

HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HARRINGTON PARK, NEW JERSEY

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**Regular Public Session Meeting**

Work Session and Executive/Closed Session

5:00 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park School Library

Public Meeting - Regular Public Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park School Large Gymnasium

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Tsampicos Perides, President

Laura Tebo, Vice President

Brenda Cho, Trustee

Eric Fishbein, Trustee

Stephen Hahm, Trustee

Dr. Adam D. Fried, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Mr. Bryan Jursca, Business Administrator

Executive Closed Meeting - First and Third Thursday of Each Month at 5:00 p.m.

Work Session - First Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Public Meeting - Third Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Next Work Session Meeting: Thursday, **May 06, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Perides called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Dr. Fried led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	Time of arrival/departure
Tsampicos Perides, President	x		
Laura Tebo, Vice President	x		
Brenda Cho, Trustee	x		
Eric Fishbein, Trustee	x		
Stephen Hahm, Trustee	x		

Also Present: Dr. Adam Fried, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Mr. Bryan Jursca, Business Administrator

Public

**OPEN PUBLIC PORTION MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Harrington Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting, which includes the date, time and place thereof posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building, and the Board of Education bulletin board, published in The Record and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Harrington Park.

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Thursday, May 6, 2021</b>			
Work Session and Executive/Closed Session	5:00 p.m.		Discussion
Regular Public Meeting	6:00 p.m.		Discussion

**PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT:**

- Welcome
- A statement was read by President Perides on what district has achieved since March of last year and what we will be doing for the remainder of this year. He noted that the district has modeled current schedule on consistency and we have achieved that to date.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- Dr. Fried stated that this has been an intense time for everyone and noted that our children are resilient and will get through this.
- Since the beginning, the district has implemented a schedule that has maintained consistency and allowed for a safe environment given the circumstances with small class sizes and educational hours.
- 8th grade activities are ongoing including the spring musical, dance, graduation and the clap out
- The district and Recreation Department have worked together to allow for team sports
- COVID testing has allowed the district to remain open for the most part throughout versus a constant opening and closing.
- We have worked closely with Dr. Weiss, our school physician, and town health officials since the beginning of the pandemic.
- *Fridays with Fried* continues tomorrow, with a review of parent survey data
- The district will have a normal program for students at the beginning of next school year
- Summer program catalog was just released with more educational time and prepares children for the start of the next school year

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** (none)

**PRESENTATION:**

*INTERNAL ASSESSMENT DATA*  
*by Ms. Jessica Nitzberg and Mr. Ross Herbert*

**OTHER:**

**PUBLIC BE HEARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

During each regular meeting, two opportunities are provided for citizens to ask questions and to make comments. During the first opportunity, early on the agenda, comments are invited regarding subjects on this agenda. The second opportunity occurs just prior to adjournment, when citizens may address general questions and comments to the Board,

Persons wishing to speak must, upon being recognized, rise and state their name and address. The Board reserves the right to establish rules for the conduct of its meetings including such matters as the time at which the public will be heard if at all, who may speak, and for how long. All such rules shall be monitored by the presiding officer.

All cell phones must be turned off or be in vibrating or silent ring mode, Persons should leave the meeting room before answering their cell phones.

All comments and questions must be addressed to the Board President or the presiding officer, and shall be limited to school-related issues. If personal remarks or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to sit down.

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Trustee Fishbein to open the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

Questions or Comments: (none)

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Trustee Cho to close the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

03/04/21	Work Session	Executive/ Closed Session	Regular Public Session
03/18/21	Work Session	Executive/Closed Session	Regular Public Session

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Vice President Tebo, to approve the Minutes of 03/04/21 and 03/18/21 as listed above.

**ROLL CALL: 5 -YES 0-NO 0-ABSENT Motion approved**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Laura Tebo, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Administrative Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

- A-1 APPROVE CDL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR EFFECTIVE 05/03/21 - 06/18/21

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the annual CDL Bus Driver Annual Shared Services Agreement between Northern Valley Board of Education and the Harrington Park Board of Education for the 2020-21 school year effective 05/03/21 - 06/18/21 as on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

Northern Valley will designate the CDL bus driver to provide services five (5) days per week or when school is in session for Harrington Park at a rate of \$25 per bus run (3 runs per day)

A-2 APPROVE CDL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR EFFECTIVE 07/01/21 - 06/30/22

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the annual CDL Bus Driver Annual Shared Services Agreement between the Northern Valley Board of Education and the Harrington Park Board of Education for the 2021-22 school year effective 07/01/21 - 06/30/22 as on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

Northern Valley will designate the CDL bus driver to provide services five (5) days per week or when school is in session for Harrington Park at a rate of \$25 per bus run (2 runs per day)

A-3 APPROVE CO-CURRICULAR DRAMA STIPEND FOR REHEARSAL SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a co-curricular drama stipend for a rehearsal supervisor appointed to Karen Salvo verified by submitted timesheets to the Harrington Park Board of Education office as listed:

Name	Hours/Time Period	Rate
Karen Salvo	Week of 04/12/21 - 5 hours	\$38.00 per hour

A-4 APPROVE TO DISCARD OBSOLETE BOOKS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve to discard obsolete looks listed below for the 2020-21 school year as requested by Ms. Vilard and Ms. O'Toole:

Progress in Mathematics (orange text) by Sadler-Oxford, Copyright 2000  
-32 textbooks, ISBN: 0-8215-2604-9

New Jersey HSP Math (red text) by Harcourt School Publishers, Copyright 2009  
-32 textbooks, ISBN 13: 978-0-15-378454-5 & ISBN 10:0-15-378454-7

Progress in Mathematics by Sadler-Oxford, Grade 6, Copyright 2000  
-20 textbooks, ISBN 0-8215-2606-5A

Progress in Mathematics by Sadler-Oxford, Grade 5, Copyright 2000  
-20 textbooks, ISBN 0-8215-2605-7

Motion by Vice President Tebo, seconded by Trustee Cho to approve resolutions A-1 through A-4

Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Absent Motion approved

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Discussion: (none)

**III. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Eric Fishbein, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the finance and Audit Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

*FA-5 APPROVE BILLS LIST*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the payment of expenditures in the amount of \$242,230.08 dated 04/22/21 as based upon the computer listing dated 04/22/21, the payroll of \$377,736.19 dated 03/31/21 and the payroll of \$365,583.95 dated 04/15/21, all of which are on file in the office of the Board of Education.

*In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), C 3, and C 4:*

Approval that all bills as examined, audited and certified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and presented to the Board of Education shall, if found to be correct, be ordered paid by the Board of Education. Any exceptions noticed tonight, on the record, will be reexamined by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the appropriate committee chairperson and if found to be correct, be ordered paid by the Board of Education. Prior to payment, the inquiring board trustee will be duly notified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in reference to satisfaction of the submitted concern.

*FA-6 APPROVE BOARD SECRETARY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2021*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Board Secretary Report for the month ending 02/28/21.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

In accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23-211 (b), (c), and (c)4:

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation. The Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended. Furthermore, the Board of Education And the business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that current expense, special revenue and debt service fund balances have not been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*FA-7 APPROVE MONTHLY TRANSFER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2021*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the monthly Transfer Report for the month ending 02/28/21.

*FA-8 APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2021*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending 02/28/21.

FA-9 **APPROVE YEAR THREE OF FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF EIGHT MODULAR CLASSROOMS TO NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020 (YR. 1), JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 (YR. 2), JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022 (YR. 3), JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023 (YR.4) AND JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024 (YR. 5), EXCLUSIVE OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST EACH YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the third year of a five year lease agreement with northern Valley Regional High School District for their use of eight (8) modular classrooms for the period of 07/01/19 - 06/30/24, exclusive of the month of August each year, as per all terms and conditions in the lease agreement document on file in the Business Office with annual rental schedule listed below. In addition: Lessee agrees to pay annually \$100,000 for inclusion fees and indirect costs to the Lessor.

Annual Rent Schedule:

- Yr. 1: 07/01/19-06/30/20 Annual rent: \$264,000
- Yr. 2: 07/01/20-06/30/21 Annual rent: \$268,752
- Yr. 3: 07/01/21-06/30/22 Annual rent: \$273,590**
- Yr. 4: 07/01/22-06/30/23 Annual rent: \$278,515
- Yr. 5: 07/01/23-06/30/24 Annual rent: \$283,528

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Trustee Cho to approve resolutions FA-5 through FA- 9

**Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Absent Motion approved**

**IV. HOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE Tsampicos Perides, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, the House & Grounds Committee recommends the following resolution(s):

*HG-10 APPROVE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities by the **Spartan Basketball Camp** tentatively based on State Regulations with a donation of shooting shirts/apparel (valued at \$500.00) as listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility</u>
08/16/21 - 08/20/21	Basketball skills	9:00am-12:00pm	Large gym

