

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

**Regular Meeting**

**December 12, 2022**

**AGENDA**

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

2. **FLAG SALUTE and PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**

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 on January 7, 2022, by having the date, time and place sent to the North Jersey Media Group, the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River 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 five-minute time period.

3. **ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Christine Ferrarie		
Mrs. Lisa Halperin		
Mr. Matthew Hernandez		
Mr. Tyler Kearl		
Mrs. Maggie Liljegren		
Mrs. Rachel Milston		
Mr. James Mulvey		
Dr. Andrew Prince		
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti		
Dr. Sheila Yallowitz		
Mrs. Emily Kaufman (Saddle River Liaison)		
Joy Navarro (Student Representative)		
Madeline Norian (Student Representative)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary		

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Dr. Scot Beckerman - Referendum update

5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

6. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS****9. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for December 12, 2022, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-10** 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 current bills list (check register) from November 19, 2022 through December 9, 2022, per attachment.
- B-2.** Approval of Minutes, November 21, 2022, Board of Education meeting, per attachment.
- B-3.** Approval of the November 2022 Board Secretary, Treasurer and Transfers Reports
- B-4.** 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).

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Detail	Cost
Peter Koeniges	“EATA Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium,” sponsored by Eastern Athletic Trainers Association (EATA), Boston, MA	1/6/23-1/9/23	Registration Hotel Mileage/tolls/parking M & IE	No cost \$507 \$332.91 \$276.50
Erkan Gumustekin	“Employment and Benefit Issues,” sponsored by NJASBO, Whippany, NJ	1/19/23	Registration	\$125
Sue Anne Mather	“Employment and Benefit Issues,” sponsored by NJASBO, Whippany, NJ	1/19/23	Registration Mileage	\$125 \$16.36
Jose Madhavasseril	“TechSpo 2023,” sponsored by NJASA, Atlantic City, NJ	1/25/23-1/27/23	Registration Hotel Mileage/tolls/parking M & IE	\$515 \$194 \$164.44 \$88.50
Robin Knutelsky	“TechSpo 2023,” sponsored by NJASA, Atlantic City, NJ	1/26/23-1/27/23	Registration Hotel Mileage/tolls/parking	\$275 \$97 \$118.47

**B-5.** Approval of the following student placements for the 2022-2023 school year, per attachment(s).

Item	Student ID	Provider	Type	Duration	Cost
a.	26055	Paramus High School Extended School Year Program, Paramus, NJ	ESY Tuition OT & Speech	6/27/22- 8/2/22	\$13,035.00 \$502.95
b.	23058	Ramsey High School MD STEP Program, Ramsey, NJ	ESY Tuition  School Year Tuition	7/1/22- 7/30/22  9/5/22- 6/30/23	\$1,418.64  \$29,513.46
c.	25418	Reed Academy, Oakland, NJ	Tuition	1/3/23- 6/30/23	\$64,317.84
d.	25373	Pascack Valley Regional HS - LLD Program, Hillsdale, NJ	OT	7/1/22- 6/30/23	Not to exceed \$825

**B-6.** Approval of the settlement agreement for a student (ID 26364) who attends Winston Preparatory School for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026, per attachment.

**B-7.** RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education authorizes applying for 2022-2023 reimbursement for providing Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services to students with disabilities beyond age 21 (ACSERS) in the amount of \$214,885, to be reimbursed in equal increments in January 2023 and July 2023.

**B-8. Resolution Authorizing Local Recreation Improvements Grant Application**

WHEREAS, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$288,050 to carry out a project to create a reflection garden that will memorialize students that have passed away and include three fountains, surrounded by tables and benches, all within a landscape design that will also facilitate outdoor learning and mental wellness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1) that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between Northern Highlands Regional High School District and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**B-9.** Approval to accept a donation of \$20,000 from The Conestoga Road Foundation to be shared between the Future Engineering Program, the Boomerang Project, Helen's Hope Fund, the Wellness Initiative and the Northern Highlands Need Based Scholarship, as per attachment.

- B-10.** RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education authorizes applying for the NJ Schools Development Authority (SDA) Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance in School Districts grant in the amount of \$36,002.

