

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

Workshop Meeting

November 1, 2021

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. **ROLL CALL**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Christine Ferrarie		
Mrs. Lisa Halperin		
Mr. Matthew Hernandez		
Ms. Amy Langevin		
Mrs. Rachel Milston		
Mr. James Mulanaphy		
Dr. Andrew Prince		
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti		
Vacancy – Upper Saddle River		X
Dr. Sheila Yallowitz		
Mrs. Emily Kaufman (Saddle River Liaison)		
Claire O'Connor (Student Representative)		
Ryan Monagle (Student Representative)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin./Board Secretary		

4. **INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD MEMBER VACANCY**

5. **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:

- **Candidates for Board Member Vacancy**

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: _____

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for November 1, 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-13**, 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 October 8, 2021 through October 28, 2021, per attachment.

B-2. Approval of minutes, October 11, 2021, Board of Education meeting, per attachment.

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).

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Detail	Cost
Robin Knutelsky	Women's Educational Leadership Forum @ the Westwood, Garwood, NJ	11/19/21	Registration Mileage	Scholarship \$ 26.00 (~75 miles RT)

- B-4.** Approval of Regular and Extended School Year tuition for a student (ID 23058) for the period July 1, 2021 – June 22, 2022 at Ramsey High School, in the amount of \$ 41,365.05, as described in the student’s IEP, per attachment.
- B-5.** Approval of Regular School Year tuition for a student (ID 25369) for the period September 9, 2021 – June 22, 2022 at Ramsey High School, in the amount of \$ 17,520.70, as described in the student’s IEP, per attachment.
- B-6.** Approval of reimbursement of a tuition deposit for a student (ID 7578) who attends Shrub Oak, to the student’s parents, per attachment.
- B-7.** Approval of AMY LEDLOW as homebound instructor for the 2021-2022 school year for a student (ID 25418), as described in their IEP, for approximately 10 hours/week at the rate of \$60/hour, per attachment.
- B-8.** Approval of agreement with The MediMobile, LLC to provide COVID-19 testing to the staff at Northern Highlands Regional High School on a weekly basis starting October 25, 2021 at no cost to the district, per attachment.
- B-9.** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the addition of the Goal Club, a new booster club for Boys’ Soccer as “additional insured” under school district policies for fund raisers or events sponsored by this association / organization for the benefit of Northern Highlands Regional High School.
- B-10.** Approval of a sidebar agreement between the Northern Highlands Regional High School District Board of Education and the Northern Highlands Supervisors’ Association, per attachment.
- B-11.** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Northern Highlands Regional High School District to participate in a service consulting agreement with the Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings (ECTS) for the school year 2022-2023, per attachment.
- B-12. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED BY The Board of Education of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board”) (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following proposal (the "Proposal") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 commencing at 6:00 a.m. for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of the Proposal will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey is authorized (a) to undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, upgrades, and new construction at Northern Highlands High School, consisting of classroom renovations, a new Multipurpose Field House, drainage improvements, and the acquisition and installation of turf fields, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; (b) to appropriate \$8,827,053 for such improvements; and (c) to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,827,053.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$3,199,505. The projects include \$2,886,294 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this special election.

Do you approve this bond proposal question?

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein (the "Project"). The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the proposal prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements, if necessary.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, Supplemental Debt Statements have been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the chief financial officers of the constituent municipalities of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such supplemental debt statements have been filed in the office of each of the clerks' of the constituent municipalities of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District, in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution, and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Election.

5. The Board hereby: (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letters from the New Jersey Department of Education and not to appeal such determinations made therein; (ii) elects to receive the State Share in the form of debt service aid pursuant to Section 9 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"); (iii) determines to construct the Project itself; (iv) agrees to locally fund any excess costs; and (v) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. Solutions Architecture, the School District's appointed architect for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purposes on behalf of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.

7. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, and the Project Architect, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of debt service aid.

8. This Board hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering of private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax exempt basis. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds or notes if issued as tax exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue bonds or notes in the amount set forth in the Proposal approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the Projects authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law,

9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

B-13. The Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education hereby accepts the Consent Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A as a settlement of the matter of T.E. v. Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education and authorizes the District administration to take the steps necessary to implement this settlement".

Roll Call:

13. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for November 1, 2021 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.

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- E-3.** Approve the second reading of the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw updates, per attachment.
P1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements
P2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
- E-4.** Approve the first reading of the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw updates, per attachment.
P1648.14 Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings - COVID-19
P5751 & R5751 Sexual Harassment of Students
- E-5.** Approve and adopt the following Course Proficiencies for the 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.
- Introduction to Graphic Design
 - Dance
- E-6.** Approve posting of list of current textbook and novel list, per attachment.
- E-7.** Approve a revised Leave of Absence for SHAINA STRANG-WOLF, Teacher of English, from a return date of December 2, 2021 to a return date of December 6, 2021, per attachment.
- E-8.** Approve an extension for JENNIFER WINKLER, Teacher of English, (Leave Replacement) for leave coverage from December 2, 2021 to December 6, 2021.
- E-9.** Accept with regret, the resignation of MICHAEL STONE, School Counselor, effective December 13, 2021, per attachment.
- E-10.** Accept with regret, the resignation of LORIANN GEIMKE, Secretary for Guidance Office, effective January 1, 2022, per attachment.
- E-11.** Approve the rescission of the appointment of JOHN BEATTY, Teacher of Science, to assist with Planetarium maintenance, at the hourly rate of \$21, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E-12.** Approve the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments, for the 2021-2022 school year.
1. MAUREEN BUSCARENO as Vocal Ensemble - Harmonics (Group 5, \$1,673)
 2. TROY BIANCHI as Head Fencing Coach (Group 4, \$7,924)
 3. PURVIK PATEL as Assistant Fencing Coach (Group 4a, \$6,789)
- E-13.** Approve the appointment of ANNE RUTKOWSKI, as COVID-19 Safety Coordinator, for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the district.
- E-14.** Approve HOWARD COHEN, CONNOR O’SULLIVAN, ZACHARY BASCIO and CARSON DUNBAR as Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.
- E-15.** Approve SHAWN BABICH as participating Rowan University Student Athletic Trainer, for the 2021-2022 Spring Semester, per attachment.
- E-16.** Approve the following field trips/overnight field trips for the 2021-2022 school year.
- a.) Boomerang Project: Winter Retreat - Training and Team Building (Overnight Trip)

- Ocean Place, Long Branch NJ, 1/23/22-1/24/22

E-17. Approve the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, as listed below.

JOHN BEATTY	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
SARA BELGIOVINE-CAPONE	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
ALEXANDRA FALCONE	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
JOSEPH KIELY	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
MARY LARDIERE	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
JENNIFER LEDERMAN	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
DEAN RAYSIDE	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	Substitute cost
NURSE/TBD	Boomerang Project	1/23/22-1/24/22	\$550.

E-18. Approve guest speaker, Fernando Naiditch, PhD. of Montclair State University, to provide professional development and training workshop, for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost of \$2,500, to be divided equally between the QUAD districts, per attachment.

E-19. Approve the receipt of two (2) out of district Tuition Students for the 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.

Roll Call:

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

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- **No Executive Session Scheduled**

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_____ 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: _____

19. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____