



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 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, 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:

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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.

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

At 6:04 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

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

At 7:00 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

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L. Board Sub Committee Reports

- Mr. Libecci provided an update on the Public Relations Committee and shared that they are working towards selecting a public relations consultant to work with the district and have one more interview to conduct. Mr. Reddy asked about the status of the former firm and existing Schedule B position(s) currently handling social media for the district. Dr. Cascone shared that the public relations firm selected will provide a comprehensive menu of services and will work with leadership and the board and any individuals we currently have, including Schedule B's, serving in those roles.

M. Old Business

- Board President Wall stated at prior meetings, there was discussion regarding sponsorship and/or naming of facilities/fields/classrooms and advised this will be a committee topic and noted the following Committee members; Mr. Wall, Mrs. Tuccillo, Mr. Libecci and Mr. Buckley. Mr. DiMare had additional comments and suggested considering Holmdel history or achievements rather than a particular individual's name. Mr. Reddy made follow up comments and asked the Committee to remember that once it's named it cannot be un-named. He suggested naming the 'booth' at Roggy Field after Mr. Baronowsky (the Voice of the Shore). Dr. Collur agreed with Mr. Reddy's sentiment and Mr. Libecci commented that he would like to explore other revenue avenues with sponsorship opportunities.
- Mr. DiMare stated that the Holmdel hornet mascot costumes is from the 70's and he would like to form a committee to modernize the costume. Mr. Libecci shared that it seems that different teams have a different version of the hornet and it should be standardized across the district.
- There was a discussion among the Board members regarding the Committee of the Whole format and the pros and cons of the format.
- Mrs. Tuccillo referenced her previous suggestion to use PowerSchool for parents to opt in/out of the new pieces of the health education curriculum so every parent will see it. Dr. Cascone responded accordingly and shared that he has approached PowerSchool about this feature, however, they have been unable to implement a solution.

N. New Business

1. 2024-2025 Draft District Goals

Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the process/goals. The Board provided feedback and recommendations/follow-up for #3.

There was a follow up discussion among the Board regarding the current meeting format and other possible avenues (YouTube, Facebook, etc.) to get more parents/community members involved and participation/attendance at Board Meetings. Board Attorney Mr. Trent made follow up comments regarding pros and cons of other Board of Education meeting formats.

2. Review of Agenda Action Items for August 28, 2024 Public Meeting

Dr. Cascone provided an overview of the Agenda and asked if there were any questions. Dr. Cascone provided additional information regarding the new Schedule B's (Resolution #26).

3. Central Office Department Updates

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Administration provided an overview of the updates.

Dr. Cascone publicly thanked Mr. Howard for taking the initiative and becoming a master trainer with his recent participation in NJPSA's Master Bullying Specialist program. Mr. Howard gave a brief overview of the program.

Dr. Cascone also thanked Dr. Lamoglia and Mr. Papalia for attending training in Maryland and becoming master trainers in Behavior Threat Assessment protocols and now the County Team is trying to get them to plug in with them.

Mr. Wall recommended the following; Phoenix Advisors review the Township PILOT programs/analysis and Colliers Engineers review the Hazardous Street Survey (as it relates to Courtesy bussing) in advance of the upcoming budget season as this will impact the 2025/2026 budget.

Mrs. Tuccillo inquired if HIB incidents could include what type of 'electronic' bullying is going on, whether it be Cultural or LGBTQ, etc.

Dr. Collur inquired about cell phone restriction discussion from the last meeting and Dr. Cascone responded accordingly.

Mr. Reddy referenced the August 1st Guidance Department meeting and shared there were over 75 families in attendance and stated that it was a very successful day.

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. Reddy seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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