



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 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: Collur (at 6:04 p.m.), Tuccillo and LoPresti. Messrs: Wall, DiMare, Reddy, Buckley, Mann and Libecchi. 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
2. Personnel matters
3. Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege

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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. Reddy VOTE: 8-0
Absent: Dr. Collur

At 6:02 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

MOTION: Mr. Libecchi SECOND: Mrs. Tuccillo VOTE: 9-0

At 7:06 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

- Board President Wall congratulated Dr. Collur, Mrs. Tuccillo and Mr. Kim on their election win. He then referenced the election and expressed concerns with campaign efforts this year. Mr. Wall shared a recommendation with the Board for future election campaigns and potentially instituting a voluntary code of conduct expectations. Mr. DiMare, Dr. Collur, Mrs. Tuccillo, Mrs. LoPresti, Mr. Libecchi and Mr. Mann made follow-up comments.

I. Presentations(s)/Public Hearing(s)

1. 2023/2024 District Assessment Report – Dr. J. Scott Cascone

J. Action Items – None

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K. BOE Liaison Reports - None

L. Board Sub Committee Reports

1. Budget & Finance Committee Report – Mrs. LoPresti provided an overview of the meeting.

M. Old Business

1. Mr. Wall referenced the previous discussion on neurodiversity curriculum.
2. Mr. Wall referenced the hologram (Classroom of the Future) to use for advanced classes
3. Mr. Wall shared that he’s talking to the Township regarding a possible partnership with Nokia for future STEAM projects.
4. Mr. Wall referenced the “Potter’s Farm” project and the potential agricultural curriculum expansion opportunities.
5. Mr. DiMare thanked Mr. Wall for his efforts with moving the Traffic Project forward in partnership with the Township.

N. New Business

1. Proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar
Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the different proposed options and then opened it up for Board discussion. At the conclusion, the Board consensus was Option A.
2. Review of Agenda Action Items for November 20, 2024 Public Meeting
Mr. Reddy asked a question regarding Resolution #12. Dr. Cascone responded accordingly.
3. Central Office Department Updates
Administration provided the updates.
4. Mr. DiMare inquired about the possibility of getting Indian Hill students involved in the cross country program, similar to what we did with wrestling.

O. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Wall, Parent, spoke about her husband and leadership skills, congratulated Mrs. Tuccillo, Dr. Collur and Mr. Kim and then spoke about all of her husband’s accomplishments.
- Mrs. Dasaro, HTEA President, stated that the faculty will always be there to support all of the students in the district.
- Mr. Purcell, resident, spoke in support of Mr. Wall.

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

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Q. Adjournment

Board President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reddy motioned, Mrs. LoPresti seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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