

**HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
Monday, April 12, 2021**

**1. OPENING OF MEETING - 6:30 PM**

**Required Notice of Open Public Meeting**

Being duly posted at the following locations: High Bridge Middle School and Elementary School main offices, High Bridge Borough Hall Office; and advertised, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, in the following newspaper: Hunterdon County Democrat, this meeting will convene on Google Meet due to current restrictions for COVID-19. There will be public comments towards the end of the meeting. Please note that you can email comments directly to Cindy Sharkey: [csharkey@hbschools.org](mailto:csharkey@hbschools.org). Please mute your microphone to reduce feedback.

**Date:** Monday April 12, 2021

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**No Formal action will be taken.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL** by John Jennings, SBA / Board Secretary

Erin Delgado	Robert Imhoff
Tori Thomsen	Colleen Poles
James Garner	Cindy Sharkey
Karyn Gove	

Additional Members Present: Dr. Gregory Hobough, Superintendent  
John Jennings, SBA / Board Secretary

**4. PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION ITEM**

**4.1. Superintendent’s Report**

- 4.1.1. Superintendent Update
- 4.1.2. Business Administrator Report

**5. REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Monique & John Patti	3/16/21	Reopening of School Plan <i>(Attachment: Patti Correspondence 3 16 21)</i>
Christina Bell	3/17/21	School Sessions <i>(Attachment: Bell Correspondence 3 17 21)</i>

**6. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

- 6.1. Board President’s Report
- 6.2. Resolution requesting the Governor and Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey to revise the state’s COVID-19 physical distance recommendation for public schools from six feet to three feet.

**WHEREAS**, full in-person education is essential to provide a quality education to the children of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the 6-foot physical distancing recommendation in the Department of Education's Road Back Plan prevents our school from bringing all student's back in-person full time; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study of 251 Massachusetts school districts found "no significant difference in K-12 student and staff SARS-CoV-2 case rates in Massachusetts public school districts that implemented  $\geq 3$  feet versus  $\geq 6$  feet of physical distancing between students, provided other mitigation measures, such as universal masking, are implemented."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Health Department's weekly School & Sports Data report to school superintendents continues to show little in-school transmission in Hunterdon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization both recommend permitting physical distance in schools of less than 6 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, many other states including Massachusetts, Colorado, Indiana and Ohio have allowed schools to operate with physical distance of 3 feet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the High Bridge Board of Education requests New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Commissioner of Education Angelical Allen-McMillan amend the NJDOE's COVID-19 guidance to recommend physical distance of 3 feet when universal masking is in place.

## 7. HIB REPORTS

None to report

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

### 8.1. Human Resources - Personnel, Management & Community Relations

- 8.1.1. Nate Eifler and Justin Baranek as summer custodians at \$14 per hour starting July 1, 2021.
- 8.1.2. Mike Doerwang as a summer custodian at \$14 per hour starting the last day of the contracted school year.
- 8.1.3. Jack Cahill as a summer custodian at \$14.00 per hour starting June 21, 2020, pending a criminal background check.
- 8.1.4. Kimberly Sandorff as replacement ES BSI Math Instructor for the remaining 62 hours at a rate of \$29.11 for a total of \$1,804.82 to be paid from Title I funds.
- 8.1.5. Courtney Shiffman and Jeff Thompson as co-advisors for a Drama Activities Club at a rate of \$29.11 per hour not to exceed a total of 20 hours for a total of \$582.20 to be divided equally between co-advisors, dependent on state and health department guidelines. (*Attachment: Drama Activities Proposal*)
- 8.1.6. Carl Katzenberger as Middle School Girls Softball Coach at the contractual rate of \$1,517.00.
- 8.1.7. Christian Bollin as Middle School Boys Baseball Coach at the stipend rate of \$1,264.00.
- 8.1.8. Connor Gleeson as a volunteer assistant baseball coach, pending criminal background check.

**8.1.9.** The College of New Jersey student Leah Posella to intern with Elementary School Guidance Counselor, Melissa Patane, for the fall 2021 semester. (*Attachment: Posella Guidance Intern*)

**8.2. Educational Resources - Finance and Facilities**

**8.2.1. Travel Expenditure for Workshops**

Staff/Bd Member	Workshop	Date	Registration Fee	Mileage	Total
Melissa Ozoria	NJASP Spring Conference	05/14/2021	\$155.00	N/A	\$155.00

**8.2.2.** Recycling of unserviceable technology

**8.2.3.** Payment of Bills

**8.2.4.** Line Item Transfers

**8.2.5.** Financial Reports

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This period of time provides an opportunity for the public to speak on any topic related to the High Bridge Public Schools. It is the policy of the Board of Education (Policy #0164) that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to High Bridge Public Schools. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. Comments should be addressed to the Board.

**10. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION**

**Board President calls for a motion** \_\_\_\_\_ and a second \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss:

- Negotiations
- Shared services agreement between High Bridge Board of Education and Bethlehem Township Board of Education. (Attachments:

The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

**11. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

**Board President calls for a motion** \_\_\_\_\_ and a second \_\_\_\_\_ to reconvene public session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board President calls for a motion** \_\_\_\_\_ and a second \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting.