



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ORGANIZATION MEETING  
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL  
JANUARY 8, 2025 6:00 PM

## *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 (Mrs. Deborah Donnelly, President pro-tem)

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in an Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mrs. Deborah Donnelly, President pro-tem of the Board.

### B. Flag Salute – Mrs. Deborah Donnelly

### C. Results of Annual School Election – November 5, 2024 (Three, 3 Year Terms)

Surekha Collur	3 Year Term
Raymond Kim	3 Year Term
Kimberly Tuccillo	3 Year Term

### D. Oath of Office

Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Board Members:

Surekha Collur	3 Year Term
Raymond Kim	3 Year Term
Kimberly Tuccillo	3 Year Term

### E. Roll Call Information

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: LoPresti, Collur and Tuccillo. Messrs: Buckley, DiMare, Kim, Libecchi, Mann, and Reddy. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Deborah Donnelly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The Student Representatives to the Board, Mr. Jack Powers and Ms. Isabella Spicer were absent.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
John Buckley	2025
Chris DiMare	2025
Jeffrey Mann	2025
Anthony Libecchi	2026
Alison LoPresti	2026

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Peter Reddy                    2026  
Surekha Collur                2027  
Raymond Kim                  2027  
Kimberly Tuccillo            2027

F. Opening Statement

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.

G. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- 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. Questions or Comments from the Public on Action Items only

I. Nomination and Election of President

Resolved:                    I nominate as President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Mr. DiMare                    MOTION: Mr. Buckley                    SECOND: Mr. Libecchi
2. Mr. Reddy                    MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo                    SECOND: Dr. Collur

Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Donnelly stated she would entertain a motion to close nominations for President. (Title 18A:15.1)

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Tuccillo read a prepared statement in support of Mr. Reddy for Board President. Dr. Collur also made comments in support of Mr. Reddy.

Resolved:                    That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Board President.

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Upon recognition that the nominations had been closed, Mrs. Donnelly requested a roll call vote on the election of the Board President.

Roll call vote results:

1. Nominee Mr. DiMare # Votes 5
2. Nominee Mr. Reddy # Votes 4

Mr. DiMare has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

Mrs. Donnelly, President pro-tem, turned over the conduct of the remainder of this meeting to the duly elected President, Mr. DiMare.

Mr. DiMare made an acceptance speech.

J. Nomination and Election of Vice President

Resolved: I nominate as Vice President of the Holmdel Township Board of Education:

1. Mrs. LoPresti MOTION: Mr. Libecc SECOND: Mr. Mann
2. Mrs. Tuccillo MOTION: Mr. Reddy SECOND: Dr. Collur

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. DiMare stated he would entertain a motion to close nominations for Vice President. (Title 18A:15.1)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reddy made comments in support of Mrs. Tuccillo for Vice President. Dr. Collur also made comments in support of Mrs. Tuccillo. Mr. DiMare made comments regarding Mrs. Tuccillo and Mrs. LoPresti. Mrs. Tuccillo, Mr. DiMare, Dr. Collur and Mr. Reddy all made follow-up comments.

Resolved: That all nominations be closed and roll call vote be taken on the election of the Vice President of the Board.

Roll call vote results:

1. Nominee Mrs. Tuccillo # Votes 4
2. Nominee Mrs. LoPresti # Votes 5

Mrs. LoPresti has received a majority of the votes and is hereby declared to be duly elected as Vice President of Holmdel Township Board of Education.

Mrs. LoPresti made an acceptance speech.

Mr. DiMare officially welcomed the 2025 Holmdel Township Board of Education.

The Board of Education paused for a Moment of Reflection and Remembrance as Mr. DiMare read a prepared statement honoring Mr. William “Billy” DiMaio, a 2017 Holmdel High School graduate who tragically lost his life in the recent New Orleans terror attack. The Board of Education held a Moment of Silence in memory of Billy DiMaio.

