

Pine Hill Board of Education Meeting  
Thursday, April 22, 2021

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
PINE HILL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
1003 Turnerville Road  
Pine Hill, NJ 08021

**WELCOME TO OUR CITIZENS -**

Welcome to our meeting of the Pine Hill Board of Education. Attached you will find a copy of the agenda for this evening's meeting. As you can see, it contains topics of vital concern for our children, staff, and all our citizens.

The primary responsibility of the Board of Education is to establish policy for the operation of the schools and the education of all children in the district. Our job is not to administer the schools, but to see that the schools are administered well.

As required by the Open Public Meeting Act, also referred to as the Sunshine Law, all meetings of the Board of Education, with certain exceptions, must be open to the public.

The Board of Education welcomes your participation at our meetings. Should you desire to address the Board, please wait until the President opens the floor for public statements or discussion. This generally occurs before and after the business portion of the meeting. Once the floor is open, raise your hand and await recognition by the President of the Board. State your name and address and direct your remarks to the President, unless directed to do otherwise.

We wish to also note that our administration and staff are available to help you. Please feel free to call upon them with any questions or concerns you might have about the day-to-day operation of the schools.

Board of Education  
Pine Hill Public Schools

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Pine Hill School District, in partnership with parents and the community, is dedicated to educating all students in a safe, nurturing environment in order to develop productive citizens who are committed to lifelong learning. Additionally, it is the expectation of this school district that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER-** The special meeting of the Pine Hill Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Leslie Gallagher, Jr., Board President, on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:07 p.m.

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Meeting Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner: Posting written notice at the John H. Glenn School, Dr. Albert M. Bean School, Pine Hill Middle School and Overbrook High School, Central Administration Building and the Pine Hill Borough Hall; written notice to the Courier Post; written notice with the Clerk of Pine Hill Borough on April 15, 2021.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

The following members answered roll call:

Ms. Christine Boyd	Present
Ms. Heather Cathrall	Present
Ms. Angela Cooper	Present
Ms. Lori Corry	Present
Mr. Randy Freiling	Present
Mr. Les Gallagher	Present
Ms. Patricia Knott	Present
Ms. Angela Kosar	Present
Mr. Martin Mendetta	Present
Ms. Kimberly Reed	Present
Ms. Sharon Young	Present

Also present were:

Deborah Piccirillo	School Business Administrator
Terri Lewis	NJSBA

No public in attendance.

**V. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- moved to end of meeting**

**VI. CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- Moved to end of meeting**

**VII. Motion to Caucus:**

Motioned by Ms. Reed, seconded by Mr. Freiling at 6:09 pm to go into executive session. Voice vote. All in favor.

**WHEREAS**, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Pine Hill Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pine Hill Board of Education has determined that 1 issue is permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance shall be discussed during an Executive Session to be held on April 22, 2021 at 6:09 P.M, and

**WHEREAS**, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which 4 of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

- 1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion:
- 2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
- 3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social

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service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly. The specific items being discussed are: student status, litigation, personnel

4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

5) Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer; the specific item being discussed is:

8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality of an employee; specifically contracts. The specific item being discussed is:

9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be at least 120 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pine Hill Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk, at the present public meeting, shall read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can understand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that will privately discussed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk, on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

Mr. Gallagher read Resolution #04222021 authorizing executive session to discuss student placement, personnel, litigation, contractual matters, negotiations, or student matters as the topics to be discussed. (Attachment VII)

1. Employment matters

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**Motion to Return from Caucus:** Motioned by Ms. Reed seconded by Ms. Cathrall at 9:32 pm to come out of executive session. Voice vote. All in favor.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS-**

- If you are up for re-election in November or are interested in becoming a School Board Member, go to this link, [www.camdencounty.com](http://www.camdencounty.com), then scroll down to Candidates for School Board and it lists the information on how to run as a candidate, the deadline to submit your petition and provides the link to print the nominating petition with instructions.

**Motioned by Mr. Freiling, seconded by Ms. Cooper to open the meeting to the public . Voice vote. All in favor.**

**V. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

The Pine Hill Board of Education welcomes and values input from the community. The public comment portion of the board meeting is the time where any member of the public can share their thoughts directly with the board. At the same time, the board encourages members of the public to bring specific, individual issues to the attention of the administration first. Anyone who wishes to speak has five minutes to make their comments. Please keep your comments respectful, not defamatory, and suitable for a meeting of a public body, topics at this time will be **agenda items only**. When you approach, please begin by stating your name and address. **NONE**

**VI. CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC** Motioned by Mr. Freiling, seconded by Ms. Corry to close the meeting to the public . Voice vote. All in favor.

**IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING-**

- Regular Meeting/ Budget Hearing Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30pm at Overbrook High School Media Center, 1200 Turnerville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021
- Special Meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00pm at Overbrook High School Media Center, 1200 Turnerville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021

**X. Motion to Adjourn:** Motioned by Ms. Reed, seconded by Mr. Feiling to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. All in favor. The Regular Business Meeting of the Pine Hill Board of Education was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Deborah A. Piccirillo, School Business Administrator

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Date