



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 8, 2023 6:00 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, November 8, 2023 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Collur (at 7:01 p.m.), Tuccillo and Zhang (at 7:02 p.m.). Messrs: Reddy, Wall (at 7:01 p.m.), Buckley, DiMare and 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 – N/A

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.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session – N/A

F. Call to Order – N/A

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. Roll Call/Flag Salute

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: Briamonte, Collur, Tuccillo and Zhang. Messrs: Reddy, Wall, Buckley, DiMare and 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.

I. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Chandana Rao, Parent/Resident, spoke about Diwali.
- Shilpi Khare, Parent/Resident, spoke about Diwali.

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. Review of Agenda Action Items for November 15, 2023 Public Meeting
 - Dr. Cascone and Administration reviewed the draft agenda items.

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2. Central Office Department Updates

- Administration provided the applicable department updates.

There was discussion amongst the Board and Administration regarding the Township PILOT Programs and the upcoming Budget process.

There was also a discussion amongst the Board and Administration regarding the new digital platform for PSAT testing.

3. Proposed Draft 2024-2025 School Calendar

Dr. Cascone reviewed and discussed the draft calendars with the Board.

4. November 2nd Policy Subcommittee Meeting Update

Mrs. Tuccillo shared the Subcommittee's recently drafted Mission Statement and provided an update regarding the meeting. Following the update, Mrs. Tuccillo was named the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee.

5. Change in School Start Times

- There was discussion amongst the Board and Administration regarding the change in School Start Times and the upcoming November 29th public forum on this topic.

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

M. Adjournment

Board President Reddy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mr. Mann seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary