

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 PM

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On March 5, 2010, advance written notice was faxed to **The Suburbanite, Twin Boro News, The Record, Press Journal**, filed with the Borough Clerk, posted on the school bulletin board and forwarded to the Presidents of the Home & School Association and Teachers Association.

Please all rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Marilyn Coats-Thomas
Dr. David Hershan – *Absent*
Dr. George Kipel
Mrs. Marie Malajian
Mrs. Anna Reduce
Mr. Sutnick, Vice President
Mrs. Weintraub, President

Dr. Paul Arilotta

Anna Reduce served as Acting Board Secretary for tonight's meeting.

3. SUNSHINE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the following subject is not appropriate to be discussed in a public meeting and is within the exemptions which may be discussed and acted upon and,

WHEREAS only the following subject shall be discussed in private recess by the Board and the minutes made available to the public as soon as the reason for exemption no longer exists, it is therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED at the Public Meeting of the Borough of Haworth Board of Education on this day Thursday, March 18, 2010, pursuant to Sections 7 & 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the following subject shall be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public:

Personnel/Negotiations/Litigation.

Please be advised that the Board may be going into executive session for approximately

___ minutes. *Action may/may not be taken in public after the executive session.*

4. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC MEETING – 8:00 PM

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report on Dr. Seuss Day, storm and how we weathered it. Communication system needs to be re-evaluated.

a. Superintendent/Principal/Board Secretary

1. Enrollment **5a1.**
2. Suspensions/Detentions **5a2.**
3. Fire Drills **5a3.**

6. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Board is interested in hearing your comments. In order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to speak, we are asking that you speak once and limit your comments to three minutes. We further ask that all comments be directed to the Board. We recognize that everyone has the freedom to speak but advise you that anything said in public may have legal ramifications. There is no protection regarding statements made by the public. Please state your name before you begin.

❖ *Mrs. Groh: Addendum – are we still obliged to 4% cap? When will budget be available?*

❖ *Mrs. Weintraub: Proposed budget will be available at 3/31/10 Board of Education meeting.*

7. COMMUNICATIONS

8. AGENDA ITEMS – The Board of Education Meeting Agenda is divided by categories/committees. The Board President and Secretary will conduct a single roll-call, consent vote for each category. Any Board Member may request a separate vote for any/all items within the category or for any specific item on the agenda.

a. Finance/Budget/Facilities –

❖ *Mr. Sutnick: \$540,000 deficit. We were expecting a 5% cut, not 98% cut of state funds.*

❖ *Mrs. Weintraub: In nine years of tenure, we have never been in this position. We've asked Dr. Arilotta to start from zero budget determining what is essential, what our school cannot operate without.*

❖ *Mr. Sutnick: There are ways to go above our 4% cap, but in these trying economic times, can we ask our community to incur the added expense?*

❖ *Mrs. Weintraub explained how waiver could be used and what happens if budget fails.*

❖ *Mrs. Weintraub: All aspects of budgetary savings will be considered. Nothing is sacred.*

❖ *Mrs. Groh: Are our cuts definite? Can we appeal?*

❖ *Dr. Arilotta: Dollars & Sense/BCSA/all groups that can appeal will.*

- ❖ *Community member asked: Does the \$540,000 include the 25% increase for health benefits?*
- ❖ *Mr. Sutnick: Yes, we already had taken that into account. We had already found ways to save \$10,000. We need to come up with another \$440,000 in savings.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Groh: Which services can we share? Have you considered everything?*
- ❖ *Mr. Shinder: Doesn't the governor's budget have to go to the legislature? Will the budget reflect Governor Christie's proposal or the possibility of a better budget?*
- ❖ *Mrs. Weintraub: Until we get the funds, can't realistically plan for it.*

1. Hand/Void Check Register as of 2/28/10; the Budget Report dated 2/28/10; and Report of the Treasurer and Board Secretary's Report as of January 2010 **8a1**.

