

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

A virtual special meeting of the Board of Education was held remotely through the use of electronic equipment on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notices of this remote meeting to be given to the public and the press on September 11, 2020.

Said notice was posted at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building, Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education Office, Hasbrouck Heights Middle and High School, Euclid Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Hasbrouck Heights School District Website.

Notice of said meeting was published under legal notice in The Record.

Roll call was taken by Dina Messery, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Baker

Mrs. Caruso

Mrs. Cintron

Mr. DeLorenzo

Mr. Faussette

Mrs. Ferdinand

Mr. Rinke-absent

Ms. Russo-absent

Mr. Salerno

Also Present: Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery

Mr. Baker led the Board in the flag salute.

Private Session: None

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

**Mr. Baker read the following statement:**

Residents are requested to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the District are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by

the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Helfant reported the following:

1. Elementary schools will start a hybrid schedule on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>, all elementary students will attend school Monday through Friday for single session days.
2. The middle/high school will remain on a remote learning schedule through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>, all middle/high school students will be on a hybrid schedule.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by P. Caruso, seconded by A. Baker,

EDUCATION:

E09-01-21A 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:

Return to School Manual (**Attachment A**)

PERSONNEL:

P09-01-21A 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:

**Stipends:**

SAT Prep Intstructors: 10 weeks @ 4 hrs per week

J. Zukatus - \$2,000

B. Shelly - \$2,000

SAT Prep Coordinator:

V. Tsakelova - @ \$32/hr for 10 hours

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Caruso,  
Mrs. Cintron – P09-01-21A,  
Mr. Faussette, Mrs. Ferdinand, Mr. Salerno

Abstains: Mr. DeLorenzo

Nays: Mrs. Cintron – E09-01-21A

Absent: Mr. Rinke, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:-

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Dr. Helfant responded to several questions regarding the return to school plan.

Mr. Warren stated that the teachers have learned a large amount of new technology. He thanked the everyone for the upgrades – it has greatly enhanced the education for the children. He also thanked the parents for their understanding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Moved by R. Salerno, seconded by L. Cintron

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Messery  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary