



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 18, 2023 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Holmdel Township Public Schools is to provide a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement. In partnership with our community, the School District will support all of our students' efforts to meet and exceed the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and to become responsible and resourceful citizens and lifelong learners.

A. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Holmdel High School, 36 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Reddy, 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: Briamonte, Tuccillo and Zhang. Messrs: Reddy, Wall, Buckley, DiMare and Mann. Absent: Dr. Collur. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Ms. Katherine Gilfillan, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Anugna Parvateneni and Mr. Jack Powers were absent.

D. Resolution for Executive Session – N/A

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

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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.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session – N/A

F. Call to Order – N/A

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. Roll Call/Flag Salute

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I. Questions or Comments from the Public - None

J. Old Business

- Mrs. Tuccillo stated she would like to discuss scheduling at the Complex and the rotating schedule. She referenced issues she is experiencing with the drop schedule and requested we review this matter. Dr. Cascone stated they will review this matter for future discussion and Mr. Reddy made follow up comments.
- Mrs. Briamonte stated that before the previous meeting she asked questions and would like to know if they were answered at the meeting. Dr. Irwin advised they were addressed and shared that she received DFG (District Factor Group) Score information and included a memo in each Board Member's packet this evening.

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K. New Business

- Review of Agenda Action Items for October 25, 2023 Public Meeting
 - Dr. Cascone highlighted the student recognition and HIB self-assessment presentations scheduled for the October 25th Board Meeting and Village School PSA's non-monetary donation of \$65,399 for 12 Promethean Interactive Boards.
- Central Office Department Updates
 - Administration provided the applicable department updates.
 - Mrs. Briamonte referenced the Naviance program and shared that it is a valuable tool and inquired about whether or not we have introduced the software to the Middle School grades. Dr. Cascone advised that only our High School students are currently utilizing the program and shared that he will be discussing expanding its usage with Ms. Rizzitello.
 - Mr. DiMare referenced the StopIt software and Mr. Howard provided an overview of the StopIt and LifeLines: Suicide Prevention Programs.
 - Mrs. Zhang referenced October being Mental Health month and had follow up questions. Mr. Howard and Dr. Cascone responded accordingly.
 - Mr. Wall made follow up comments regarding the '988' crisis hotline number and referenced current events. Mr. Howard shared that parents are welcome to reach out to his office or any of the guidance counselors if they have concerns.
 - Mr. Reddy and Mrs. Tuccillo asked for additional information for Schedule B appointments.
 - Mr. Wall requested, for the 2024/2025 Budget, to analyze what the Tax Levy would be if we received the PILOT funding.
 - Mr. DiMare asked for an update regarding Transportation costs and Mr. Petrizzo responded accordingly.
- Waivers
 - Dr. Irwin provided an overview of this topic and reviewed the information provided. Ms. Lotter (Supervisor of Math and Business) and Dr. Arciero (Supervisor of Humanities) reviewed the information provided.
- AI
 - Dr. Irwin provided an overview of this topic and reviewed the information provided.
- 12th Grade Exit Survey Responses
 - Dr. Cascone provided an overview of this topic and Dr. Kukoda reviewed the information provided

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L. Executive Session (if required) - None

Mr. Reddy referenced the Football team and Friday's Homecoming Game, Boys and Girls Soccer Teams and the High School Open House. Mrs. Tuccillo also commented on the Open House. Dr. Cascone shared that the ribbon cutting for the Indian Hill School new music room will be during HFEE's next Trustee's meeting and he will keep the Board posted on the date and time.

M. Adjournment

Board President Reddy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tuccillo motioned, Mrs. Briamonte seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary