

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Thursday, April 30, 2020  
New Business

**EDUCATION:**

E04-04-20 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency, and ordered all schools closed for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature has revised N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 to permit the use of virtual [or remote] instruction to establish compliance with the 180 school day requirement during a public health emergency, subject to Board approval of a virtual [or remote] instruction program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the District's program of virtual [or remote] instruction to meet the 180 school day requirement, which was previously submitted to the Department of Education on March 19, 2020, and implemented since the District's closure on March 16, 2020.

**FINANCE:**

F04-10-20 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

**Opposing Delay in Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts**

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 possibly 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 Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education urges the State Senate to vote **NO** on A-3902 and the Governor to oppose and refuse to sign 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 Hasbrouck Heights Legislative District's 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.

**PERSONNEL:**

P04-06-20 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

**6th Period Stipend:**

M. Rad - \$3,500 to be prorated from 4/6/20 thru 5/30/20

P04-07-20 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2020-2021 school year:

Approve D Messery contract @ \$140,697 plus South Hackensack Shared Services Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 (on file in the board office)