

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, in the High School Auditorium, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Ferdinand.

Mrs. Ferdinand 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 meeting to be given to the public and the press on January 27, 2022.

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:**

Mrs. Caruso	Mr. Faussette-absent	Mr. Mullins
Mrs. Cintron	Mrs. Ferdinand	Ms. Russo-absent
Mr. DeLorenzo-absent	Mrs. Krommenhoek	Mrs. Terranova

Also Present: Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery, Ms. Kleen

Mrs. Ferdinand led the Board in the flag salute:

Approval of Minutes - December 16, 2021& January 6, 2022  
(On file in the business office) – moved by L. Cintron, seconded by P. Caruso

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova  
Abstains: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Minutes Approved**

Presentations:

The following students were honored and recognized:

1. Donald Mason – High School award winner for the Poetry Out Loud competition.
2. The Middle School Robotic Teams - Regional Coding Champions.
3. Irem Bozkurt – Middle School Elite Youth Music winner to perform at Carnegie Hall

The Board went into Private session @ 8:04 pm to discuss legal matters.

PS01-02-22 Whereas, in accordance with provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education wishes to meet in Private Session for the purposes of discussing matters of confidential nature relating legal matters.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education adjourn to private session for the purpose of discussing such matters, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the public be informed of these matters as soon as the need to remain confidential is no longer necessary at a future date to be determined.

The Board returned to public session @ 8:23 pm.

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

**Mrs. Ferdinand 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.

Correspondence/Report of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

None

Report of the Board President:

Mrs. Ferdinand congratulated all of the students on their wonderful accomplishments.  
Mrs. Ferdinand congratulated Mrs. Pagano and Mrs. Kammerer on their retirement.  
Mrs. Ferdinand thanked all of the parents and board members who participate in the strategic planning meetings.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Helfant congratulated and thanked all of the students for their great accomplishments.  
Dr. Helfant congratulated Mrs. Pagano and Mrs. Kammerer on their retirement in June and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Committee Reports – (On file in the business office)

The committee reports were suspended for this meeting:

Education Committee  
Special Education  
Committee Technology  
Committee Facilities  
Committee Recreation  
Committee  
Policy Committee  
Finance & Personnel Committee

Labor Relations/Negotiations Committee – None

NJ/BCSBA – None

Borough Council Liaison – None

Faculty Liaison – None

PTA Liaison – None

AWARDS:

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by L. Cintron, seconded by P. Caruso,

- E01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 – 2022 school year:
- Accept Monthly Discipline Report
- E01-02-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 – 2022 school year:
- Accept Monthly Superintendent HIB Report and approves the actions recommended by the Superintendent for the following incidents:  
(if applicable)
- 2021 – HS – 3 (one investigation)  
2021 – MS - 0  
2021 – LS - 0  
2021 – ES - 0  
Listed above are the number of investigations as of December 16, 2021
- E01-03-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:
- The monthly district calendar
- E01-04-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Approve the 2022 – 2023 School District Calendar  
**(Attachment A)**
- E01-05-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following workshops for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Funded through Title II – Account #20-270-200-320-00-01-88**  
2/14/22 – N. Rucci, D. Kroncke & A. Rogers to attend “Accelerate ELL Students’ Learning in Pre-K/Kindergarten” virtual conference @ \$777 total cost to district  
3/9/22 & 3/16/22 – K. Felicetti & A. Georgatos to attend the “Constructing Reading Comprehension” virtual conference @ \$205 total cost to district

- E01-06-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Accept Grant money from CBH Care to pay for training of staff & equipment for the teen mental health FA class for sophomore for \$3750
- E01-07-22 **WITHDRAWN**
- E01-08-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following conference for the 2021-2022 school year:
- 6/1/22 – 6/3/22 - H. Prashker – NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference to present and attend workshops @ \$244 cost to district
- E01-09-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Professional Development for the 2021-2022 school year:
- 2/22/22 – L. Leone, N. Brunetti, J. Gallucci, J.Mansfield ES – “Preparing for the Demands of the High Stakes Test Across the Country (3-8) virtual @ no cost to district
- E01-10-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Amend the 2021 – 2022 SY District Calendar (**Attachment B**)
- E01-11-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Professional Development for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Funded Through Title III Account #20-241-200-300-00-01-45**  
1/31/22 – 2/4/22 – M. Durmas to attend virtual Orton – Gillingham training @ \$1275 cost to district
- E01-12-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Professional Development for the 2021 – 2022 school year:
- M. Durmas to complete each of the certifications in order to assess incoming and current English Language Learners (ELLS) no cost to district

E01-13-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Contracted Services for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

**Funded Through Title IV**

**Account Number: 20-280-100-300-00-01-00**

Care Plus NJ - 8 Week grief support group for middle school @ \$2,000

**Account Number: 20-280-200-300-00-01-89**

Inspire Wellness – Parent Night – The Student Athlete Experience @ \$450

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by L. Krommenhoek, seconded P. Caruso,

S01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following OOD Placements for the 2021– 2022 school year:

Approve OOD Placements (**Attachment C**)

S01-02-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Special Services for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Student #5989 – home instruction – 2 hrs/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr for Physics beginning 1/3/22 – 2/3/22

Student #990046 – home instruction – 1 hr/wk plus prep for each subject @ \$40/hr for: Chemistry, Algebra II, English 10 honors, Modern US History, Italian II beginning 1/3/22 to 2/4/22

S01-03-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2022 2023 school year:

Approve ESY for July 5, 2022 – July 29, 2022

S01-04-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following OOD placement for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Student #1001474 – Leonia HS, Evergreen Program beginning 1/13/22 @ \$62,640 pro-rated

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

None

FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by K. Mullins, seconded by L. Cintron,

B01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Monthly Facilities Calendar

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolution Approved**

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by L. Terranova, seconded by P. Caruso,

R01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

District Field Trip Calendar

R01-02-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following conference for the 2021-2022 school year:

3/15/22 – 3/18/22 – M. Sculla to attend Athletic Directors Conference in Atlantic City at a cost not to exceed \$1200

R01-03-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following Fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

**WITHDRAWN – Lincoln School Fundraiser**

2/1/22 – 2/11/22 - Euclid School’s Going Green Club collection for Bergen County Animal Shelter

6/27/22 – 6/30/22 – Student Activity Basketball Team Summer League fundraiser

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**



FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by P. Caruso, seconded by L. Cintron,

F01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11-4 and upon consultation with district officials, certifies that to the best of its knowledge, no major account of funds have been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's needs.

F01-02-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the actual payroll for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$2,035,437.87 and that the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above.

F01-03-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the estimated payroll for the month of January at \$1,800,000 and that the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator are hereby authorized to sign warrants up to and including the above \$1,800,000.

F01-04-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the President of the Board and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to sign warrants for supplies and materials received and services rendered to the Hasbrouck Heights School District for the month of January.

F01-05-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year: **(Attachment D)**

<b>Bills List for the month of</b>		<b><u>November</u></b>	<b><u>December</u></b>
Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 3,180,372.41	\$3,590,073.34
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 138,624.96	\$ 170,863.73
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Enterprise	\$ 119,839.86	\$ 67,731.60
Fund 95	Student Activity	\$ 15,471.69	\$ 12,675.70
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,454,308.92</b>	<b>\$3,841,344.37</b>
Fund 10	Voided Checks	\$ 4,646.65	\$ 0.00
Fund 20	Voided Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Voided Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fund 95	Voided Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

F01-06-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approve the following reports in accordance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11 (a) and NJAC 6A:23-2. 11 (b).

Board Secretary's Report  
Cash Report  
Monthly Fund Transfer Report  
November and December 2021  
**(Attachment E)**

F01-07-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Approve the monthly line item transfers for November and December  
**(Attachment F)**

F01-08-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following purchases for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

PO #201033 – Sphero, Inc – Stem Equipment @ \$2,687.79 – Quotes received  
PO #201034 – Bookamillion, Inc – MS Libraries @ \$6,471 - Quotes received

F01-09-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following purchases for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

Approve the 2021 – 2022 ESEA Budget Amendment for Carryovers  
Approve the 2021 – 2022 IDEA Budget Amendment for Carryovers  
**(Attachment G)**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova

Abstains: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by L. Cintron, seconded by P. Caruso,

P01-01-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

**Sports Clinician**

D. Forde – basketball sports clinician @ \$2,000 to be paid out of student activities funds

P01-02-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following student teacher/practicum and/or field experience/observation placement for the 2021 – 2022 school year:

1/18/22 to 5/6/22 - Jenna Giaquinto to complete clinical practice I and from 1/22/22 – 12/30/22 clinical practice II at HS with D. Monetti

P01-03-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

**Keys Assistant:**

E. Donnelly – PM Keys Assistant @ \$16/hr

P. Kulesa – AM/PM Keys Assistant @ \$16/hr

**Keys Sub Teacher:**

A. Daly @ \$31.00

P01-04-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Home Instruction:**

V. Tsakelova – chemistry 1 hr/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 – 1/3/22 – 2/4/22

V. Tsakelova – Algebra II – 1 hr/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 - 1/3/22 – 2/4/22

V. Tsakelova – English 10 honors – 1 hr/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 -1/3/22 – 2/4/22

C. Cassidy – Modern US History – 1 hr/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 - 1/3/22 – 2/4/22

M. Balestra – Italian II – 1 hr/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 - 1/3/22 – 2/4/22

L. Bui – Physics – 2 hrs/wk plus prep @ \$40/hr – Student #990046 – 1/3/22 - 2/3/22

P01-05-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

D. Messery – Business Administrator Contract (on file in business office)

P01-06-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Leave Replacement Teacher:**

