

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

Workshop Meeting

February 8, 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		
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		

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

6. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****9. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS****10. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for February 8, 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-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 January 22 through February 4, 2021, per attachment.

B-2. Approval of minutes, January 25, 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).*

Who: Rosemarie Malloy
What: NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference
Where: Virtual Conference
When: Tuesday, May 25 - Thursday, May 27, 2021
Costs: Registration \$299
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

B-4. Approval of reimbursement to Cathy Berberian, Case Manager, for the purchase of an iPad holder for chair for a student (ID 7580), per attachment.

B-5. Accept the 2019 – 2020 Audit for the year ended June 30, 2020 and the submission of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) and the AMR by the firm of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP with no recommendations pertaining to the annual audit. Therefore, no Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is required.

B-6. 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 2021-2022 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 twenty-two (22) 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 2021-2022 school year, per attachment.

- B-7.** Approval of memorandum of agreement between the Northern Highlands Regional High School District Board of Education and the Northern Highlands Supervisors' Association, per attachment.
- B-8.** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2021 / 2022 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 Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.
- B-9.** Approve the Healthy Minds Study research agreement from the University of Michigan to participate their survey as part of our previously approved partnership with the JED Foundation, per attachment. There is no cost to the district for participation.
- B-10.** Approval and acceptance of 2020 BCUA Environmental Awareness Grant in the amount of \$1,000 which will be used for Environmental Awareness Club project(s), per attachment.

Roll Call:

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for February 8, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, E-1 through E-7, 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.** Approve the Revised School Calendar, for the 2020-2021 school year, per attachment.
- E-4.** Approve the following new positions, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
1. District Director of Special Education
2. Supervisor of Wellness and Equity
- E-5.** Approve the following Job Description, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
1. Supervisor of Wellness and Equity
- E-6.** Approve THOMAS BUONO, as District Director of Special Education, for the 2021-2022 school year, effective July 1, 2021.

- E-7. Approve the appointment of JENNIFER WINKLER, Teacher of English (Leave Replacement), for the 2020-2021 school year, effective April 12, 2021 to June 24, 2021, at a salary of \$64,175 (MA, Step 1) prorated, per attachment.

Roll Call:

12. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

13. OLD BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16. 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:

- **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: _____

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____