

# Minutes of Special Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Holland Township School

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A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Holland Township School was held Thursday, May 31, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Milford, NJ 08848.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. WELCOME

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975); and that advance notice as required therein has been provided. This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Holland at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as indicated on the Agenda, at points in the meeting provided for the public to address the Board. **Please note this is not a regular board meeting.**

D. ROLL CALL

Bickhardt\_P\_\_

Curry\_P\_\_

Davis\_P\_\_

Hance\_A\_\_

Johnson\_P\_\_

Somers\_P\_\_

Witucki\_P\_\_

Brennan\_P\_\_

Scheibener\_P\_\_

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would clearly in danger of unwarranted invasion; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Holland now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

Confidential Matters by Law or Court Order

- Purchase Property
- Personnel Matters
- Invasion of Individual Privacy Employee or Student
- Investigation into Violations of Law
- Suspension, Civil Penalty or Loss of a License or Permit
- Disclosure would Impair District's Right to Receive Funding
- School/Public Security
- Collective Bargaining
- Pending, Ongoing or Anticipated Litigation

And be it further RESOLVED that the matters discussed in Executive Session will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.

**1. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Davis, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board of Education enter Executive Session at 7:01 PM to discuss Personnel Matters.

**2. Motion to Enter Public Session**

Motion made by Mr. Curry, seconded by Mr. Davis, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Holland Board return to Open Session at 8:02 PM.

**F. COMMENTS: PUBLIC - GENERAL**

The Holland Township Board of Education welcomes input from public entities and/or private persons as described in Policy #0167. At the discretion of the presiding officer, comments may be limited to three minutes in length.

Robin Nugent read the following statement:

I would like to make a statement on behalf of the HTEA...

We are remaining hopeful that the Board will hire a permanent Superintendent at this time. We want you to consider that there are important decisions that could be made by an INTERIM superintendent that will have a LASTING impact on our school. We are concerned about the many decisions that need to be made in the near future, such as scheduling changes, staffing, restructuring middle school, class sizes, and expenditures. We think it's been made clear to the board that there is a need for an eighth grade science teacher and that having four different fifth grade social studies teachers has not been ideal for the students. We also feel that fifth grade being changed to self-contained, which has been recently discussed, is a huge step backward. When subjects such as math and language arts are taught by experts in their content area it results in higher student performance. There are some decisions that need to be made NOW, that SHOULD be made by someone who will be leading our school for the long term; and there are other decisions, such as the MAC lab, that should NOT be made by an INTERIM superintendent. We know that there are qualified candidates for the position of superintendent and we are trusting you to choose the best of those candidates to lead our school in the right direction. We hope

we have made our concerns clear and genuinely appreciate your consideration in these matters.

Lisa Nolan stated that her second observation still has not occurred. Wants to know if there is a time frame that must be followed.

G. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made by Mr. Somers, seconded by Mr. Brennan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Holland Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie R. Mumaw,  
Interim SBA/BS

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