

**NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 25, 2021**

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**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board President will call the meeting to order.
  
2. **FLAG SALUTE and PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**  
The Board Secretary will read the following: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right 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 Secretary has transmitted notice of this meeting by having the date, time and place sent to the North Jersey Media Group (Ridgewood News, The Record), the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River, published on January 8, 2021 in The Record and The Ridgewood News and posted in the Board of Education Office at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Our agenda allows two opportunities for public comments; at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and at the conclusion of our meeting for general comments. We ask members of the public to state their name and address and limit their comments to a three to five minute time period.
  
3. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**  
Pursuant to NJ Statute, newly elected Board Member Amy Langevin will be sworn in by Ms. Mather.
  
4. **ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Christine Ferrarie		
Mrs. Lisa Halperin		
Mr. Matthew Hernandez		
Ms. Amy Langevin		
Mrs. Rachel Milston		
Mr. James Mulanaphy		
Dr. Andrew Prince		
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti		
Mr. Robert C. Wei		
Dr. Sheila Yallowitz		
Mrs. Emily Kaufman (Saddle River Liaison)		
Michelle Bechtel (Student Representative)		
Christina Hughes (Student Representative)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary		

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**  
Mr. Michael Koth - Semi-Annual School Safety Data System District Report

6. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
7. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**
10. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for January 25, 2021, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-12** in accordance with NJSA 18A and NJAC Title 6, et. sec., including NJAC 6A:23-2.11 reporting no over-expenditure of funds and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Administrator:

- B-1.** Approval of transfers, per attachment.
- B-2.** Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's report for the month of December 2020.
- B-3.** Approval of current bills list (check register) from December 23, 2020 through January 21, 2021, per attachment.
- B-4.** Approval of minutes, January 4, 2021, Board of Education meeting, per attachment.
- B-5.** *Approval of the following staff travel (accommodations note room rate only; occupancy taxes & Fees associated therein and other costs on trips presently unknown, meals for overnight trips and Mileage, tolls, parking will be reimbursed in accordance with policy and law).*
  - Who: Robert Petrosino
  - What: NJPSA Webinar on NJSLs for Visual & Performing Arts
  - Where: online
  - When: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
  - Costs: Registration – No cost
  - Mileage: n/a
- B-6.** Approval to appoint KELLY PETERFRIEND as Bridge Year Liaison for 2020-2021 school Year.
- B-7.** Approval of Contract with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for wireless communications and equipment as per WSCA/NASPO Valuepoint Master Service Agreement 152 as per New Jersey P.L. 2011, c.139, per attachment.
- B-8.** Approval of annual subscription to Zello, Inc. for Push-to-Talk service for new Verizon phones in the amount of \$4,320, per attachment.

- B-9.** Approval of Revised Contracts for the Junior and Senior Proms with Hilton Pearl River on May 21, 2021 and The Rockleigh on June 4, 2021 respectively, per attachment.
- B-10.** RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education accept a proposal from Dr. Derek Berberian of North Jersey Health & Wellness, LLC to provide the District with additional COVID-19 rapid tests at a cost of \$180/test for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- B-11.** Approval to accept a donation of \$25,000 from The Conestoga Road Foundation to be shared between the Future Architects & Engineers Program, Boomerang Project, Helen’s Hope Fund and the Student Wellness Program, as per attachment.
- B-12. Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**  
 WHEREAS, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education (“Board”) is the owner of certain surplus books and textbooks which are no longer needed for public use in the educational program; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of disposing of said surplus property by one or more of the following:
- Posting on the NJ DOE textbook sharing site
  - Selling or donating books in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.
  - Disposal of books which are outdated or beyond their useful life
- NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Northern Highlands Board of Education in Allendale NJ, County of Bergen, that the “Board” sells, donates or discards as applicable the textbooks listed on the attachment.

Roll Call:

**12. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for January 25, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-13**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, effective immediately following the completion of required certification and documentation:

- E-1.** Accept and affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Investigation report, per attachment.
- E-2.** Accept and affirm the Monthly Student Suspension report, per attachment.
- E-3.** Accept and affirm the 2020-2021 Semi-Annual School Safety Data System District Report, to be submitted and certified no later than January 31, 2021, as per NJDOE guidelines, per attachment.
- E-4.** Approve the agreement from Ramapo College of New Jersey to provide Senior Option and Dual Enrollment credits, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve the following Job Description, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
1. District Director of Special Education

- E-6.** Approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured Support Staff Member to a tenured contract, effective January 3, 2021 as follows.
- Administrative Assistant – Maureen Menakis
- E-7.** Accept with regret, the resignation of KATIE BELLINI, School Counselor, effective March 15, 2021 or sooner, per attachment.
- E-8.** Approve a revised Leave of Absence for LAURA AZEVEDO, Teacher of World Languages (Spanish), from a return date of January 11, 2021 to a return date of March 1, 2021, per attachment.
- E-9.** Approve an extension of sixth assignments for Teacher of World Languages (Spanish) with the following faculty members: YAMILETH ANTIGUA, KARLA IDUNATE, SARA BUCHBAUM, AGOSTINA TRASS, and SUAD TORRES from January 11, 2021 to February 26, 2021 or sooner, pending possible hire for leave coverage.
- E-10.** Approve the rescission of the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments for the 2020-2021 school year, effective January 11, 2021, to be paid at 50% of the Full Group stipend.
1. LAURA AZEVEDO as Spanish Club Advisor (50% of Full Group 5, \$1,673 or \$836.50)
- E-11.** Approve ANDREW REICHERT as participating Montclair State Student Athletic Trainer, for the 2021 Spring Semester, per attachment.
- E-12.** Approve CALEB HERBST as Substitute Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, per attachment.
- E-13.** Approve the receipt of one (1) out of district Tuition Student for the 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.

Roll Call:

- 13. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- 14. OLD BUSINESS**
- 15. NEW BUSINESS**
- 16. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education shall go into executive session to discuss the following matters:

- **No Executive Session scheduled**

The minutes of this executive session will be released when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. There are some topics (such as student matters) for which the need for confidentiality may never cease to exist.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded that the Board move into executive session.

TIME: All in Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded that the Board moves into public session.

TIME: All in Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

TIME: All in Favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_