

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
February 23, 2021
7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Board President Morelli

2. Flag Salute/National Anthem

3. Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, public notices of this meeting have been given by the Business Administrator in the following manners:

- A. Posted written notice on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Building on Jan. 6, 2021.
- B. Mailed written notice to the Burlington County Times and to the Courier Post on Jan. 6, 2021.
- C. Filed written notice with the Clerk of Hainesport Township on Jan. 6, 2021.
- D. Filed written notice with the members of this body.
- E. Mailed written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charges fixed for such service.

4. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Michael Morelli, President	X		
Mary-Jean Kneringer, Vice President	X		
Jason Cardonick	X		
Bianca Cuniglio	X		
Jeffrey Duda	X		
Kristin Jakubowski	X		
Samir Patel	X		
Keith Peacock	X		
Peter Scarpati	X		

- ☒ Joseph R. Corn, Chief School Administrator
- ☒ Robert Kraft, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

5. Resolution #19-17:

Approve resolution at outset of each meeting suspending the relevant by-laws and authorizing the meeting to proceed virtually.

Roll Call on Resolution #19-17

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski		X	X			

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Samir Patel	X		X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:05pm**6. Executive Session****7. Return to Open Session****8. District Mission Statement**

Board President Morelli read the district mission statement:

The Mission of Hainesport Township School District is to provide a safe, supportive, and challenging educational environment in an atmosphere that enables each child to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially in a fiscally responsible manner.

9. PTO Report & Student Government Report

- Brian Flanders provided an update on the student government and its recent activities. He discussed the Heart to Give program where donations were collected and delivered to the township for the benefit of the homeless. He discussed the virtual cards that students have sent to patients at St Jude's Children's Hospital. Brian also noted that students are planning a scavenger hunt in the school for the spring.
- Mr. Morelli thanked Brian for the update.

10. Recognition/Presentation

- Mr. Thomas Simonet provided an update on the school store progress. The store will be kicked off in September 2021 and will be a reward-based system for positive behaviors. Store will have spirit wear, gift cards, wireless headphones, etc.
- Mr. Simonet presented the biannual Violence and Vandalism report for period 1 of the current school year. There were no issues reported in regard to violence, vandalism, weapon, substance abuse, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) (confirmed) and HIB (Alleged).

11. Public Participation (Action Items Only)

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate staff member, followed by building level administration, and then the Superintendent of Schools PRIOR to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level.

Each individual will have one opportunity to speak and be given a maximum of three minutes.

A. Motion to Open Meeting for Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education open the meeting to receive comment from the public present.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Kardonick	Mrs. Kneringer	9	0

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:15pm

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This meeting will now be open to the public, however, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, the Board requests that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since those items cannot be discussed in public.

***No public participation at this time.**

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Patel	Mr. Duda	9	0

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 7:17pm

12. Approval of Minutes

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s):

Item	Meeting Date	Type	Attach.
1.	1/26/21	Regular Meeting (Open Session)	M-1
2.	1/26/21	Regular Meeting (Closed Session)	M-2

Roll Call on Action Item #1-2:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda	X		X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel		X	X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 7:19pm

13. Superintendent's Report

Discussion Items – Mr. Joseph R. Corn, Superintendent

- o During the weekly conversation with the Burlington County health department, it was stated to Mr. Corn that things are trending in the right direction and the county has moved from an orange to yellow rating. The school district, however, is not close to having the ability to mix cohorts as the CDC is still stressing a 6-foot distance between students in every classroom. Mr. Corn is going to meet with the pandemic response committee and the restart committee in the coming week to discuss options for increasing in person learning. In addition, Mr. Corn stated that teachers are ready to begin Read Across America week and look forward to promoting reading to all students.

Action Items – Motion to approve the Superintendent's Report:

Reports

Item	Report	Attach
1.	Affirm, Reject, or Modify the monthly HIB Report	SR-1
2.	Code of Conduct	SR-2
3.	Enrollment Report	SR-3
4.	Nurse's Report for January 2021	SR-4
5.	If necessary, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of School to hire personnel to directly replace a staff vacancy occurring between Board of Education meeting dates. Employment is contingent upon criminal history review clearance and issuance of appropriate certification	
6.	School Calendar for 2021-2022	SR-5

Roll Call on Action Items #1-6:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer		X	X			
Jason Cardonick	X		X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati			X			

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:25pm**14. STUDENT SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

A. Student Services Committee Report: Kristin Jakubowski, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Student Services, Technology and Community Relations action items:

Curriculum (NJSL)

Item	Curriculum	Attach
1.	Approve 3rd Grade Media/Library Sciences & Computer Science and Design Thinking	SS-1
2.	Approve 4th Grade Media/Library Sciences & Computer Science and Design Thinking	SS-2
3.	Approve 5th Grade Media/Library Sciences & Computer Science and Design Thinking	SS-3
4.	Approve 6th Grade Media/Library Sciences & Computer Science and Design Thinking	SS-4
5.	Approve Grade K-1 Talented and Gifted	SS-5

6.	Approve Grade 4 World Language	SS-6
7.	Approve Grade 5 World Language	SS-7

Item	Description
8.	Renewal of Agreement for Physical Therapy Services with Andrea Morris of Dimensions in Pediatric Physical Therapy, LLC for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$80/hour (no cost increase).
9.	Renewal of Agreement for Our Playground Therapy Services, LLC with Michelle Critelli for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$80/hour (no cost increase).
10.	Renewal of Agreement for Balanced Child Pediatric Therapy with Samantha Compton for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$65/hour school-based services and \$120/hour for home-based services (no cost increase).

Roll Call on Action Items #1-10:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda		X	X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock			X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:28pm**15. HUMAN RESOURCES RELATIONS:**

A. Human Resources Committee Report: Jason Cardonick, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Human Resources action items:

Item	Description	Attach
1.	Approve paying Orlando Rodriguez for three unused vacation days in accordance with the current CBA.	HR-1
2.	Approve paying Mr. O'Brien for his unused vacation time upon resignation, in accordance with his contract.	FI-2

Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Item	ID#	Position	Type of Leave	Date
3.	1173	Middle School Language Arts	Retirement, with regret	6/30/2021

Roll Call on Action Items #1-3:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			
Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock	X		X			
Peter Scarpato		X	X			

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:32pm**16. FACILITIES & FINANCE RELATIONS:**

A. Finance Committee Report: Pete Scarpato, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Finance action items:

Reports

Item	Report Type	Attach
1.	Board Secretary's Report for January 2021	FI-1
2.	Treasurer's Report for January 2021	FI-2
3.	Appropriation Adjustment Journal for January 2021	FI-3
4.	Board of Education Monthly Certification of Funds for January 2021	
5.	Cash Flow Report for January 2021	FI-4
6.	Payment of bills for the month of January 2021	FI-5
7.	ETF Report for January 2021	FI-6
8.	Student Activity Account for January 2021	FI-7
9.	Cafeteria Report for January 2021	FI-8

*Ratify and Affirm

Roll Call on Action Items #1-9:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Michael Morelli			X			
Mary-Jean Kneringer			X			

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Jason Cardonick			X			
Bianca Cuniglio			X			
Jeffrey Duda			X			
Kristin Jakubowski			X			
Samir Patel			X			
Keith Peacock		X	X			
Peter Scarpati	X		X			

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:35pm**17. TECHNOLOGY:**

A. Technology Committee Report: Keith Peacock, Chair

B. Motion to approve the following Technology action items:

- No actions to approve at this time. Mr. Peacock stated that the committee has started the process of surveying stakeholders around hardware and software tools in regards to the 7 year technology plan. The surveys are being sent to school staff and administration.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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Mr. Patel	Mr. Peacock	9	0

☒ Motion Carries☐ Motion FailsTime: 7:37pm

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- Lissa Myers (2210 Creek Rd) commented that she wanted to say thank you to the board, teachers and school staff for the job they are performing during these times

B. Motion to Close Meeting from Public Comment

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education close the meeting for public comment and return to session.

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Scarpati	Mr. Patel	9	0

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 7:41pm

19. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Morelli thanked administration and staff as they continue to work in the COVID environment and commented on how great a job everyone is performing. Also, he thanked Rob O'Brien for his work as business administrator and wished him well in his new school district.

20. INFORMATION & FUTURE PLANNING ITEMS:

- None at this time

21. DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar. 10 Spring conferences with early school dismissal

22. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hainesport Township School District Board of Education desires to hold a closed Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. prevailing time, for approximately 60 minutes as follows: Item Discussion Item(s)* (Agenda to extent known) defined as excluded from requirements of Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, further it is anticipated that such discussions may be disclosed upon resolution

- ☒ Negotiations
☐ Personnel
☐ Legal
☐ Individual Privacy
☐ Security
☐ Investment/Property Acquisition
☐ Litigation

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to enter into closed session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mrs. Kneringer	Mr. Patel	9	0

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 7:45pm

Discussion Item(s)* (Agenda to extent known) defined as excluded from requirements of Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, further it is anticipated that such discussions may be disclosed upon resolution.

**Pursuant to the list of exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act 10:4-12*

***The board left the virtual meeting for public meeting session and entered a separate virtual meeting for executive session.**

23. Return to Open Session

Motion for the Hainesport Township Board of Education to return to open session:

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mrs. Jakubowski	Mr. Patel	9	0

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 8:30pm

*The board left separate virtual meeting for executive session and reentered the virtual meeting for public session.

24. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

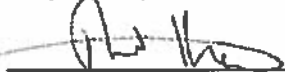
- o Mr. Morelli reconvened the meeting at 8:31pm

25. ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed
Mr. Peacock	Mr. Patel	9	0

☒ Motion Carries ☐ Motion Fails Time: 8:31pm

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kraft

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