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On behalf of the Board, Mr. DiMare expressed heartfelt gratitude for all of Holmdel's Administrators, teachers and staff, the Holmdel Township Police Department, Holmdel Township Committee and Mayor Brian Foster, Dr. Scott Cascone and all of our Holmdel students.

Mr. DiMare also highlighted some of the positive accomplishments of the district including safety, rankings, school culture, leadership hires, strategic plan, and academic excellence. District challenges include increased transportation expenses and the expiration of the HTEA Teacher's Contract.

K. Public Hearing(s) - None

Mr. DiMare gave Mayor Brian Foster an opportunity to speak prior to heading out to a Zoning Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Foster welcomed Mr. Kim to the Board and congratulated Dr. Collur and Mrs. Tuccillo on their re-election. He thanked Mr. Wall for his years of service on the Board and for always doing what was in the best interest of the kids. Mr. DiMare spoke of Mr. Petrizzo and thanked him for his presence, his guidance and for his many years of service to our town.

L. Action Items

1. Open Public Meetings Act - Establish Meeting Date, Time and Place

Resolved: That the Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* (Open Public Meetings Act) does hereby proclaim the regular monthly public meetings of the Board of Education will be held at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733, at 6:00 p.m., as set forth below unless indicated otherwise:

Be It Further Resolved: That the purpose of the Regular Business Meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and that action may be taken on all such items; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education does hereby designate the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger as official newspapers to receive notices of meetings; and

Be It Further Resolved: That notices of meetings of the Board of Education will be posted in the Holmdel Township Board of Education Administration Office and posted on the District website; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education reserves the right to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time to discuss such matters that may be considered in closed session; and

Be It Further Resolved: That in order to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board shall require the following procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
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- 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.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board Secretary is authorized and directed to advertise and announce the annual schedule of such meetings as more particularly set forth below, in the manner prescribed by the Open Public Meetings Act; and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Day of Week	Date	Time	Business Meeting	Location
Wednesday	January 22, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	January 29, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	February 19, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	February 26, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	March 19, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	March 26, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	April 23, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	April 30, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	May 21, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	May 28, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	June 25, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	July 23, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	July 30, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	August 20, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	August 27, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	September 17, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	September 24, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	October 22, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	October 29, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	November 12, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	November 19, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	December 10, 2025	6:00 p.m.	COW Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	December 17, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Holmdel High School
Wednesday	January 7, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Organization Meeting	Holmdel High School

Immediately preceding each Regular Business Meeting, the Board will have an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, to discuss matters exempt from public discussion by law including, but not limited to student matters, contract matters, personnel matters, negotiations and/or litigation.

Unforeseen circumstances may force the rescheduling of these meetings. In such case, notice will be given as provided in the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Board will continue to permit the public to view its meetings remotely. Details for how to view the meetings remotely will be posted on the District website at [www.holmdelschools.org](http://www.holmdelschools.org).

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

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DISCUSSION: There was a brief discussion on conflicts with the January 29, 2025 Board Meeting, however, following the discussion, the Board of Education decided to keep the meeting schedule as presented.

MOTION: Mrs. Tuccillo SECOND: Mrs. LoPresti VOTE: 9-0

M. Old Business - None

N. New Business

Dr. Collur referenced the Executive Session procedures and public comment time limits. Mrs. Tuccillo referenced Board Leadership and Committee formation and feels that several Board Members may have been sidelined last year. Mr. DiMare shared that he is prepared to reach out to each Board Member regarding committee preferences.

O. Questions or Comments from the Public

Mr. Ralph Purcell congratulated Mr. DiMare and Mrs. LoPresti and shared his appreciation for the entire Board and what they are doing for the children and the schools.

P. Executive Session (if required)

Mr. DiMare called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to attorney/client privilege. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mrs. LoPresti seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:53 p.m., the Board reconvened in Public Session to formally adjourn the meeting.

Q. Adjournment

Board President DiMare called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mrs. LoPresti seconded and by a unanimous voice vote and show of hands, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Donnelly  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary