

Board of Education Goals

- ◆ Acknowledging that the previous school year was challenging for the entire school community, and to promote the well being of our schools, the board will ensure the superintendent has the resources necessary to enhance and/or put into place at least two practices and/or programs that promote the social, mental, and emotional health of all stakeholders.
- ◆ Improve public relations/communications with all stakeholders including community members without students in the district as well as borough council. This includes exploring and reporting on shared services and the budget process.
- ◆ Maintain our status as a Certified Board through continued training with NJSBA and continue to enhance boardsmanship through professional development in areas such as finance and negotiations, along with a commitment to attendance at county, regional and state meetings and training.

The School Board has a dual role: To represent the concerns of the citizens, taxpayers and parents to the school administrators, and to represent the needs of the students and school district to the citizens, taxpayers and parents of the community. The School Board does not operate the district on a day-to-day basis; that is the job of the superintendent. Rather, the School Board sets the policies, goals and objectives for the district – and it holds the superintendent responsible for implementing the policies and achieving the goals.

ADMINISTRATION

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High Bridge School District



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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Term Expires

Cindy Sharkey, President	2023
Karyn Gove, Vice President	2022
Mia Baldwin	2024
Benjamin Bolger	2024
Erin Delgado	2023
Colleen Poles	2024
Robert Imhoff	2022

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

WORK SESSION DATES:

January 4, 2022 Reorganization
February 7, 2022
March 7, 2022
April 11, 2022
May 9, 2022 / Formal Action Will Be Taken
June 6, 2022
August 15, 2022
September 12, 2022
October 3, 2022
November 7, 2022
December 5, 2022

REGULAR MEETING DATES:

January 10, 2022
February 15, 2022
March 14, 2022 Tentative Budget Approval
April 25, 2022 Budget Public Hearing - Final Budget Approval
May 16, 2022
June 13, 2022
July 11, 2022
August 22, 2022
September 19, 2022
October 11, 2022
November 14, 2022
December 12, 2022

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. We offer a virtual option via GoogleMeets. Please see website for link.

District Mission Statement

As a dynamic school district, we believe that all students arrive at our school with strong and varied abilities. Our Board of Education continues to provide, with the support from the community, the appropriate and essential educational programs and services that are necessary for students with different learning abilities to achieve and succeed.

Our collective goals are to prepare our children to function as tomorrow's leaders in a demanding and rapidly changing world. Our school's foundation is provided through an environment which values diversity, builds self-esteem, actively engages and energizes all students, and fosters the students' natural motivation to learn.

Mission Statement:

The High Bridge School District, in partnership with parents and the community, is dedicated to providing a strong educational foundation that inspires all students to become life-long learners and responsible, productive citizens and establishes a platform for students to participate in, and serve the community.

The Board of Education is currently leading a strategic planning process together with members from the community and school district. Please contact the Business Administrator with questions or feedback about this process.

Letters to the High Bridge Board of Education may be addressed to:

Board Secretary/School Business Administrator
40 Fairview Avenue,
High Bridge, N. J. 08829

The administration is available by appointment to help you with any concerns that you might have about the day-to-day operation of the schools.

A Board of Education meeting is not an appropriate time to debate or to question the Board or administration about personnel matters. The meeting is your opportunity to observe the work of the School Board and to communicate directly with your elected officials regarding school district policies, educational matters or concerns.

Please follow and work up the Chain of Command. For instance, if a parent has a problem with a teacher, the parent should first address it with the teacher and, if the issue is not resolved, the parent should turn to the principal or supervisor, and then the Superintendent.

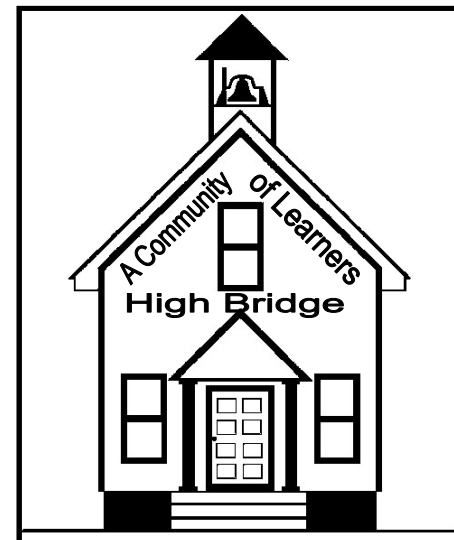
**PARENT —> TEACHER —> PRINCIPAL —>
SUPERINTENDENT —> BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The school board should be the "court of last resort." Many times citizens can get answers to their questions simply by calling the appropriate person in the school district.

Welcome to a meeting of the High Bridge School District Board of Education.

This brochure has been prepared to provide a better understanding of the actions that the Board of Education will take during a meeting. It is also intended to introduce you to the Board members and invite you to participate more fully in a Board meeting.

The Board of Education will follow an agenda previously prepared by the Superintendent. Copies are available at Board meetings as well as posted to the website at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The High Bridge School Board of Education is comprised of seven elected representatives of the High Bridge community. Board members normally serve for a three-year term of office.

The Board is charged with the responsibility of acting as the general agent of the State of New Jersey in carrying out the will of the people of this community in the matters of public education. The Board of Education establishes educational goals for the children of the district and supervises all programs designed to meet these goals.

The Board is also responsible for enforcing policy. Where state law does not provide or prohibit, the Board is responsible for establishing, maintaining and apprising the public of educational activities of the school district.

The High Bridge Board of Education meets in public to determine the educational policies of the school district. The Board of Education provides an opportunity for the public to express their views at these meetings.

Please note that your Board of Education members are local residents who are serving you by devoting many unpaid hours of their time to our school district. Board members do not have authority as individuals and can act on school matters only at a regularly scheduled and advertised Board of Education meetings.

The School District's website at <http://www.hbschools.org/> is an important resource for information and meeting dates, and there is a section for the School Board under the "School Board" tab. Meeting dates and important notices are also posted on the main page. Please visit the website frequently for any changes or information updates.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BOARD

Communication is best carried out at the meetings of the Board of Education.

The Board conducts a Work Session one week prior to its Regular Meeting. Work Sessions provide the opportunity for Board members to review items proposed for action at the Regular Meetings and to discuss and clarify issues. The Board operates as a Committee of the Whole at the Work Sessions. The Board then has the opportunity to obtain additional information needed prior to taking a formal vote on proposals at the Regular Meetings.

Agendas are available online or upon signing into the Board Meetings. The Work Session meeting agenda will always include one opportunity for members of the public to address the Board. At Regular Meetings, there are two opportunities to address the members of the Board. The first public comment period should relate to agenda items and the second public comment period can be on any topic.

If you wish to address the Board, raise your hand and wait for recognition by the President. State your name and address your remarks to the President. Individual members may be addressed upon recognition by the Board President. The Board, through individual members, may choose to respond to your comments.

Public comments are limited to three minutes. No individual may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Written statements may be read to the Board and then given to the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to be included in the minutes of the meeting.