



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
JULY 19, 2023 5:45 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, July 19, 2023 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 Vice 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 and Collur. Messrs: Wall, Buckley, DiMare and Mann. Absent: Mr. Reddy, Mrs. Tuccillo and Mrs. Zhang. Also present, Dr. J. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney. Student Representatives to the Board, Ms. Anugna Parvateneni and Mr. Jack Powers 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: Dr. Collur SECOND: Mr. DiMare Vote: 6-0
Absent: Mr. Reddy, Mrs. Zhang and Mrs. Tuccillo

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting moved to Executive Session.

E. Motion to Return to Public Session

Resolved: That the Board of Education returns to public session.

MOTION: Mr. Buckley SECOND: Mr. Mann Vote: 7-0
Absent: Mr. Reddy and Mrs. Tuccillo

Show of Hands to Accept – All Approved

At 7:04 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. Roll Call/Flag Salute

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I. Old Business

1. Advanced Placement Exam Reimbursement

- Dr. Cascone provided an overview of this topic and Dr. Irwin reviewed the information she provided regarding this matter.

2. Grading Committee Update

- Dr. Irwin provided an update regarding this topic.

J. New Business

1. Policies

- Two (2) policies are on the July 26, 2023 Agenda for first reading (Resolution #7)
 1. P8505 Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and other Foods
 2. P5200 Attendance

Mrs. Lamoglia reviewed the applicable changes to these policies.

2. Review of Agenda Action Items for July 26, 2023 Public Meeting

- Dr. Cascone, Mrs. Lamoglia and Mr. Petrizzo reviewed the draft agenda accordingly.

3. Central Office Department Updates

- Administration provided the applicable department updates.

K. Questions or Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Varma, parent, referenced the discussion on the weighting system for Advanced Placement and Honors courses. Dr. Cascone advised that the comments regarding this evening's proposed grading system changes would be discussed further and a final recommendation will be reported out in August. Mrs. Varma then inquired regarding the reasons/rationale for possibly changing the grading system and Dr. Irwin responded that the recommendation was the result of discussion with the grading committee to distinguish between AP and Honors courses.
- Mrs. Mathur, parent, made comments regarding the grading system discussion and stated that she would like to know more about the reasons for the proposed changes and shared that she

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likes the way it is right now. She feels that, right now, there is a distinction between AP and Honors courses and doesn't feel the change will incentivize students to take Honors courses. She also stated that the change will affect the National Honor Society. Dr. Cascone made follow-up comments regarding the proposed changes and thanked everyone for their patience in waiting to speak this evening.

- Mr. Libecchi, parent, thanked the Board and Administration for all of their transparency and their time and the details they provided. He recommended that the Board consider allowing comments from the public at the beginning of the meeting so individuals wanting to speak don't have to wait until the end of the meeting.

L. Executive Session (if required) - None

M. Adjournment

Board Vice President Wall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Collur motioned, Mr. DiMare seconded and by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary