



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL  
JULY 24, 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, July 24, 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: Mrs. Tuccillo (at 6:03 p.m.) and Mrs. LoPresti. Messrs: Wall, DiMare, Buckley, Mann and Libecchi. Absent: Dr. Collur and Mr. Reddy. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Jessica L. DeWysockie, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant 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;

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**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

**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: Mr. DiMare VOTE: 7-0  
Absent: Mr. Reddy and Dr. Collur

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

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

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

At 7:03 p.m., the meeting returned to public session.

F. Call to Order

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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.

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H. Flag Salute

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

J. Action Items - None

K. BOE Liaison Reports - None

L. Board Sub Committee Reports - None

M. Old Business

1. Board Retreat

- Goal Setting Parameters
  - Dr. Cascone stated that draft goals will be discussed at the Administrative roundtable next week and then shared with the Board for review and discussion.
  - Mr. Wall commented on Goal Setting – August COW public conversation about Board goals with the possibility of an actual Board Retreat.
- Public Relations (Community Relations) – Dr. Cascone/Mr. Libecci
  - Dr. Cascone made connections with (3) firms to utilize
  - Mr. Libecci discussed the companies and how the Board would like to vet the public relations services/companies (possible January 1<sup>st</sup> start date)
  - Mrs. Tuccillo provided a comment regarding methods of communication.
  - Mr. DiMare provided a comment regarding an FAQ page on the district website.

N. New Business

1. Review of Agenda Action Items for July 31, 2024 Public Meeting

2. Central Office Department Updates

The Administrators provided the applicable updates for the departments.

- Mr. Wall asked about the possibility of providing tutoring programs, as we've done in the past, so parents do not have to pay for private tutoring. Dr. Cascone and Mrs. DeWysockie responded that last year was the final year of the grant-funded program and all funds need to be expended by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Tuccillo posed questions regarding waivers
- Mr. Wall provided update on behalf of Mr. Casale.

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- Dr. Cascone referenced the RFP appointments listed on the agenda and there was a brief discussion amongst the Board regarding these items.

Mr. Wall referenced naming of facilities/fields and requested that any Board Members interested in forming a Committee for this to let him know.

3. Cell Phone Policy Discussion

- Mr. Wall provided initiated the discussion regarding cell phone usage during the school day.
- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the district's current rules on cell phone use and enforcing rules. He also mentioned that Satz and the High School are currently in the process of revising the Code of Conduct which will be available for review at the August meeting.
- Mr. DiMare commented on the Virginia ban and importance of having a K-12 cell phone ban.
- Mrs. LoPresti commented on the importance of consistency in communication and enforcement district-wide.
- Mr. Libecchi inquired about data on HIB cases with cell phone involvement and what percentage of those involved electronics. Dr. Cascone and Mr. Howard responded accordingly.
- There was additional discussion amongst the Board members regarding cell phone usage.

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. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mr. Libecchi seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Jessica L. DeWysockie  
Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary