

Board Meeting Bulletin

December 2020
Haddonfield Board of Education

**Thank you to all who tuned into the Board meeting on December 10th.
If you would like to view the meeting, you can find it here:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEEvkacItm4>

Important Updates from the December meeting:

- The Board voted to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for a one-year Collective Negotiation Agreement with the Haddonfield Education Association. Negotiations for a successor agreement will begin in January 2021. The Board thanks the HEA for its commitment to the negotiations process and for its dedication to our students. (*Strategic Plan Goal: All Goals Considered*)
- The Board voted to approve an Addendum to Contract for Behavioral/Educational Consultation with Brett DiNovi and Associates, which will allow for continuation of all services without disruption for the duration of the school year. (*Strategic Plan Goal: All Goals Considered*)
- Superintendent Klaus shared information about the impact COVID-19 has had on the District to date (53 cases as of 12/10; 63 total cases as of the date of publication). Recent positive cases are primarily connected to exposure at home or during social gatherings. Mr. Klaus continuously monitors District and regional COVID-19 data and will make ongoing data-driven decisions about in-person instruction. His presentation can be found here:
<https://haddonfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Superintendent%E2%80%99s-Report-12-10.pdf> (*Strategic Plan Goal: All Goals Considered*)
- Dr. Colleen Murray presented the results of the Back to School Survey, which was administered to students, parents, and teachers in October. The survey addressed the efficacy of the current learning model, ongoing academic needs, current health and safety measures, and social-emotional support. Survey results can be found here:
<https://haddonfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/HSD-Back-to-School-Survey-2020.pdf> (*Strategic Plan Goal: All Goals Considered*)

Forward Focus:

- It is imperative for all community members to continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene, wear masks, and stay home when sick. We must be vigilant and proactive in preventing the spread of COVID-19 so we can keep our community safe, continue with hybrid learning, and eventually move towards more in-person learning.
 - The Board of Education thanks the community for its support and wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.
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Each update will note the objective the District aims to reach through the decision-making and policy-updating process. The Haddonfield Board of Education focuses on aligning our path forward with District goals that were created by the community in 2018. If you would like to learn more about the HSD goals, please visit the links below to the presentations from the September 2019 Board Meeting:

Social-Emotional Learning:

<https://boe.haddonfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Social-Emotional-BOE-Update.pdf>

Cultural Responsiveness:

<https://boe.haddonfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Haddonfield-School-District-Strategic-Plan.pptx.pdf>

Contemporary Teaching and Learning:

<https://boe.haddonfieldschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Contemporary-Teaching-and-Learning-September-2019-update-BOE-Presentation.pdf>

The Board of Education's primary responsibility is to serve all students in our District while carefully considering the impact to stakeholders in our community. The Board is charged with ensuring the District is well run, but it does not run the District.

The purpose of this communication is to share timely information as it pertains to the community from the perspective of community members serving on the Board. It is by no means meant to be comprehensive of Board business nor is it meant to take the place of District communications. The Newsletter, website, and principal eBlasts are still your most detailed sources of information. We just aim to share some highlights!

To learn more about School Board basics, please visit

<https://www.njsba.org/news-information/parent-connections/school-board-basics-frequently-asked-questions/>

Stay safe!

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