b. School Operations and Curriculum

1. School trips for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year **8b1**.
2. Substitute teachers: Samantha Mata, Jennifer Cartelli, Valerie Bobetski-Cadmus **8b2**.
3. Student teacher in Ms. Haramis' class: Tiffany Correa **8b3**.
4. NJSSNA 5th Annual School Nurse Conference – Nancy Wise, 3/19/10 & 3/20/10 (no substitute needed – weekend conference), \$238.52 **8b4**.
5. Technology Plan for the 2010-2013 school year **(to be distributed before meeting.)**
6. Stipends: Washington DC trip advisors: Lisa Maketansky and Jackie Fishbein.

c. Board Operations

1. Minutes from 2/9/10 & 2/23/10 Board of Education meetings **8c1**.
2. *Mrs. Reduce Moved*, and *Mrs. Coats-Thomas Seconded*.

The Haworth Board of Education authorizes waiver from participation in SEMI during the 2010-11 school year based on our 10/15/09 special education student count being fewer than 40 special education Medicaid-eligible students.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: All

Against:

Abstentions:

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Budget

Finance – George Kipel, Warren Sutnick: *Alert community that budget will be available online (Connect Ed, board outside).*

Facilities – David Hershan, George Kipel:

School Operations & Curriculum

Policy – Marilyn Coats-Thomas, George Kipel, Warren Sutnick:

Program & Personnel – Marie Malajian, Anna Reduce, Marilyn Coats-Thomas: *Meeting at curriculum center with Pat Raupers and Matt Spatz (Guidance). Lots of good information and willingness to share. P&P will revisit the information we received at meetings in near future.*

Board Operations

BCSBA/NJSBA – Anna Reduce:

Joint Boards – Warren Sutnick, Donna Weintraub:

Public Relations – Marilyn Coats-Thomas, Warren Sutnick, George Kipel:

Haworth Home & School Assn. – Donna Weintraub, Anna Reduce:

Fashion show 4/29/10; discussed Home and School Association meeting that P&P attended.

Northern Valley Regional H.S. – Marilyn Coats-Thomas, George Kipel:

Legislative – Warren Sutnick:

Town Council – Warren Sutnick, David Hershan:

NV Educational Foundation – George Kipel:

Negotiations – David Hershan, Warren Sutnick, George Kipel:

10. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Please be advised that each member of the public will be limited to speak for three minutes during the Open Session.

❖ *Mrs. Groh: Classroom seating – Rows vs. clusters – is there a specific benefit to clusters vs. rows?*

❖ *Dr. Arilotta: This is issue best addressed by classroom teacher.*

❖ *Mr. Shinder: When will make up the days we missed in March? Do we have to make them up?*

❖ *Dr. Arilotta: Waiting for County Superintendent to let us know. State of emergency.*

❖ *Mr. Shinder: Information from NVRHS – will it be shared?*

❖ *Dr. Arilotta: Doesn't seem to be a problem to share with public.*

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

9:15 PM. Mrs. Coats-Thomas Moved, and Mrs. Malajian Seconded. All in favor.

**HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Haworth, NJ 07641**

**Work Session – 3/18/10
Minutes**

Donna Weintraub, President
Board of Education

Paul Arilotta, Ed. D.
Superintendent/Principal/Board Secretary

ADDENDUM I

Dr. Kipel Moved, and Mrs. Malajian Seconded.

FINANCE/BUDGET/FACILITIES

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Haworth Public School tentative budget for the FY 2010-11 school year and direct the Superintendent/Board Secretary to submit to the Bergen County Executive Superintendent for review and approval:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
Total General Fund.....	\$7,337,384	\$7,311,510
Total Special Revenue Fund.....	145,910	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund.....	<u>625,372</u>	<u>559,968</u>
TOTALS	8,108,666	7,871,478

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor: *All*

Against:

Abstentions:

Certified by:

Paul Arilotta, Ed. D.
Superintendent/Principal