

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

Workshop Meeting

February 11, 2015

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Board President will call the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 and published on January 9, 2015 in the Ridgewood News and The Record 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, the re-appointed Board Representative from Ho-Ho-Kus, Ellen Marie Walsh, will be sworn in.

4. ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Barbara Garand		
Mrs. Anne Goddard		
Dr. Robert Hands		
Mr. James Mulanaphy		
Mrs. Ann Pagano		
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti		
Ms. Ellen Marie Walsh		
Mrs. Lisa Jill Webb		
Mr. Robert C. Wei		
Dr. Sheila Yallowitz		
Mr. Henry Senger (Saddle River Liaison)		
Julia Corrison (Student Representative)		
Josh Greenberg (Student Representative)		
Mr. John J. Petrelli, Interim Superintendent		
Mr. James Davis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary		

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Mr. Brad Siegel, Regional Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - PARCC
6. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
7. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**
8. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
9. **ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for February 11, 2015, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-6** 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 Interim Superintendent and Business Administrator:

- B-1.** Approval of current bills list (check register) from January 15, 2015 through January 28, 2015, per attachment.
- B-2.** Approval of minutes, January 5 and January 20, 2015, Board of Education meetings and executive sessions, per attachments.
- B-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: Lyle Becourtney
 What: Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children 5th Edition Training
 Where: E. Ramapo Central School District, Spring Valley, NY
 When: Monday, January 26, 2015
 Costs: Registration: no cost
 Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Kelly Peterfriend
 What: NJPSA Program: School Within a School
 Where: NJPSA, Monroe Township, NJ
 When: Thursday, February 19, 2015
 Costs: Registration: \$149
 Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Caryn Schanstone
 What: The Art of Coaching Volleyball
 Where: Stony Brook University
 When: Saturday, June 13, 2015
 Costs: Registration: \$310
 Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Frank Gilli, Joanna Petritsis, Elsy Sandhusen
What: Foreign Language Educators of NJ Conference
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, NJ
When: Saturday, February 28, 2015
Costs: Registration: \$165 each, total \$330
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

- B-4.** Approval to accept the donation of weight room equipment for the Northern Highlands Wellness Center from Mr. Craig Cinelli with an approximate value of \$11,400, per attachment.
- B-5.** WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 school year, and
WHEREAS, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it is projected to have twelve (12) eligible students, which is less than the minimum threshold of forty (40) Special Education Medicaid eligible students, and is therefore not eligible to or required to participate in SEMI.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year, per attachment.
- B-6. Resolution to Address The Capital Project Needs of New Jersey School Districts:**
Whereas, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education, County of Bergen has determined the need exists to address certain school facility projects in the Northern Highlands Regional High School District that require immediate and/or near term consideration for renovation, upgrade, or maintenance and attached hereto, and
Whereas, prior to current New Jersey school budget restrictions, projects of this nature were addressed through a school district's annual operating budget and included within the capital outlay portion of its annual budget, and
Whereas, prior to current law, these smaller Capital Outlay projects were always considered authorized adjustments to any tax levy or budgetary caps in place at that time, and
Whereas, projects of this nature were generally of such size and scope that the annual cost of these projects did not substantially impact the local taxpayer, and
Whereas, Chapter 44 of the Laws of 2010 amended 18A:7F-38 and placed more restrictive limits on school district annual budget increases by providing that no school district shall adopt an annual budget with an increase in its adjusted tax levy of more than 2% after adjustments for enrollment, health care costs, and certain accrued liability pension contributions, and
Whereas, Chapter 44 effectively eliminated any authorized adjustments heretofore in place that addressed the capital needs of school districts, and
Whereas, a *tax levy cap* of 2% often results in an annual school operating budget limit of less than 1% which must accommodate all increases relative to salaries, benefits, supplies, and operational services, and
Whereas, school districts around the state are experiencing great difficulty in meeting the educational needs of their district within the constraints of the 2% tax levy cap; and accordingly, must set aside, if not delay, addressing important capital projects that if go unaddressed will certainly result in much higher costs to the state and local taxpayer in the future.
Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education calls upon its district legislators, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor of

New Jersey to consider amendments to current law to provide that school capital costs again be recognized as authorized adjustments to school tax levy increases, and **Be It Further Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the NJ Commissioner of Education, local legislators, the New Jersey School Boards' Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials.

Roll Call:

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for February 11, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-5**, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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.** Approve the 2015 – 2016 school calendar, per attachment.
- E-3.** Approve family leave of absence for JUNE YOO, Teacher of Mathematics from June 1, 2015 or sooner to June 19, 2015, per attachment.
- E-4.** Accept, with regret, the resignation of ELAINE HOOKS, Instructional Aide effective March 1, 2015, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve NICHOLAS SANTANGELO as Substitute Teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year, per attachment.

Roll Call:

- 11. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
- 12. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- 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 for the purposes of discussing:

- **CSA Search**
- **Legal – potential lawsuit by former employee**
- **Negotiations – NHEA contract**
- **Student matters – tuition appeal**

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: _____