

HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HARRINGTON PARK, NEW JERSEY

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

Work Session and Executive/Closed Session

5:00 p.m.

Public Meeting - Regular Public Meeting

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Tsampicos Perides, President

Laura Tebo, Vice President

Brenda Cho, Trustee

Eric Fishbein, Trustee

Stephen Hahm, Trustee

Dr. Adam D. Fried, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Mr. Bryan Jursca, Business Administrator

Executive Closed Meeting - First and Third Thursday of Each Month at 5:00 p.m.

Work Session - First Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Public Meeting - Third Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Next Work Session Meeting: **April 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Perides called the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Dr. Fried led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Virtual Meeting	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival/departure
Tsampicos Perides, President	x		
Laura Tebo, Vice President	x		
Brenda Cho, Trustee	x		
Eric Fishbein, Trustee	x		
Stephen Hahm, Trustee	x		

Also Present: Dr. Adam Fried, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Mr. Bryan Jursca, Business Administrator

Public

**OPEN PUBLIC PORTION MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Harrington Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting, which includes the date, time and place thereof posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building, and the Board of Education bulletin board, published in The Record and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Harrington Park.

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>
<b>Thursday, April 22, 2021</b>			
Work Session and Executive/Closed Session	5:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	Discussion
Regular Public Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	Discussion

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT:**

- President Perides thanked everyone including administration, teachers, and parents for keeping things going throughout the school year and noted it hasn’t been easy but we are doing great.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S STATEMENT:**

- E-Sports Program:
  - This is the first year of the program - very successful in the sense of bringing students together during this difficult time. He is very proud of all involved in the program.
- Project Pride:
  - Norwood Food Pantry is the current project and any community help and or donations would be appreciated.
- Recreation Program:
  - Our thanks to Lara Toomin for all her hard work she has put into our spring programs and for making this happen.
- Website update:
  - Dr. Fried noted there are issues in getting the new site built and we are working on getting it right.
- Summer Program Catalog:
  - The catalog for the summer programs will be released in the upcoming weeks.
- COVID:
  - There will be community/parent meetings set up with administration to discuss current COVID situation

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** (none)

**PRESENTATION:** (none)

**OTHER:** (none)

**PUBLIC BE HEARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

During each regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited regarding subjects on this agenda. The second opportunity occurs just prior to adjournment, when citizens may address general questions and comments to the Board,

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the presiding officer.

All cell phones must be turned off or be in vibrating or silent ring mode, Persons should leave the meeting room before answering their cell phones.

All comments and questions must be addressed to the Board President or the presiding officer, and shall be limited to school-related issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to sit down.

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Trustee Cho to open the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

Questions or Comments: (none)

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Trustee Cho to close the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

02/11/21      Work Session      Executive/Closed Session      Regular Public Session

Motion by Trustee President Perides, seconded by Trustee Cho to approve the Minutes of 02/11/21 as listed above.

**ROLL CALL:    5-YES    0-NO    0-ABSENT    Motion approved**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Laura Tebo, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Administrative Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

**A-1    APPROVE STRINGS PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lisa Woods as Strings Program Coordinator to be paid at the hourly rate of \$38.00 from November, 2020 to the end of the 2020-21 school year verified by submitted approved timesheets to the Business Administrator.

**A-2    APPROVE SUMMER ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE SUMMER OF 2021**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Summer Administrator Position and Job Description for the summer of 2021.

**A-3    APPROVE NORTH JERSEY HEALTH AND WELLNESS TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve North Jersey Health and Wellness to provide psychiatric clearances and evaluations at the following rates for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, pending required paperwork approval:

Psychiatric Clearances - \$250.00 per hour  
Psychiatric Evaluations - \$550.00 per hour

**A-4    APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF BOARD SECRETARY CONTRACT FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the issuance of the Board Secretary contract to Dr. Adam Fried in the amount of \$35,875 for the 2020-21 school year.

**A-5    APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers to the substitute teacher list for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:

Sage DelCioppio  
Emily Pasi

A-6 APPROVE DONATION FROM NETFLIX

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the donation of 10 used Clarus Glass Boards in various sizes donated by Netflix at an estimated value of \$10,000.

Motion by Trustee Vice President Tebo, ,seconded by Trustee Fishbein to approve resolutions A-1 through A-6.

**ROLL CALL: 5-YES 0-NO 0-ABSENT Motion approved**

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Discussion: Mr. Jurca discussed the Preliminary Budget and thanked the Board, Finance Committee and Administration for their input and assistance.

