



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 2024 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 (at 6:11 p.m.). Messrs: Wall, DiMare, Buckley (at 6:07 p.m.), Mann and Libecci. Absent: Dr. Collur and Mr. Reddy. 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: Mr. Libecchi SECOND: Mrs. Tuccillo VOTE: 5-0
Absent: Mr. Reddy, Dr. Collur, Mr. Buckley and Ms. LoPresti

At 6:05 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

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

At 7:07 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

L. Board Sub Committee Reports

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

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M. Old Business

- Mr. Wall referenced the previous analysis completed for Addie Holmes Lubkert’s House (that the District owns), and encouraged the Board to continue to explore potential future usage of that property. He shared that history matters and the Holmes’ family is an important part of Holmdel Township and Monmouth County’s history.

N. New Business

1. Review of Agenda Action Items for December 18, 2024 Public Meeting
Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the draft agenda.
2. Central Office Department Updates
Administration provided the updates.

At the conclusion, Mr. Wall recognized Deborah Donnelly, the new Business Administrator joining the district. Mrs. Donnelly provided an overview of her experience and shared that she is looking forward to getting started here in Holmdel. Mr. DiMare made follow up comments and welcomed Ms. Donnelly to the District.

Mr. DiMare had follow-up comments on the Department Updates, the Holmdel Hornet Exchange Program, the expansion of the Career Day programs, and the upcoming Career Institute. He referenced continuing to explore the incorporation of Holmdel Alumni. He also referenced the Science Fair at Satz, thanked the HFEE for the Aquaponics lab donation and shared that he attended the Indian Hill play which was another phenomenal show and then said the Board is excited to honor the Teachers and Educational Service Professionals of the Year at next week’s meeting.

Mr. Mann stated that he and Mr. DiMare attended Chhange, Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education museum at Brookdale today, thanked Mrs. Crimoli and shared that her students were well-behaved and engaged.

Mr. Wall made follow-up comments regarding Brookdale Community College and usage of interactive hologram products and AI to help educate future generations. Mr. Wall also shared that he was speaking with Dr. Timothy Purnell, Executive Director at New Jersey School Boards Association who is also a trustee on Sustainable Jersey regarding hologram classrooms of the future and the technology of tomorrow’s classroom.

O. Questions or Comments from the Public - None

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

Q. Adjournment

Board President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mann motioned, Mr. Buckley seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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