy	Reg	Rev	1st	Final	Attach
1.	R1581	Domestic Violence		X			X	SS-1
2.	P1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	X		X		X	SS-1
3.	P1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families	X		X		X	SS-1
4.	P1648.03	Restart and Recovery Plan Full-Time Remote Instruction	X			X		SS-1

Curriculum (NJSLS)

Item	Curriculum	Attach
5.	Adopt the revisions to the grade 7 Science curriculum.	SS-2
6.	Adopt the revisions to the grade 8 Science curriculum.	SS-3
7.	Adopt the revisions to the grade 6 Science curriculum.	SS-4

Out of District Placement

Item	Student	Placement	Tuition	Term
8.	H-0237	BCSSSD	\$44,550	9/1/20-6/30/21

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			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda		X	X			
Kristin Jakubowski	X		X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:27pm

15. HUMAN RESOURCES RELATIONS:

A. Human Resources Committee Report: Jason Cardonick, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Human Resources action items:

Faculty

Item	Description	Attach.
1.	Approve Gayla Reale as the National Honor Society Advisor for the 2020-21 school year to begin November 1, 2020. Ms. Reale will be paid in accordance with the current CBA contract (prorated).	
2.	Approve Kelly Moffett as the Student Council Advisor for the 2020-21 school year to begin November 1, 2020. Ms. Moffett will be paid in accordance with the current CBA contract (prorated).	

*Ratify and Affirm

** To be Prorated

Additional Hours

Item	Name	Reason	Amount
3.	Tricina Beebe	Library/Media/Computer Science & Design Thinking Curriculum (up to 7 hrs.)	\$43.15 per hour

Professional Development

Item	Program	Location	Date(s)	Hour(s)/Miles/Tolls	Cost	Attendee
4,	Strengthening Your Effectiveness as a Special Education Resource Teacher	Virtual	1/7/2021	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$279.00	Ms. Horn
5*	NJSBA Virtual Workshop 2020	Virtual	10/20/2020 - 10/22/2020	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	\$199.00	Mr. Krause

*Ratify and Affirm

Additional Volunteers for 2020-21

Item	Names	
6.	Jillian Ormsby Joyce Moody Katie Johnson Misty Reddy Nikki Lovendoski Lori Shaffer Francis Steskal	Anthony Valente Patricia Conklyn Renee Shellhardt Shannon Mancuso Stacie Sulzberg Jessica Gerbavac

Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Item	ID#	Position	Type of Leave
7.	1885	Middle School Math Teacher	Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) From 11/2/20 to 12/31/20

Roll Call on Action Items #1-7:

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			
Samir Patel		X	X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:30pm

16. FACILITIES & FINANCE RELATIONS :

A. Finance Committee Report: Pete Scarpati, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Finance action items:

Reports

Item	Report Type	Attach
1.	Board Secretary's Report for September 2020	FI-1
2.	Treasurer's Report for September 2020	FI-2
3.	Appropriation Adjustment Journal for September 2020	FI-3
4.	Board of Education Monthly Certification of Funds for September 2020	
5.	Cash Flow Report for September 2020	FI-4
6.	Payment of bills for the month of October 2020	FI-5
7.	Student Activity Account for September 2020	FI-6
8.	Cafeteria Report for September 2020	FI-7
9.	Approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar	FI-8
10.	Approve submission of the NJDOE School Security Grant Application	
11.	Approve donation of tractor to Hainesport Township	

*Ratify and Affirm

Field Trips

Item	Date	Time	Grade/ Group	# of Students	Destination	Admission/ Cost	Nurse	Bus	Payee	Coordinator
12.	4/28/21	9:00-2:45	6	76	Penn Museum	\$30.00 paid by students	\$250.00	2	Parents	Ms. Wenz
13.	5/5/21	8:30-2:30	7	69	Medieval Times	\$70.00 paid by students	\$250.00	2	Parents	Ms. Wenz
14.	6/11/21	7:00-9:15	8	58	Baltimore, MD	\$85.00 paid by students	\$250.00	2	Parents	Ms. Wenz

*Total cost for trip

**Cost per Student

*** Revised date

Activity

Item	Date	Time	Activity	Area Requested	Point of Contact
15.	4/23/21	TBD	Parent's Night Out	Off Campus	Ms. Bryner
16.	5/21/2021	7:00 - 9:00 pm	8th Gr. Dinner Dance	Marco's Pennsauken Country Club	Ms. Bryner
17.	11/9-11/20	Virtual	Fall Book Fair	Virtual Book Fair	Ms. Bryner

Resolutions

Item	Description
18.	Resolution #20-05: Health & Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist 2020-21 & Statement of Assurance
19.	Resolution #20-06: Submission of Form M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan
20.	Resolution #20-07: Approval for Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System with the Camden County Educational Services Commission (66CCEPS) and the corresponding participation agreements
21.*	Ratify and Affirm Resolution #20-08 to adjust State Aid received in Fiscal Year 2020 - 21.

*Ratify and Affirm

- Mr. Cardonick asked a question about the scheduled field trips and healthcare under Chapter 44.
 - Mr. Corn and Mr. O'Brien answered

Roll Call on Action Items #1-17:

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			
Keith Peacock		X	X			

Peter Scarpati	X		X			
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Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:35pm

Roll Call on Resolution #20-05:

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			
Keith Peacock		X	X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:36pm

Roll Call on Resolution #20-06:

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			
Keith Peacock		X	X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:37pm

Roll Call on Resolution #20-07:

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			
Keith Peacock		X	X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:38pm

Roll Call on Resolution #20-08:

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		
Keith Peacock		X	X		
Peter Scarpati	X		X		

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:39pm

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

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Mr. Cardonick	Mr. Patel	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:42pm

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Victoria Bayon (26 Hastings Lane):

- If Cohort A only has 2-3 students attending a class and Cohort D also only has 2-3 in a class. Is there any chance the school would combine those classes?
 - Mrs. Salls answered.

Michele Kovacs (3 Whittier Drive):

- Will there be any accommodations for children with 504 plans so that they can go to school more initially?
 - Mrs. Salls explained that the district is still accommodating those students with 504 plans while the hybrid plan will be executed. District will try all that they can to get students with 504 plans in school more.

Dr. Tiffany Berth (11 Lenox Drive):

- How is the process adjusted for remote instruction students to allow for IEP and 504 evaluations?
 - Mrs. Salls explained that the district has switched to virtual for certain portions of evaluation, some parents/guardians have also provided professional evaluations. The district will recommend in-person evaluations but will also respect virtual evaluation requests.

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. Scarpati	Mr. Cardonick	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 7:48pm

18. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Morelli recommended that everyone do their civic duty and go out and vote and look at all the candidates for school board. The district has come a long way and thank you to all that have worked to get this school back in a hybrid session. Thank you to the parents as well for your patience. This is not an ideal situation but hope in 6 months or so that we have more information on what is going on and we can get back to normalcy down the road. Thank you again for public participation. Commend the faculty for the job you are doing teaching students remotely. The teachers are ensuring more attentiveness and engaging students to participate and try to actively learn. Looking forward to students finally being able to see teachers in person.
- Mrs. Jakubowski reopened the conversation on whether teachers will be allowed to bring their children to school them. This would be for school aged children in 1st grade and up that can work independently. All depending on whether we can still maintain social distancing within the class.
 - Mr. Morelli stated that the challenge he is concerned with is the distraction in class. Could become problematic trying to teach while the child is actively participating in their own virtual class. Possible legal concern with greater liability. Would need a better understanding of spacing available and which teacher’s classrooms would even be capable of allowing additional children. Ultimately, may not be prepared for that day 1 but after a few days we may evaluate the situation and see if we can accommodate that. Next committee meeting we can bring it up to see what it looks like in school.
 - Mr. Peacock added that the district would also have to look at the unintended consequences. May be difficult legally and mathematically to make it happen soon.
- Mr. Duda reminded the community to limit the exposure of COVID-19 the best we can and pleaded that the community be cognizant and make sure you know what your children are doing during Halloween. Be careful with regards to distancing and protocols.
- Mr. Cardonick follow up by reminding community that it only takes one irresponsible person/student that can force the school to close down. One outbreak could make everyone go back to virtual. Just asking the community to do everything in your power to make the hybrid model work.
- Mr. Morelli also implored that parents take heed of professional advice if your child is sick and stay home if necessary.
- Mr. O’Brien reminded the community that bus stops and times are still being finalized but should be up on OnCourse by the end of the day Thursday, October 29th. Also, the USDA has released a waiver allowing schools to provide free meals through June 30, 2021. Fully remote can continue to use meal request forms which can be found in announcements.

19. INFORMATION & FUTURE PLANNING ITEMS:

- None at this time

20. DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 11/5/20 NJEA Convention (School Closed)
- 11/20/20 Afternoon Conferences (Early Dismissal) 1:45-4:00pm
- 11/23/20 Night Conferences (Early Dismissal) 6:00-8:00pm
- 11/24/20 Night Conferences (Early Dismissal) 6:00-8:00pm

- 11/25/20 Early Dismissal
- 11/26/20 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)
- 11/27/20 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)

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. Duda	8	0

Motion Carries Motion Fails Time: 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,



Robert O'Brien
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary