



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 21, 2023 @ 5:00PM

Location: High School Media Center

Welcome and Norms

Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval

- 1. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel**
All in NJ; majority of paid travel is for the conference for speech language pathologists.
- 2. Approval of Student Trips**
All trips are in NJ; all trips are for Satz/HHS.
- 3. Approval of Student Teacher/Clinical Practice/Observations/Field Experiences**
2 new student teachers; 1 for HS PE, 1 for Indian Hill (all subjects)
- 4. Approval of Appointment, Before and After School, Supplemental Student Support, 2022/2023 School Year**
These are teachers who support students 1:1 as "learning coaches." Learning coaches are assigned individually to students as part of IRS plans. Paid for via Title I; revised to not to exceed 10 hours each. This led to larger discussion about intervention services and making information more explicit to parents.
- 5. Approval of District Summer Programs, 2023/2024 School Year**
ARP ESSR funds must be used by September 2025; we are scaling back the program to reserve funds to run for next summer if needed. After that, funds for summer programs would need to come from the local budget. Communication has been sent to families for criteria. Performing arts camps will run for a minimal fee (\$100). Brochure on website. HS/algebra reinforcement for students who need support on passing required standardized tests (NJGPA, NJSLA 9). This led to larger discussion about Algebra I/8th grade math and the challenges associated with placement criteria and waivers.
- 6. Approval of Discarding Textbooks at Indian Hill School**
Reviewed protocol for disposing books (per NJDOE).
- 7. Approval of Teacher Recognition - Participation in the National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP)**
Teacher to participate in an internship program for school principal certification.
- 8. Approval of Policy #5112 ENTRANCE AGE. - Entrance Age - Second & Final Read**
1st grade entrance age extended to 6 by December 31 if students have participated in an accredited kindergarten program.
- 9. Approval and Submission of the School Climate Change Pilot Grant Award/Application 2022-2023**
Grant awarded in the amount of \$6660. \$6000 must be spent on PD for teachers. PD is synchronous and approximately 2 hours per month from April-June. Remaining money for butterfly gardens. Grant is aimed at Village teachers. We also discussed the climate change mandates that are cross-curricular.
- 10. Approval of Supplemental Pay for Teachers Grading Placement Exams (Beyond Contractual Time)**
Teachers to support scoring writing assessments as "second scorer."



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Special Services

1. **Approval of Home/Hospital Instruction** Approval of Home Instruction for 5 students
2. **Approval of Student Placement** - Out of District placement for a student in a less restrictive public school program.
3. **Approval of Independent Evaluation Providers** Approval of two contract service providers to complete independent evaluations.
4. **Approval of Related Service Provider** Addition of related services that will be provided to a student that is out of district.
5. **Approval of The Arc of New Jersey Service Agreement** A contract (at no cost to the district) to receive transition services from the ARC - They will offer a resource day and an overview of DDD services to our families of students that are in our STARS program.
6. **Approval of Additional Location (s) for 2022-2023 Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Structured Learning Experience (SLE)** Additional local placements for community exploration.

New Business:

- **Seal of Biliteracy:** Seal of biliteracy awarded to 25 juniors and 25 seniors in 7 different languages. Nationally recognized seal which will appear on students' HS diploma.
- **Discarded Textbooks/Library Books Procedure:** Correspondence from NJDOE about required textbook procedures.
- **Job Description for Licensed Clinician Therapist:** The district is transitioning services from Rutgers School Based to in-house clinical practitioners. This job description encompasses the role and responsibility.

Old Business:

Health Final Numbers

We reviewed the list of numbers for opt in and opt out; including percentages for only those who responded and percentages including those who did not respond and are defaulted either in or out of programs. Board Member DiMare, with support of Board Member Buckley, expressed concerns with the health curriculum and HiTops; Chairperson Tucillo and Board Member Zhang shared counter positions, emphasizing parental choice. Rationale for using an outside vendor was conveyed. We hope to bring everything "in house" next year - our teachers were not prepared to cover these topics this year as there was little work done with the health curriculum and relevant training prior to the current administration.

The following old business items are to wrap up discussions regarding items previously raised by the committee. Please review these items on your own as there may not be time to discuss, given truncated meeting time.

Items for April

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023