**III. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Eric Fishbein, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the finance and Audit Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

FA-7 APPROVE PRELIMINARY 2021-22 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrington Park Board of Education approve the Preliminary 2021-22 Budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	14,119,869	12,806,849
Total Special Revenue Fund	129,328	-0-
Total Debt Service Fund	292,433	193,006
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14,541,630</b>	<b>12,999,855</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the filing of the Preliminary Budget by the School Business Administrator with the Bergen County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

FA-8 APPROVE THE MAXIMUM TRAVEL ALLOTMENT AMOUNT IN THE 2021-22 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the maximum travel allotment amount in the 2020-21 school year is \$10,000.00 and expenses as of March 01, 2021 were \$600.00:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve that the maximum travel allotment amount in the 2021-22 Budget be \$10,000.00 and all travel reimbursements be made in accordance with district policy and state guidelines.

**FA-9 APPROVE BILLS LIST**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of expenditures in the amount of \$165,978.46 dated 03/18/21 as based upon the computer listing dated 03/18/21 and, the payroll of \$365,791.78 dated 03/15/21, all of which are on file in the office of the Board of Education.

*In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), C 3, and C 4:*

Approval that all bills as examined, audited and certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and presented to the Board of Education shall, if found to be correct, be ordered paid by the Board of Education. Any exceptions noticed tonight, on the record, will be reexamined by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the appropriate committee chairperson and if found to be correct, be ordered paid by the Board of Education. Prior to payment, the inquiring board trustee will be duly notified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in reference to satisfaction of the submitted concern.

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Vice President Tebo, to approve resolutions FA-7 through FA-9.

**ROLL CALL:      5-YES      0-NO      0-ABSENT      Motion approved**

**IV. HOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE Tsampicos Perides, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the House & Grounds Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

**HG-10 APPROVE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES TO NV SUMMER CAMP**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities for NV Summer Camp from 06/28/21-08/06/21 at a cost of \$16,236.00 as follows:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility</u>
06/28/21-08/06/21	Summer Camp	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Large Gym, Classrooms, Softball Fields, and Main Field - Usage subject to State Regulations and CDC Guidelines.

**HG-11 APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES TO CAMP INNOVATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities to Camp Innovation - Summer Camp with a donation of Apple iPads in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be made to the school district as follows:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility</u>
06/28/21 - 07/23/21	Summer Camp	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	APR, Classrooms, Library, Field, Misc. Space - Usage subject to State Regulations and CDC Guidelines.



## **PUBLIC BE HEARD - ALL SCHOOL RELATED ISSUES**

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Vice President Tebo to open the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

### **Questions or Comments:**

*Councilwoman Joon Chung, Borough of Harrington Park*

1. Councilwoman Chung noted the incredible effort by the district having our schools open every day. Her talks with other towns indicated this is not the case and HP is doing great things.
2. Project Pride: This is the 15th year of the program and it has been a joy to continue to watch it grow
3. Councilwoman Chung noted how grateful she is for the Harrington Park community for diversity and inclusiveness during this difficult time for Asian Americans and the anti-Asian rhetoric.

*Jennifer Pappachriston, 66 Rugen Drive, Harrington Park*

1. Many districts have announced plans to increase in-person school time and she is concerned about her child and when we will return to full days.

*Larry Rossi, 107 Klein Street, Harrington Park*

1. Survey Question: Mr. Rossi indicated spacing is being reduced from 6 ft. to 3 ft. by the CDC. He asked if we will be making these changes in our school.
2. Asked if we are waiting for the State to allow for the changes.
3. Staff vaccinations: Asked how is the district handling staff vaccinations

*Jennifer Fischer, 111 South Colonial, Harrington Park*

1. Ms. Fischer noted that parents just want to know what the plan is moving forward and would like to try to get more time if possible.

*Barbara Perez, 94 Hackensack Avenue, Harrington Park*

1. Ms. Perez indicated children are struggling emotionally not being in school and wanted to know what the plan is, as Ms. Fischer stated, with open communication provided.

*Vice President Tebo, Board Member*

1. Vice President Tebo responded to everyone that we all feel your pain and want what is best for our children.
2. She noted there is a sense of urgency and stated that there are rules that must be followed and we are working every day to get back to "normal".

*Brianna Schryver, 89 Highland Avenue, Harrington Park*

1. Ms. Schryver is a Tenafly teacher and noted this week started an increase to 20 students from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. She noted this can be done safely.

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Trustee Cho to close the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Vice President Tebo, seconded by Trustee Cho to adjourn from the Public Session meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

*Dr. Adam Fried*

**Dr. Adam Fried  
Superintendent/Board Secretary**