

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Thursday, August 23, 2012**  
**Work Session Meeting Minutes**

A work session meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 in the Middle/High School Library, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President, Mrs. Ciocia:

Mrs. Ciocia read the following statement:

“Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notices of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on March 27, 2012.

Roll call was taken by Dina Messery, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present:	Ms. Bruno-absent	Mr. Rinke	Mr. Stefanelli-
	Mrs. Ciocia	Mrs. Romano	
	Mrs. Doheny-absent	Mr. Salerno-absent	
	Mr. Nazzaro	Mr. Samperi-absent	

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Porto, Mrs. Messery, Ms. Clark

I. Private Session:

Meeting closed to private session @ 6:10 –student/personnel issues, HIB update

PS08-01-13 Whereas, in accordance with provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education wishes to meet in Private Session for the purposes of discussing matters of confidential nature relating to student/personnel issues, HIB update

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education adjourn to Private Session for the purpose of discussing such matters, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the public be informed of these matters as soon as the need to Remain confidential is no longer necessary at a future date to be determined.

II. Discussion Items:

1. Reviewed the resolutions – discussed various personnel resolutions
  - a. Home instruction issues
  - b. Discussed keys rates
  - c. Discussed several personnel issues
2. The Board discussed home schooling issue and creating a policy to address home schooling.
3. Dr. Porto reported that the state said we have to resubmit the violence and vandalism report to accurately reflect the incidences. We originally reported 59 and the number decreased to 46.
4. Dr. Porto reported the district’s QSAC results. We have been deemed a “High Performing District”. We received 100% in three areas, 84% in governance and 88% in instruction. We received an 88% in instruction for the following: Language Arts in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> did not meet the state benchmarks; our curriculum has not been updated since 2004; and the current gifted and talented program is considered an enrichment program – it must come from the curriculum and will be revamped for the 13-14 school year.
5. Dr. Porto reported that NJ Monthly published its annual Best High Schools and HH has increased from 107 to 72.
6. The staff will be trained on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the new teacher evaluation system.
7. Tests results will be given out in October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade scores were poor in many districts. The word is that the state may possibly throw out the test for those grades.

8. Dr. Porto reviewed items that we should budget for the 13-14 school year.
9. Discussed the sports co-op with Wood-Ridge.
10. Discussed advertising signs for the field.
11. Discussed property ideas.

III. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Messery  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary