

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

Regular Meeting

October 25, 2010

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board Secretary will read the following:

This is the Regular Meeting of the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education and Notice has been provided as required under the Open Public Meetings Act by having the time, date, place and purpose of said meeting transmitted to the Ridgewood News, The Record, the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River and published on April 16, 2010 in 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. ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Jean Borzilleri	_____	_____
Mrs. Colleen Federer	_____	_____
Mrs. Barbara Garand	_____	_____
Mrs. Carolee Gravina	_____	_____
Dr. Robert Hands	_____	_____
Mrs. Lori Loughnane	_____	_____
Mr. James Mulanaphy	_____	_____
Mrs. Ann Pagano	_____	_____
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti	_____	_____
Mr. Robert C. Wei	_____	_____
Mr. Henry Senger (Saddle River Liaison)	_____	_____
Ms. Caroline Broder (Student Representative)	_____	_____
Ms. Emma Collins (Student Representative)	_____	_____
Mr. John J. Keenan, Superintendent	_____	_____
Mr. Roderic McLaughlin, Business Administrator/Board Secretary	_____	_____

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board move into closed session to discuss legal issues.

Board Members Not Present during Executive Session from Initial Roll Call _____.

Time:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board reconvene in public.

Time:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**7. LIAISON REPORT****8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS****9. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for October 25, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) 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 as per attached document.

B-2. Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's reports for the month of September, 2010 as per attached documents.

B-3. Approval of the General Ledger Budget Report as per attached document.

B-4. Approval of current bills list (check register), from September 23, 2010 through October 20, 2010 as per attached document.

B-5. Approval of minutes, September 13th and September 27th Board of Education meetings, Open and Closed Sessions.

B-6. Approval of 2010 – 2011 yearly tuition to Bergen County Technical Schools in the following amounts:

Bergen Academies/Regular (Hackensack)	31 students @ \$7,875.00/year
Bergen Academies/With Speech (Hackensack)	1 student @ \$10,700/year
Bergen County Tech/Paramus	1 student @ \$7,775/year
Bergen County Tech/Teterboro	1 student @ \$7,875/year
Bergen County Vocational/Paramus	1 student @ \$25,500/year

B-7. Approval of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Northern Highlands Regional High School District for the 2010 – 2011 school year authorizations of the School Business Administrator to submit this plan to the New Jersey Department of Education as per attached document.

B-8. Approval of the following resolution:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING 2003 SCHOOL BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2010 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$15,462,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds dated May 15, 2003 (the “2003 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for the taxpayers of the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010 (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of its outstanding 2003 School Bonds in the amount of \$9,617,000 maturing on or after June 15, 2013 (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Callable Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of its outstanding 2003 School Bonds in the amount of \$9,617,000 maturing on or after June 15, 2013. The 2003 School Bonds may be redeemed on or after June 15, 2012, upon proper notice as required therein (the “Redemption Date”) at the redemption price of 100% plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$11,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$145,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including printing, advertising, accounting, financial, legal and other expenses in connection therewith.

Section 4. The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize interest cost savings for the Board.

Section 5. A certified copy of this Refunding Bond Ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Director") prior to final adoption hereof, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by such Director and signed by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as chief financial officer of the Board, as to the 2003 School Bonds to be refinanced by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds authorized herein.

Section 6. The respective Supplemental Debt Statements required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 have each been duly prepared and filed in the applicable Offices of the Clerks of the School District constituent municipalities and in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board as of the date of approval of this Refunding Bond Ordinance and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director and such statement shows that the gross debt of the constituent municipalities is collectively increased by a maximum of \$1,383,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

Section 7. The Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Section 8. This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof, after the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy hereof.

The foregoing Refunding Bond Ordinance was introduced by the Board on October 25, 2010 by the following vote:

B-9. Approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (i) AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 THROUGH 62 FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING 2003 SCHOOL BONDS AND (ii) APPROVING A REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$15,462,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds dated May 15, 2003 (the “2003 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for the taxpayers of the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010 (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of its outstanding 2003 School Bonds in the amount of \$9,617,000 maturing on or after June 15, 2013 (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62, the Board has determined to make application (the “Application”) to the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the “LFB”) for approval to adopt the Refunding Bond Ordinance and to issue the Refunding School Bonds (collectively, the “Refinancing”); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish the Refinancing;
- (b) the Refinancing is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the School District;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for the Refinancing are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and
- (d) the Refinancing is an efficient and feasible means of reducing the costs of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the School District and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The preparation of the Application and the filing of same with the LFB for its approval are hereby approved, and the school officials and officers, including but not limited to, the Board President and Vice President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, together with bond counsel, Wilentz, Goldman &

Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey (“Bond Counsel”) are each hereby authorized and directed to represent the Board in such matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The LFB is hereby respectfully requested to consider the Application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of pending ordinance of the Refunding Bond Ordinance in The Record, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on October 25, 2010 by the following roll call vote:

B-10. 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: Julie Goldberg
What: New Jersey Association of School Librarians Annual Conference
Where: Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, New Jersey
When: December 4, 2010
Costs: Registration: \$75
Miles/Tolls: 148 miles round trip

Who: Lauren Zirpoli
What: Legal One Advance: Religion in Schools Workshop
Where: Monroe Township, New Jersey
When: November 18, 2010
Costs: Registration: \$147
Mileage/Tolls: 43 miles round trip

Who: John Keenan, Joseph Occhino, Steven Simonetti
What: 25th Technology Conference and Expo
Where: NJIT – Campus Center, Newark, NJ
When: March 18, 2011
Costs: Registration: \$100 each
Mileage/Tolls: 57 miles round trip

Who: John Keenan, Joel DeStaso, Peter Koeniges
What: Articulation for Dual Enrollment Course in Exercise Science
Where: Springfield College, Springfield, MA
When: November, 2010
Costs: Mileage/Tolls: 294 miles round trip
Overnight Expenses in accordance with State Guidelines for Reimbursement

B-11. Approval of JOSEPH CARRETTA as Facilities Manager for the 2010 – 2011 school year, at the salary of \$82,000, pro-rated, effective November 25, 2010 or sooner, pending release date by his current employer.

Roll Call Vote:

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR Region I Agenda for October 25, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following:

R-1. Approval to award the following transportation routes for the 2010 – 2011 school year as per quote:

Route	Contractor	Per Diem	Inc/Dec	Aide
Q537	Jordan	\$48.99	\$3.00	\$50.00
Q538	Durham	\$39.00	\$1.00	\$20.00
Q539	D&J	\$78.00	\$4.00	\$50.00
Q540	Triumph	\$131.00	\$10.00	\$45.00
Q541	Triumph	\$115.00	\$20.00	\$45.00
Q542	D&R	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$22.00
Q543	Leckie	\$33.00	\$2.25	\$15.00
Q544	Valley	\$240.00	\$2.50	\$31.00
Q545	Jencarli	\$139.00	\$1.99	\$35.00
Q546	K&S	\$137.00	\$1.95	\$42.00
Q547	K&S	\$125.00	\$1.95	\$40.00
Q548	K&S	\$128.00	\$1.95	\$40.00
Q549	K&S	\$125.00	\$1.95	\$43.00
Q550	Triumph	\$89.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Q551	K&S	\$140.00	\$1.95	\$48.00

R-2. Approval of the following transportation agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Region I/Northern Highlands Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Pascack Valley/Region II Board of Education, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2010/2011 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Region I/Northern Highlands Board of Education agrees to abide by the Joint Transportation Agreement as published by the Pascack Valley/Region II Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

R-3. 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: Melissa McDonald, Monica Kallini
 What: Accountability with Effective Behavioral Intervention
 Where: Rutgers University
 When: December 8, 2010

Costs: Registration: \$175 each
 Mileage/Tolls: M. McDonald – 129.12 miles round trip
 M. Kallini – 91.72 miles round trip

Roll Call Vote:

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR Education Agenda for October 25, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the following Education items E-1 through E-5:

E-1. Approval of new and revised Board of Education Policies:

- 0146 – Board Member Authority (Revised)
- 0171 – Duties of Board President and Vice President (Revised)
- 0173 - Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
- 5516 - Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (Revised)
- 6112 – Reimbursement of Federal & Other Grant Expenditures; & 6112R Regulation (New)
- 6830 – Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Revised)
- 8310 – Public Records (Revised)

E-2. Abolish Board of Education Regulation 8310R - Public Records

E-3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Northern Highlands Regional High School regarding a Health Science Careers Program.

E-4. Approval of 2009-2010 Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism.

E-5. Approval of 2009 Graduation Statistics:

1. Total number of pupils graduated: 319
2. Number of pupils graduated under the AHSA process: 5
3. Number of pupils receiving state-endorsed high school diplomas as a result of meeting any alternative requirements for graduation as specified in their IEPs: 0
4. Total number of pupils denied graduation from the 12th grade class: 2
5. The total number of pupils denied graduation from the 12th grade class solely because of failure to pass the HSPA or AHSA, based on the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)3: 0

Roll Call Vote:

E-6. APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for LAUREN ZIRPOLI, Assistant Principal, effective December 20, 2010 to May 23, 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

E-7. APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for JESSICA THOMPSON, Teacher of Art, effective February 28, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

E-8. APPOINTMENT OF LITERARY MAGAZINE ADVISORS

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the following appointments, effective immediately:

LISA HART at a stipend of \$1,422.50 (1/4 of Step 3, Group 1) for the first semester.

MARY FLORIO at a stipend of \$1,422.50 (1/4 of Step 3, Group 1) for the second semester.

Roll Call Vote:

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

13. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

14. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*If Needed*)

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board move into closed session to discuss _____.

Board Members Not Present during Executive Session from Initial Roll Call _____.

Time:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board reconvene in public.

Time:

19. ADJOURNMENT

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

TIME:

All in Favor: _____

All Opposed: _____