*HG-11 APPROVE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Use of Facilities by Golf (TGA of Bergen County) tentatively based on State Regulations at a charge of \$75.00 per day as listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Facility</u>
04/05/21, 04/06/21 & 04/08/21 Rain date: 04/09/21	Golf	1:30pm-3:30pm	HP School Back Field

**HG-12 APPROVE LUPARDI'S NURSERY, INC. SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a service agreement with Lupardi's Nursery, Inc. for the period 04/01/21 - 03/31/22 as follows:

Company: Lupardi's Nursery, Inc. 75 Blanch Avenue, Closter, NJ 07624  
Service: Landscape maintenance/ school grounds  
Service period: 04/01/21 - 03/31/22  
Cost: \$12,370.00

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Trustee Fishbein to approve resolutions HG-10 through HG-12

**Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Absent Motion approved**

**V. POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Stephen Hahm, Chairperson**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, The Policy and Legislation Committee recommends the following resolution(s): (none)

**OPEN TO PUBLIC - PUBLIC BE HEARD (On Policy Only)**

**VI. TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/OTHER: (none)**

**PUBLIC BE HEARD - ALL SCHOOL RELATED ISSUES**

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Vice President Tebo to open the meeting to the public.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Conn made a statement on behalf of the HPEA supporting the current schedule and work done by the entire district to make this year a success.

**Questions or Comments:**

**Allison Donnelly**

Question:

Response:

**29 Manor Road, Harrington Park, NJ**

Ms. Donnelly asked why aren't 4-8 grades in session as long as K-3?

Dr. Fried responded it is due to scheduling/logistical reasons related to podding of students.

**Larry Rossi**

Comments:

**107 Klein Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Mr. Rossi thanked Dr. Fried for their long 1-1 meeting this afternoon.

He is disappointed that it sounds like we will not be moving to a longer schedule day this year, he would have liked more communication in regards to this decision at an earlier time.

Our children miss each other and want to be together

Mr. Rossi looks forward to future communications.

**Desi Ferrentino**

**17 South Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Comment: Ms. Ferrentino is thankful for the time her son is in school but he is finding it difficult and she wanted to know what is the guarantee that next year will be different and how will we close the gap?

Response: Dr. Fried responded that we are building for next year now as being more normal, masking may still be in place but by June of this year we will be announcing plans so parents know what to expect.

**Kathleen Forma**

**55 First Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Comment: 2 hours-15 minutes of learning is not enough time for in-person session

Ms. Forma is an educator in Demarest and she noted it is possible to do more based on what is happening there.

**Lisa Rossi**

**107 Kline Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Comment: Ms. Rossi suggested there should have been a plan from day 1 to expand to full day. Where she works as an educator they are doing more and she just wants more for her children.

**Holly Zacaro**

**43 Hazel Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Question: Ms. Zacaro questioned if it would be possible to use educational trailers for more space and has it been looked into?

Response: Dr. Fried responded that administration has looked at tents but it is extremely costly and trailers need a more permanent space for placement on school property which is very limited.

**Jennifer Fischer**

**16 South Colonial Drive, Harrington Park, NJ**

Question: Ms. Fischer noted that both of her children are struggling with “burnout” of doing the same thing for the last 7-8 months. She questioned that when the nicer weather comes, would it be possible for students to get outside more, or maybe have outside classes if possible?

**Melissa Budda**

**99 Klein Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Question: Ms. Budda questioned if the school has any issues with running water in sinks for hand washing. She would like parents to be notified of what is available for use.

Response: Dr. Fried responded that in the summer, we replaced 8 old water fountains with standing hand washing stations.

**Cricket O’Neil**

**52 First Street, Harrington Park, NJ**

Comment: Ms. O’Neil thanked Dr. Fried for all he has done, reminding all that there are parents out there like her who have children with medical issues and appreciate the current schedule from a health and safety standpoint.

**Brianna Schryver**

**89 Highland Avenue, Harrington Park, NJ**

Comment: Ms. Schryver noted her concern that there was not a lot of communication regarding the schedule and not returning to a full day. She would like the familiar faces of our teachers/staff to greet the students at the beginning of the next year outside to put students more at ease.

Motion by Trustee Fishbein, seconded by Vice President Tebo to close the meeting to the public.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by President Perides, seconded by Vice President Tebo to adjourn from the Public Session meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

*Dr. Adam Fried*

**Dr. Adam Fried  
Superintendent/Board Secretary**