Roll Call:

**10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for December 12, 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-19**, 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 Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2022-2023 school year, per attachment.
- E-4.** Accept and affirm the Title I Performance Report for the 2022-2023 school year, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve the updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service School Plan, for the NJ Department of Education, per attachment.
- E-6.** Approve the second reading of the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw updates, per attachment.
- P5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- E-7.** Approve Northern Highlands students study abroad opportunities through a partnership with The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). Students may elect to receive credit through Tulane University (\$150 transcript fee). Programs range from 3 to 4 weeks long and will be held at CIEE Study Centers.
- E-8.** Approve the Project Acceleration High School Program Agreement between Northern Highlands Regional High School and Seton Hall University, from December 15, 2022 to December 15, 2023, per attachment.
- E-9.** Approve ROBIN KNUTELSKY as Coordinator for the New Jersey School Climate Transformation Project (SCTP) through Rutgers University, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E-10.** Approve the use of the New Jersey School Climate Improvement Platform through Rutgers University to conduct a school climate survey, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E-11.** Approve and adopt the Curriculum Guide for the 2023-2024 school year, per attachment.

**E-12.** Approve a change in start date for LORREN HOTALING, Teacher of Physics, from January 1, 2023 to January 16, 2023 or sooner.

**E-13.** Approve the following field trips/overnight field trips for the 2022-2023 school year.

- a.) Ice Hockey Team: Competition
  - Fenway Park, Boston MA: 1/4/23
- b.) Science Olympiad Club (Formerly Science League): Competition
  - NJIT, Newark NJ: 1/5/23
- c.) Student Government: Delivery of gifts for Tomorrow's Children Fund
  - Westley Self Storage, Hackensack NJ: 12/13/22
- d.) Honors Graphic Design Class: Real World Setting
  - Saranko Design Studio, NYC: 3/22/23
- e.) Highlands Heroes Club: Outreach program
  - Brookside School, Allendale NJ: 12/20/22
- f.) Symphonic Band and Honors Wind Symphony Classes: Concert Band Festival
  - Mt. Olive School District, Mt. Olive NJ: 3/23/23

**E-14.** Approve the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, as listed below.

NAME	EVENT	DATE(S)	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
JASON BESWICK	Ice Hockey Team	1/4/23	No cost to district
RANDY VELISCHEK	Ice Hockey Team	1/4/23	No cost to district
SCOTT GROSSMAN	Ice Hockey Team	1/4/23	No cost to district
JOEL DESTASO	Ice Hockey Team	1/4/23	Substitute cost
JOE SABINO	Ice Hockey Team	1/4/23	No cost to district
CAROL VOLPE	Science Olympiad Club	1/5/23	Substitute cost
RYAN FANELLI	Science Olympiad Club	1/5/23	Substitute cost
SHAWNA LAGAN	Science Olympiad Club	1/5/23	Substitute cost
THOMAS WITKOWSKI	Student Government	12/13/22	No cost to district
DOREEN ALBANO	Honors Graphic Design Class	3/22/23	Substitute cost
KRISTA CAPINO	Honors Graphic Design Class	3/22/23	Substitute cost
JENNIFER FERENTZ	Highlands Heroes Club	12/20/22	No cost to district
TAYLOR REHE	Symphonic Band and Honors Wind Symphony Classes	3/23/23	Substitute cost
CAROLYN KOLODNEY	Symphonic Band and Honors Wind Symphony Classes	3/23/23	No cost to district

**E-15.** Rescind the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments for the 2022-2023 school year.

- SCOT BECKERMAN as Volunteer Women's Empowerment Club Advisor
- WILLIAM (BUCKY) REHAIN as Assistant Wrestling Coach (1/2 of Group 2a, \$3,602 each)
- KYLE WENGERTER as Assistant Wrestling Coach (1/2 of Group 2a, \$3,602 each)
- BOB MERRILEES as Assistant Baseball Coach (Group 3a, \$6,259)
- ANDREW KEENAN as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- CHRISTOPHER BROKING as Head Boys Tennis Coach (Group 4, \$7,924)
- MEREDITH SKLAR as Assistant Boys Tennis Coach (Group 5a, \$5,486)

E-16. Approve the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments for the 2022-2023 school year.

- ROBIN KNUTELSKY as Volunteer Women’s Empowerment Club Advisor
- SARAH MINCHIN as Assistant Girls Basketball (Group 2a, \$7,204)
- RICH LEBLANQ as Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- WILLIAM (BUCKY) REHAIN as Assistant Wrestling Coach (Group 2a, \$7,204)
- KYLE WENGERTER as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach
- ANDREW KEENAN as Assistant Baseball Coach (Group 3a, \$6,259)
- BOB MERRILEES as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

E-17. Approve IMTIAZ KHALID as Substitute Teacher and KRISTEN ZREBIEC as Substitute School Nurse, for the 2022-2023 school year, per attachment.

E-18. Approve the receipt of one out of district Tuition Student for the 2023-2024 school year, per attachment.

E-19. Accept with regret the resignation of AGOSTINA TRASS, Teacher of Spanish, effective end of day February 6, 2023, per attachment.

Roll Call:

11. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

15. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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