

HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
HARRINGTON PARK, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, September 09, 2021

In Person Meeting - Location: Community Church/Founders Hall

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

Brenda Cho

Stephen Hahm

Matthew Lehmann

Peter Toomin

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: **September 23, 2021**

Board of Education - Community Church - Founders Hall

CALL TO ORDER:

President Perides called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Dr. Fried led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

| Meeting | PRESENT | ABSENT | Time of arrival/departure |
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| Tsampicos Perides, President | x | | |
| Brenda Cho | x | | |
| Stephen Hahm | | x | |
| Matthew Lehmann | x | | |
| Peter Toomin | 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:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time:</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| September 23, 2021 | | | |
| Work Session and Executive/Closed Session | 5:00 p.m. | BOE Conference Room | Discussion |
| Regular Public Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | Founders Hall | Discussion |

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT:

- President Perides welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S STATEMENT:

- Dr. Fried welcomed back everyone
 - Excited for the start of another school year and mentioned how amazing it was to see how many students ride bikes to school - currently looking at a skateboard rack as well.
- Tonight is a special night as we have the privilege to honor Dianne Smith who left the Board last year. We thank her for her many years of service on the Board and for the incredible things she did for the children of HP.
- Former board member, John Schettino, came to support Ms. Smith noting that our school/community is a special place and the Board has always put our students first and it shows.
- Trustee Brenda Cho also gave a statement thanking Ms. Smith for her service.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: none

PRESENTATION: Plaque presentation to Ms. Dianne Smith, thanking her for her years of service and dedication serving on the Board of Education.

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 President Perides, seconded by Trustee Cho to open the meeting to the public.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Questions or Comments: none

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (none)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE , Chairperson

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

A-1 APPROVE CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Co-Curricular Assignment and issuance of contract listed below:

Webmaster: Sara Howell - \$3,120.15

A-2 APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT AND ISSUANCE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTACT PERSON SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the reappointment and issuance of substitute teacher contact person service agreement to Lisa Kowalski in the amount of \$5,040.97 for the 2021-22 school year.

A-3 APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT TO ALLISON O'BRIEN, PART-TIME K-1 VIRTUAL TEACHER, FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment and issuance of contract to Allison O'Brien as a part-time K-1 Virtual Teacher at the per diem rate of \$307.95, with no benefits or sick days, for the 2021-22 school year starting 09/10/21 pending paperwork approval.

A-4 APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT TO KAITLYN WILSON, INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE, FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment and issuance of contract to Kaitlyn Wilson as a 1.0 FTE Non-Certified Instructional Aide for the 2021-22 school year (\$17.66 per hour/\$25,253.80) starting 09/02/21 pending paperwork approval.

A-5 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF AMY GRIFFIN AS LUNCHROOM AIDE FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Amy Griffen as a lunchroom aide at the daily pay rate of \$31.31 per lunch session of 11:45 a.m. - 1:35 p.m. Monday - Friday for the 2021-22 school year pending required paperwork approval.

A-6 APPROVE HSA ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the HSA Enrichment Programs for the Fall of 2021.

A-7 APPROVE WEST BERGEN MENTAL HEALTHCARE CONTRACT FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the West Bergen Mental Healthcare contract for the 2021-22 school year.

A-8 APPROVE CURRICULUM GUIDES AND REVISION/UPDATE SCHEDULE FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Curriculum Guides and Revision/Update Schedule for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Trustee Cho, seconded by President Perides to approve resolutions A-1 through A-5

ROLL CALL: 4-YES 0-NO 1-ABSENT Motion approved

III. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE , Chairperson

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

FA-9 APPROVE BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of expenditures in the amount of \$54,799.19 dated 09/09/21 as based upon the computer listing dated 09/09/21 and the payroll of \$84,597.61 dated 8/31/21, 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.

FA-10 APPROVE CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the special education tuition contract agreement with the Closter Board of Education from 09/01/21 - 06/30/22 for the following student:

Student ID: 20283706 Tuition Charge: 25,375.00

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Trustee Cho to approve resolutions FA-09 and FA-10

ROLL CALL: 4-YES 0-NO 1-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): (none)

- V. POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE **Stephen Hahm, Chairperson****
Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, The Policy and Legislation Committee recommends the following resolution(s): - (none)

OPEN TO PUBLIC - PUBLIC BE HEARD

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous

- ***Leslie Finer - 89 Norma Road, Harrington Park, NJ***
 - Ms. Finer questioned if any decision was made on Zoom access option for public meetings or a recording at the very least.

President Perides responded that we are exploring options and still in discussion
 - Ms. Finer noted that Minutes are behind on our Website.
 - Ms. Finer questioned if there are any teachings/curriculum on 9/11 with the anniversary coming up.

Dr. Fried responded that different grades handle this subject differently and appropriately given the age level, but it is not in the actual Northern Valley curriculum.
 - Ms. Finer wanted to know what ever happened with the bullet proof doors and the controversy.

Dr. Fried responded that state prosecutors tested the doors and they are functional and safe. The issue was more with the vendor and we can't comment further as the matter is currently in litigation.

- ***Larry Rossi - 107 Kline Street, Harrington Park, NJ (not in attendance - statement read by Ms. Finer):***
 - Ms. Finer read a statement on Mr. Rossi's behalf regarding use of plexiglass in schools and various studies and should not be required in the classroom.

Dr. Fried responded that this was discussed during the last BOE meeting and shields are only used during lunch when masks are not being worn. During regular classroom time there is no requirement, but they are available if a student wants to use.

- ***Scott Kolkebeck - 239 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ***
 - Mr. Kolkebeck asked where the filters are being used in the building.

Dr. Fried responded that MERV13 are used on individual units/systems throughout the building.
 - Mr Kolkebeck asked if there are any plans in place for grounds improvements/blacktop and noted that additional garbage cans are needed in back field area.

- **Cricket O'Neil - 52 First Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

- Ms. O'Neil questioned if the bullet proof doors were properly inspected for fire rating.

Dr. Fried responded that ATF/prosecutors tested the fire rating as well as bullet proof rating.

- **Kathleen Forma - 55 First Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

- Ms. Forma asked how the Board appointed Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Toomin and why is Mr. Toomin running unopposed on the ballot?

Dr. Fried responded that a FAQ was released that explained the process for filling Board vacancies and multiple communications sent advertising for candidates interested in serving on the Board.

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Trustee Cho to adjourn from Public Session at 6:57 p.m.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Dr. Adam Fried

**Dr. Adam Fried
Superintendent**