

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Education Holland Township School

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Holland Township School was held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, beginning at 7:03 PM in the Milford, NJ 08848.

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

B. **FLAG SALUTE**

C. **WELCOME**

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975); and that advance notice as required therein has been provided. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as indicated on the Agenda, at points in the meeting provided for the public to address the Board.

D. **ROLL CALL**

Davis_P__
Hackmann__
Hance_P__
McGuire_P__
Muller_P__
Somers_P__
Walker_P__
Witucki_P__

7 members present. 1 member absent.

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Thank You from HTEA**

The HTEA thanked the administration and Board for Holiday breakfast.

F. **PRESENTATION**

1. **Delaware Valley High School - Mental Health & Drug Usage Among Teens**

Adrienne Olcott, Principal – Delaware Valley Regional High School (DVRHS), and Brian Walsh, community member from Alexandria Township, introduced the Board to a planned 2020 student motivational presentation at DVRHS by former professional athlete Chris Herren. The appearance fee for this speaker is \$10,000, and donations are welcome. Board member Laurie Hance noted that professional athlete (NY Mets) Daryl Strawberry had spoken to Voorhees High School students, and given a similar motivational speech for free.

G. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Hance, seconded by Walker, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Township Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

Affirmative Vote:

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 ABSTENTIONS:

Motion carried 7-0 in voice vote.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Regular minutes of December 17, 2019 and the Executive minutes of December 17, 2019 and the Annual Re organizational Meeting minutes of January 2, 2020.

2. **Bill List**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Bill List dated **December 20, 2019** check number **N0389** in the amount of **\$301,060.28** and bill list dated **January 28, 2020** check numbers **NO390 to 09694** in the amount of **\$872,858.21**.

3. **Finance**

1) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the transfers for the month ending **December 31, 2019** as submitted by the Superintendent, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

2) To accept the Holland Township Board of Education's certification that the Superintendent, Stephanie Snyder, recommends that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the months ending **December 31, 2019** and she recommends in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(3) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's, Brian McCarthy certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d), that no line item account has been over expended as of **December 31, 2019** and that as of this date sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year

4. **Travel and Related Expenses Reimbursement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve work-related and related expenses reimbursement for the following staff members that is directly related to and within the scope of their current work responsibilities, promotes

the delivery of instruction, and is critical to the instructional needs of the School District or furthers the efficient operation of the School District, and is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent.

•Ed Pico: March 22-25, 2020, 2020 NJSBGA Conference/Expo, Atlantic City, NJ, \$200 Registration, Mileage Hotel

H. **BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT**

Board President Matthew Davis commented that the Board would continue to maintain a dialogue with Alexandria Township School pertaining to shared services, and that future liaison committees will be formed. He also commented on the tragic news of a recent suicide by a student at Voorhees High School.

I. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. **School Safety (AKA HIB) Report - Bi-Annual**

Superintendent Stephanie Snyder noted that the school had zero HIB reports Year to Date, and one suspension meeting reportable criteria.

2. **Attendance/Culture Goals Update**

The Superintendent noted that Attendance had improved, from last December year over year, to 95% from 90%.

3. **School Board Recognition Month**

The Superintendent noted that January was Board recognition month and thanked the Board for supporting her and her school initiatives.

4. **School Board Summit**

The Superintendent commented that nearby school districts were trying to arrange a "School Board Summit". The Superintendent commented that if an event like this were to happen, that our Board should have a clear idea of possible goals before participating in such a format. Board President Matthew Davis added that he was unsure of what other district were looking to achieve.

5. **Teacher/ESP of the Year.**

Superintendent noted that Shelli Deckert was voted "Teacher of the Year", and Kristen Deniz was voted "ESP of the Year" for Holland Township Schools in December.

J. **COMMENTS: PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None.

K. **EDUCATION**

Motion made by Hance, seconded by Witucki, to approve items 1 through 4.

Roll Call

Vote:Hance_Y__McGuire_Y__Muller_Y__Somers__Y__Walker_Y__Witucki_Y__Hackman____Davis_Y__

Motion carried 7-0 in unanimous roll call vote.

1. **Accept Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Report**

RESOLVED that the Holland Township Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's

Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying report for December 6, 2019 - January 17, 2020 and affirms the actions of the administration.

2. **Approve Superintendent's EVVRS BiAnnual Report and Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying BiAnnual Report**

RESOLVED that the Holland Township Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's EVVRS Bi Annual Report and Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying BiAnnual Report for September 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

3. **Approve Calendar for 2020-2021 School Year**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 school calendar.

4. **Accept Student**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education accepts Ms. Elizabeth Vocke's son into Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year tuition free per Policy 5111.

L. **PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Hance, to approve items 1 through 5.

Roll Call

Vote:Hance_Y__McGuire_Y__Muller_Y__Somers__Y__Walker_Y__Witucki_Y__
Hackmann____Davis_Y__

Motion carried 7-0 in unanimous roll call vote.

1. **Approve Substitutes**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Sarah Bobrowski: Teacher/Aide
- Jordana Keller: Teacher/Aide (Pending Criminal History)

2. **Approve Resignation**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves with regret the resignation of Chris Regan (Kindergarten Teacher) effective June 30, 2020.

3. **Approve Unpaid Days**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves unpaid days for Diane Halpin (Cafeteria Aide) beginning Monday, February 10, 2020 for up to an estimated 3 months.

4. **Approve Long Term Sub**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves Ms. Misty Ellis as a Long Term Cafeteria Aide Substitute with an hourly rate of \$11.00.

5. **Approve Student Shadowing**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves Geena Basile as a student shadow from Bloomsburg University for one day in the month of March 2020. Ms. Basile will spend her time with

Mrs. Stow.

M **POLICY**

. No action items.

N. **FINANCE AND FACILITIES**

Motion made by Somers, seconded by Witucki, to approve items 1 and 2.

Roll Call

Vote:Hance_Y_McGuire_Y_Muller_Y_Somers_Y_Walker_Y_Witucki_Y_Hackmann_Davis_Y

Motion carried 7-0 in unanimous roll call vote.

1. **Approve Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Holland Township Board of Education approves the waiver of requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program as the District has fewer than 40 students who participate.

2. **Approve, Accept, and Award Bid For Accessible Ramp Addition**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Holland Township Board of Education approve, accept, and award bid for Accessible Ramp Addition to Venus Tile and Marble LLC.

Base Bid: \$36,900.00

Alternate Bid AB-01 \$ 8,090.00

Total Contract Amount \$44,990.00

O. **SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

1. **School Funding Reform Act of 2008 Resolution**

Superintendent Stephanie Snyder discussed joining Save Our Schools (SOS) OPRA request from the State of New Jersey.

Motion by Somers, seconded by Walker, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Holland Township Board of Education approves the following resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE HOLLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO JOIN IN THE FILING OF AN OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING THE CALCULATION AND ALLOCATION OF STATE AID

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA), N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, reflects the current New Jersey law that governs State Aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (State) has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State arbitrarily determines how much State Aid to allocate to each school district, without regard to district need or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Holland Township School District is receiving substantially less State Aid than it otherwise should receive; and

WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither “equal” nor “equitable” and is without a rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the State should be transparent in how it calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, to protect the interests of its school children, each school district is entitled to obtain data and records from the State as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, the Holland Township Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of its residents, taxpayers, and school children to file an Open Public Records Act request to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education (and such other parties as may be appropriate) for data and records as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Holland Township Board of Education hereby joins in the filing of the attached Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request at no cost to the Board.

Roll Call

Vote:Hance_Y__McGuire_Y__Muller_Y__Somers__Y_Walker_Y__Witucki_Y__
Hackmann____Davis_N_

Motion carried 6-1 in roll call vote.

Suicide Prevention and Social and Emotional Learning

Board Member Tim McGuire inquired about potential action plans to combat potential

2. suicides.

Superintendent Stephanie Snyder discussed the Social and Emotional activities of school and Counselors, and other prevention resources.

Teacher Deborah Croasdale commented about planned activities at the school.

Board member Caitlin Witucki discussed additional resources.

Facility Use

Board members and the Superintendent disclosed that the Board is in the process of

3. investigating several scenarios to improve the use of our school facilities (additional small gym), while maintaining the security of our facility.

P. **COMMENTS: PUBLIC - GENERAL**

The Holland Township Board of Education welcomes input from public entities and/or private persons as described in Policy #0167. At the discretion of the presiding officer, comments may be limited to three minutes in length.

None.

Q. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would clearly in danger of unwarranted invasion; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Holland now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Confidential Matters by Law or Court Order
- Purchase Property
- Personnel Matters
- Invasion of Individual Privacy Employee or Student
- Investigation into Violations of Law
- Suspension, Civil Penalty or Loss of a License or Permit
- Disclosure would Impair District's Right to Receive Funding
- School/Public Security
- Collective Bargaining
- Pending, Ongoing or Anticipated Litigation

And be it further RESOLVED that the matters discussed in Executive Session will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.

1. **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Muller, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board of Education enter Executive Session at 8:35 to discuss Personnel Matters, School/Public Security, and Collective Bargaining.

2. **Motion to Enter Public Session**

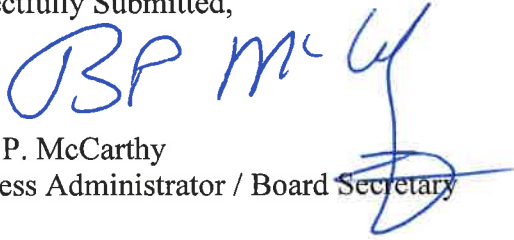
Motion made by McGuire, seconded by Walker, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board return to Open Session at 10:54 pm.

R. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made by McGuire, seconded by Walker, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 10:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian P. McCarthy
Business Administrator / Board Secretary

January 30, 2020