Jaime Giaquinto at LS from 2/14/22 – 6/24/22 @ \$150/day

P01-07-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Revised Job Descriptions: (Attachments H)**

Supervisor of Instruction and Programs – PreK–5

Director of Curriculum and Instruction PreK - 12

**Withdrawn – Principal Elementary**

P01-08-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Amend Resolution P12-02-21:**

C. Mizenko change to start date of 1/24/22

P01-09-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Clubs/Advisors:**

**(Attachment I)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Period Stipends:**

**(Attachment J)**

P01-10-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Leave of Absence:**

Employee #0892 – paid sick days - 1/3/22 – 1/14/22

**Amend Resolution P10-02-22:**

Employee #0115 to extend unpaid leave through 4/1/22

**Amend Resolution P11-02-22:**

Employee #0170 – paid sick leave 10/20/21 – 11/30/21, unpaid FMLA 12/1/21 – 3/4/22, unpaid leave 3/5/22 – 3/31/22

P01-11-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Extra Pay:**

Rita Perdomo – School Nurse -7 hrs @ \$32/hr

K. Kane – School Nurse - 11.5 hrs @ \$32/hr

M. Neuman – School Nurse – 28.5 hrs @ \$32/hr

C. Lange – Security for Senior Luncheon for 3 hrs @ \$43.45

P. Varghese – extra help for 2 days a week after school not to exceed 45 minutes per day @ \$37/hr beginning January 2022

T. Metz – visitor monitor hs/ms – not to exceed 9 hrs/wk for the week of 1/3/22 @ \$16/hr

D. Monetti – mentoring pay @ \$293.28

L. Giaquinto – visitor monitor hs/ms – not to exceed 9 hrs for the week of 1/31/22 @ \$16/hr

P01-12-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Resignations:**

Jaime Giaquinto as Paraprofessional as of 2/11/22

**Retirements:**

M. Pagano effective 6/30/22

R. Kammerer effective 6/30/22

P01-13-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**A provisional contract not to exceed 90 days pending receipt of all data per NJSA 18A:6-7.7. If criteria is met full contract will be offered**

**Lunch Aides:**

A. Torres – ES @ \$17.50

**Paraprofessionals:**

M. Rooney – LS @ \$24,730 pro-rated – starting 2/14/22

**Certificated:**

M. Tague – HS Social Studies Teacher @ MA+30 Step 10 - \$71,075 plus MIF \$700 plus benefits to be prorated as of TBD

P01-14-22 **WITHDRAWN**

P01-15-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Coaches:**

S. Kos – back longevity for Girls Tennis Coach from SY 13/14 thru 20/21 @ \$4,234

J. Van Dam – back longevity for Girls Basketball Coach from SY 09/10 thru 20/21 @ \$6,492

**Amend Resolution P06-02-21:**

S. Kos – add \$698 longevity for Girls Tennis Coach

J. Van Dam – add \$698 longevity Girls Basketball Coach

P01-16-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Substitutes:**

**(Attachment K)**

P01-17-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Tech Assistants @ \$13/hr:**

R. Todd  
J. Hone  
J. Douglas  
J. Bischoff

P01-18-22 Be it Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

**Extra Pay:**

1/31/22 – 2/4/22 - M. Durmas – to be paid up to 15 hours for attending Orton Gillingham training @ \$26.51/hr

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mrs. Caruso, Mrs. Cintron, Mrs. Ferdinand,  
Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Terranova  
Abstains: None  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Faussette, Ms. Russo

**Resolutions Approved**

**POLICY**

RESOLUTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS - None

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Mrs. Ferdinand read the following statement:**

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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.

Mr. Warren – congratulated Mrs. Ferdinand and Mrs. Cintron on their re-election as president and vice president. He thanked Mrs. Ferdinand for her time regarding the HHEA contract negotiations. He asked Ms. Kleen, why did the MOA between the HHEA and HHBOE have to be withdrawn?

Ms. Kleen – there were not enough non-conflicted board members present to vote on the MOA tonight. It will be on the agenda at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Vignola – if the bleacher project is going to be underway in June, where will graduation be held?

Dr. Helfant – an email will be going out tomorrow with all the specifics regarding High school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduations.

Ms. Vignola – specific board members have not attended meetings. When can the board seek to have them removed?

Mrs. Ferdinand - these are elected positions. It is not legal for us to remove a member from the board.

Mr. Mullins – I am elected by the public. It is up to the public to not vote them in.

Ms. Kleen – there are only one or two circumstances when a board can ask to have another board member removed. The Commissioner of Education is the only one who can have a board member removed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Moved by L. Krommenhoek, seconded by L. Cintron

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Messery  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary