

Pine Hill Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 1, 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.

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, *Members of the public may participate in the Public Comment portion of the agenda via electronic mail.*

E-mail comments to the Board of Education will be accepted at the address listed below.

public@pinehillschools.org

Please do not copy the Board members or district personnel on your email. Please include the caption "COMMENT" to the Subject line of your email. Please include your full name and address in the opening dialog of your email for the record.

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.

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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 Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:25 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Board Secretary read the required Open Public Meeting Act Statement: "The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. 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 February 25, 2021. Electronic notice of this meeting was also posted on the Pine Hill School District's website, with links to access the meeting and download the meeting agenda, on February 26, 2021.

IV. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call:

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| 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:

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| Deborah Piccirillo | School Business Administrator |
| James Scott | Technology |

No public in attendance.

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

V. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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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. Cathrall to close the meeting to the public . Voice vote. All in favor.

VII. Motion to Caucus:

Motioned by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Corry at 6:31 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 March 1, 2021 at 6:15 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 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:

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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 30 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 #03012021 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

Motion to Return from Caucus: Motioned by Ms. Cathrall seconded by Ms. Reed at 8:57 pm to come out of executive session. Voice vote. All in favor.

VIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- Motioned by Ms. Cathrall, seconded by Ms. Boyd to open the floor to statements for public. Voice vote. All in favor.

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IX. CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC- There being no further statements, it was motioned by Mr. Mendetta seconded by Ms. Corry to close the floor. Voice vote. All in favor.

X. NEW BUSINESS- BOE members please your 2nd round Superintendent interview questions to Terri Lewis as soon as possible.

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XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING-

- Special Board Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Overbrook High School Media Center, 1200 Turnerville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021
- Special Board Meeting Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Overbrook High School Media Center, 1200 Turnerville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021
- Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30pm at Overbrook High School Media Center, 1200 Turnerville Road, Pine Hill, NJ 08021

XII. Motion to Adjourn: Motioned by Ms. Corry, seconded by Ms. Cooper to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. All in favor. The Regular Business Meeting of the Pine Hill Board of Education was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Deborah A. Piccirillo, School Business Administrator

Date