



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 2024 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 (at 6:08 p.m.), Buckley, and Libecci. Absent: Dr. Collur and Mr. Mann. 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, Mr. Jack Powers and Ms. Isabella Spicer 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:

1. Student matters

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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: Mrs. LoPresti VOTE: 6-0
Absent: Mr. Reddy, Dr. Collur and Mr. Mann

At 6:01 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mr. Reddy VOTE: 7-0
Absent: Dr. Collur and Mr. Mann

At 7:05 p.m., the meeting returned to public session.

F. Call to Order

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.

H. Flag Salute

I. Presentations(s)/Public Hearing(s) - None

J. Action Items - None

K. BOE Liaison Reports - None

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L. Board Sub Committee Reports

- NJSBA Policy Manual Conversion

Mr. DiMare provided an update regarding the status of this matter and shared that the conversion is complete and the final review will be conducted through a break out of Board Member ‘teams’ to review the three different sections of the policies as follows:

It was recommended that Dr. Cascone, Dr. Lamoglia, Mr. DiMare, Mrs. Tuccillo and Mr. Libecchi review the following sections:

Community & Property
Students
Programs

It was recommended that Mr. Buckley, Mr. Reddy and Dr. Collur review the following sections:

Administration
Teaching
Support Staff Members

It was recommended that Mrs. LoPresti, Mr. Mann and Mr. Wall review the following sections:

Finance
Operations
Property
Bylaws

- Mrs. LoPresti advised that the Budget & Finance Committee will be meeting next week to review the historical data provided by the Business Office as well as budget planning.

M. Old Business

- Mr. Wall referenced the discretionary aid grant in the amount of 3.5 million dollars that the Township was just awarded for the completion of road work improvements. He thanked Mayor Impreveduto, the Township Committee and all of their folks and all of our folks. He also clarified that change in school start times was not connected to the traffic project, this was simply done to improve the health and welfare of Holmdel students. Mr. DiMare made additional comments on this topic and thanked Mr. Wall for bringing this initiative to the table. He also shared that he is excited for the future of this town and feels positively about the Township and Board working together in partnership.
- Mr. DiMare referenced the Science Fair at Indian Hill which has been a huge hit. He referenced discussion of Science Fairs and Career Day(s) at Satz and the High School and shared that the Board continues to work with Administration on an initiative to round up Holmdel High School Alumni to see how we can collaborate with these phenomenal individuals.
- Dr. Cascone responded to Mr. Wall and Mr. DiMare’s comments and stated that this is a good example of Administration and the Board working in partnership. He also shared that a Satz Science Fair is on tap for this year. At the High School level, they are doing monthly Career Days, each focusing on a different career area

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N. New Business

- Review of Agenda Action Items for October 30, 2024 Public Meeting
There were no questions or comments from the Board on the agenda.
- Central Office Department Updates
Administration provided the updates.
- Mr. Reddy referenced the Township discussion on the road work grant and expressed concerns with the amount of PILOT funds that have been collected to date. He also referenced the need to address the Hall of Fame and suggested naming the Roggy Field booth after Mr. Baronowsky. Mr. Wall stated that a committee is already in place and asked Dr. Cascone to schedule a meeting to discuss naming of facilities and he also provided additional information and comments regarding the PILOT figures.

O. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Mr. Anderson, parent, referenced the shelter in place that occurred at Village School last week and asked for additional information on what happened. Dr. Cascone provided details on why a shelter in place would be called and confirmed that it was, indeed, a staff member medical emergency.

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

Q. Adjournment

Board President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mr. Buckley seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary