



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
JUNE 21, 2023 6:00 PM
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, June 21, 2023 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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: Collur and Tuccillo. Messrs: Reddy, Wall, Buckley and DiMare. Absent: Mrs. Briamonte, Mrs. Zhang and Mr. Mann. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Trinity Han and Ms. Anugna Parvateneni 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: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Wall

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 6:04 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: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Wall

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 7:17 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. Old Business

1. National Honor Society Criteria

- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of this matter and Dr. Irwin reviewed the applicable criteria.

2. High School Start Times

- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of this topic and an update regarding the plan to implement this matter with the 2024/2025 school year.

3. Board Committee Structure

- Mr. Reddy provided an overview of how the District has been operating via Committee of the Whole (COW) vs. Committee structure. He advised there is a need to continue to operate as a COW for July and August. There was a detailed discussion regarding this topic.

4. Addy's House

- Mr. Reddy provided an overview of this matter. Dr. Cascone and Mr. Stromsland provided background regarding how we have been maintaining this property and the feasibility study prepared by the District Architect. There was a detailed discussion regarding this topic.

J. New Business

1. State of the District Presentation

- Dr. Cascone presented this topic.

2. Review of Agenda Action Items for June 28, 2023 Public Meeting

- Administration responded to Board questions on specific resolutions accordingly.
- Mr. Petrizzo introduced the District Insurance Brokers: Peter Jeffrey, Holmes and McDowell and Latonya Brennan, Arthur J. Gallagher. They reviewed the Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation renewal process.

3. Central Office Department Updates

- Administration provided the applicable department updates.

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K. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Mr. Yannello, parent, referenced topics that were discussed tonight regarding coverage/services provided for special services, school start times, COW vs. Committee structure and the STARS Program. Mr. Yannello also spoke about all of the amazing work Mr. Jay Graham does with the STARS program.
- Mrs. Mathur, parent, inquired if there has been any change in the grading policy. She also commented on the National Honor Society criteria and the change of school start times. Dr. Cascone responded to the inquiry regarding the change in grading policy.

L. Executive Session (if required)

Mr. Reddy stated the need to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and stated no action will be taken and they will adjourn from Executive Session.

M. Adjournment

Board President Reddy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buckley motioned, Mrs. Briamonte seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary