

**HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2020**

1. OPENING OF MEETING - 7:00 PM (*virtual meeting on google began at 7:00 pm*)

Required Notice of Open Public Meeting

Being duly posted at the following locations: High Bridge Middle School and Elementary School main offices, High Bridge Borough Hall Office; and advertised, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, in the following newspaper: Hunterdon County Democrat, this meeting will convene on Google Meet due to current restrictions for COVID-19. There will be public comments towards the end of the meeting. Please note that you can email comments directly to Cindy Sharkey: csharkey@hbschools.org. cdshelp@doe.nj.gov Please mute your microphone to reduce feedback.

Date: Monday April 6, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

No Formal action will be taken.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL by John Jennings, SBA / Board Secretary

Erin Delgado *Present*

Robert Imhoff *Present*

Mindy Manahan *Present*

Michelle Corley *Present*

James Garner *Present*

Cindy Sharkey *Present*

Karyn Gove *Present*

Additional Members Present: Dr. Gregory Hobaugh, Superintendent *Present*

John Jennings, SBA / Board Secretary *Present*

4. PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION ITEM

4.1. Superintendent's Report

4.1.1. Superintendent Update

Greg Hobaugh updated the board:

Recognized the instructional staff for their efforts during the Covid 19 crisis

Recognized the custodial staff for the job they are doing keeping the buildings clean

Recognized Nichole Cahill, school nurse for her efforts gathering and delivering free and reduced meals

Recognized Fran Daley for her efforts getting media information out to the staff

Noted the administration team meets everyday (google) at 1pm

No change was made to calendar regarding spring break

He was meeting regularly with the teachers association keeping them informed

4.1.2. Business Administrator Report

John Jennings updated the board:

Board resolution regarding pending NJ Legislation Bill A-3902

New speed bumps were installed

Budget currently being reviewed by County Office

5. REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Nicole Cahill & Lynn Gresko	03/27/2020	PPE Donations (<i>Attachment: Donations HBSD</i>)

6. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

6.1. Board President's Report

6.1.1. NJ Legislation Bill A-3902

Cindy Sharkey noted the importance of adopting the resolution opposing Bill A-3902 given how detrimental it could be to school districts. She also mentioned that many of the county meetings and training have been canceled given the Covid 19 crisis.

Robert Imhoff noted that the NJ School Boards Association has been reviewing the Bill and noted its intent was to give towns hit hard by the crisis the ability to delay payments to the school districts. He noted that towns can take out loans but school districts cannot

Robert Imhoff noted that the Governor is expected to sign an executive order that would extend the due dates for Superintendent and teacher evaluations. He also noted the NJ Delegate Assembly meeting has been postponed.

6.1.2. Resolution Opposing Bill A-3902

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the High Bridge Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the High Bridge Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 23rd Legislative District representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

7. HIB REPORTS

None to Report

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1. Student Achievement - Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Policy

8.1.1. Motion to approve revised and/or new policies and regulations: (*Attachments: Alert 219 Policies - Edited and Alert 219 Regulations - Edited*)

- 8.1.1.1. P 1581 - Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
- 8.1.1.2. R 1581 - Domestic Violence (M) (New)
- 8.1.1.3. P 2422 - Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
- 8.1.1.4. P 3421.13 - Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- 8.1.1.5. P 4421.131 - Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- 8.1.1.6. P & R 5330 - Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
- 8.1.1.7. P 7243 - Supervision of Construction (M) Revised
- 8.1.1.8. P 8210 - School Year (Revised)
- 8.1.1.9. P 8220 - School Closings (Revised)
- 8.1.1.10. P - 8462 Reporting Potentially Missing of Abused Children (M) (Revised)

Greg Hobaugh updated the Board on the policy changes above

8.2. Human Resources - Personnel, Management & Community Relations

8.2.1. Motion to approve course reimbursement for:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Danielle Weber	Finance & Facilities	Centenary	Summer 2020	\$1825.20

8.3. Educational Resources - Finance and Facilities

- 8.3.1. **Payment of Bills**
- 8.3.2. **Line Item Transfers for March 2020**
- 8.3.3. **Financial Reports**

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This period of time provides an opportunity for the public to speak on any topic related to the High Bridge Public Schools. It is the policy of the Board of Education (Policy #0164) that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to High Bridge Public Schools. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. Comments should be addressed to the Board.

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Judy LaGreca emailed Cindy Sharkey, Board President, a question regarding the potential for Chapter 78 relief. Greg Hobaugh noted that he has met with the teacher's association noting that there is pending legislation that is up for vote and will keep them informed as to this development.

10. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Board President calls for a motion at 7:33 pm Karen Gove and a second James Garner, unanimously approved, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss:

- Executive Session Minutes
- Healthcare Update

The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

11. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Board President calls for a motion at 7:55 pm Erin Delgado and a second James Garner, unanimously approved, to reconvene public session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board President calls for a motion at 8:05 pm Erin Delgado and a second James Garner, unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectively Submitted



John Jennings
Business Administrator/Board Secretary