

Mays Landing, NJ
August 17, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND BOARD GOALS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2020**

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library

The Regular Meeting/Board Goals of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:07 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the William Davies Middle School by Eric Aiken, Board President.

**Call
To
Order**

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mrs. Nancy Barr, Ms. Margaret Erickson, Mrs. Amelia Francis, Mrs. Amy Hassa, Mr. Derek Haye, Mr. James Higbee, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Eric Aiken.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Frank Vogel, Superintendent
Mrs. Anne-Marie Fala, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Eric Aiken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Advertisement of Meeting

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Record and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library, as well as all the schools of the district. There are two opportunities to address the members of the Board. The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, is when residents may address the Board on any school-related issue. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes and you are not permitted to yield your time to another. The public comments portion of the meeting, during both sessions, will not exceed 30 minutes. Upon being recognized, persons wishing to speak should stand and identify themselves by name and address.

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Moment of silence for private reflection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs Hassa gave an update on her recent training as it related to special education and equity and noted that registration is open for this year's virtual NJSBA Workshop.

Ms. Erickson encouraged everyone to fill out the census due to impact on school funding, etc.

Mrs. Kupp thanked the administration and all who volunteered to construct and develop the district's reopening plan.

Mrs. Hassa gave a shout out to those involved with the Food Distribution Program.

Dr. Nelson had questions regarding EFMLA and school bus driver abstract.

Committees and Recommendations:

Administration Committee (Personnel and Discipline):

Chairperson: Mrs.Barr

All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion by Mrs. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Kupp, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve the District's revised Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools, as per attachment Administration – 1 .
2. To approve a Side Bar Agreement with the Hamilton Township Education Association (HTEA), as per attachment Administration – 2.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Hays, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

Instruction Committee (Curriculum and Policy):
Chairperson: Mrs. Hassa

Motion by Mrs. Hassa, seconded by Mrs. Kupp, to approve the following motions, as presented:

1. To approve Policy #1648.02 Remote Learning Options for Families on first reading, as per attachment Instruction-1.
2. To approve the revised 2020-2021 District Calendar, as per attachment Instruction-2.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson: Mr. Haye

Motion by Mr. Haye, seconded by Mrs. Barr, to approve the following motion, as presented:

1. To approve Resolution #150 to Transfer General Fund Surplus to Offset 2020-21 State Aid Reduction, as per attachment Finance-1.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Mrs. Barr, Ms. Erickson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Hassa, Mr. Haye, Mr. Higbee, Mrs. Kupp, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Aiken. (9-0-0)

Mr. Aiken informed the Board that today was the deadline for applications to be received for the Interim Superintendent position. He explained the process that will be taken.

RECESS (6:05 P.M.): The Board took a five minute recess.

TRANSITION INTO GOALS MEEETING

PRESENTATION:

Equity and Discipline Review
Given by: Terrence Somerville,
Davies School Vice Principal

2020-2021 Goals Setting: Presentation by MaryAnn Friedman, NJSBA

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Amy Gold described how emotional and taxing it is to weed through the guidance and review *The Road Back* plan. Additionally she was only able to check off three of the 16 areas on the NJEA checklist with 7 areas still in question and 6 areas of concern. She looks forward to continued open and honest conversation as she wants nothing more than to be back in the classroom as long as we can keep everyone 'safe, well, and alive'.

Marylynn Stecher asked the Board to make a decision this evening. Mr. Vogel has been advised not to add this to the agenda until next week.

Christine Miller asked for consideration of parents planning to go back to work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. Hassa to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (9-0-0)

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Anne-Marie Fala
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary