

Minutes Special Meeting February 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows: by having the time, date and place of the meeting posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building on February 2, 2021; by sending a copy of the meeting notice to the Star Ledger Newspaper on February 1, 2021 and by filing a copy with the Township of Hillside and Hillside Public Library on February 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Allende	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Tucker	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Best	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Worrill	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Horton-Givens	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Cook	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Howard	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Gregory	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Simmons	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Hamlin	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Shapiro	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	Eichenholtz	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.

Board agenda and/or action

Adjournment

**EDUCATION- Worrill/Horton-Givens**

1. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approve the following Resolution:  
Hillside Innovation Academy.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, the adoption of the following:  
RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to providing a quality education to all students in the Hillside Public Schools, and WHEREAS, it is recognized that students have diverse academic and developmental needs,

and WHEREAS, students have been identified as future pioneers in innovation while engaging in targeted strategies to ensure academic life-long success,

and WHEREAS, the establishment of the Hillside Innovation Academy with a focus on Academics and Civic Engagement Development located at 1100 Woodruff Ave/ 195 Virginia Street also shall be known as the Hillside Innovation Academy campus, seeks to provide an appropriate, differentiated curriculum and educational experience for Scholars in the 7th and 8th grades, as a rigorous, challenging educational experience,

and WHEREAS an application process and criteria will be used for student selection

and Whereas the Hillside Innovation Academy will open September 2021 with Employment Opportunities beginning July 2021,

now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Hillside Innovation Academy, a school serving 7th and 8th grade Scholars in an effort to increase exposure and expand the boundaries of the curriculum.

Motion to table #1.

Motion: Tucker

Second: Horton-Givens

	Yes	No	Ab.		Yes	No	Ab.
Allende	X			Shapiro		X	
Best		X		Tucker	X		
Horton-Givens	X			Worrill		X	
Howard		X		Cook		X	
Simmons		X					

Motion failed.

3 Yes 6 No 0 Abstentions

Motion: Worrill

Second: Shapiro

Questions by Mr. Allende:

1. Why is this motion on the agenda now?
2. Why are there no public comments?
3. Why are the positions being posted now?
4. Are the gym & cafeteria adequate?
5. Will students need transportation?
6. Why is the Board rushing thru a good idea?
7. How are these students handled at the high school level?
8. What happens to the Family Success Center?
9. How will world language be handled for these students who attend the high school?

Ms. Cook and Mr. Gregory responded.

Questions by Ms. Tucker:

1. Why is everything not on paper?
2. Why is a decision being made today?
3. What is the rush since things are not planned out?
4. Are we shifting/sharing teachers?

	Yes	No	Ab.		Yes	No	Ab.
Allende		X		Shapiro	X		
Best	X			Tucker		X	
Horton-Givens			X	Worrill	X		
Howard	X			Cook	X		
Simmons	X						

Motion 1 carried. 6 Yes 2 No 1 Abstention

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Worrill Second: Howard

Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dr. David Eichenholtz  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary