

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

**Workshop Meeting**

**October 12, 2015**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Board President will call the meeting to order.
  
- 2. 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. 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)		
Brian O'Connor (Student Representative)		
Grace Travers (Student Representative)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Mr. James Davis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary		

- 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Brad Siegel and Ileana Sing – Preparing for PARCC Results
  
- 5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**6. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS****7. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS****8. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for October 12, 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-11**, 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 September 22, 2015 through October 6, 2015, per attachment.

**B-2.** Approval of minutes, September 28, 2015, Board of Education meeting and executive session, 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: Jennifer Ferentz

What: Campus tours and info sessions: SUNY New Paltz and Vassar College

Where: New Paltz and Poughkeepsie, NY

When: Friday, November 13, 2015

Costs: Registration: no cost

Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Jessica Verdicchio

What: Mindfulness-Based Interventions: Evidence-Based Advancements in Treatment

Where: Teaneck, NJ

When: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Costs: Registration: \$199.99

Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Stephen Jochum

What: School Counselor Professional Development Day @ Marist College

Where: Poughkeepsie, NY

When: Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Costs: Registration: no cost

Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Stephen Jochum, Jennifer Kuo

What: School Counselor Workshop @ Sacred Heart University

Where: Fairfield, CT

When: Friday, November 20, 2015

Costs: Registration: no cost

Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Jennifer Ferentz  
What: Campus tours and Open House: NYU Gallatin  
Where: New York, NY  
When: Friday, October 16, 2015  
Costs: Registration: no cost  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Stephen Jochum, Jennifer Kuo  
What: Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction  
Where: Care Plus NJ, Paramus, NJ  
When: Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
Costs: Registration: \$70 each, totaling \$140  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

- B-4.** Approval of Bergen County Special Services as provider of Augmentative Communication Assessment for a student, (ID 5878) as described in their IEP, at a rate not to exceed \$790.00, per attachment.
- B-5.** Approval of SAMANTHA JUDGE to provide Orton-Gillingham services to a student (ID 6614) for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, 2x/week at the rate of \$100/session, totaling an estimated \$8,400, per attachment.
- B-6.** Approval of Regular school year tuition (2015-2016) for three students (IDs 6266, 7366 and 7585), for the period of September 2, 2015 – June 20, 2016 at Pascack Valley Regional High School District (RISE Program) as described in their IEPs, in the amount of \$26,542 each, totaling \$79,626, per attachment.
- B-7.** Approval of Regular School year tuition (2015-2016) for a student (ID 6727) for the period September 2, 2015 – June 20, 2016 at Pascack Valley Regional High School District (Park Academy Program), in the amount of \$26,542, as described in their IEP, per attachment.
- B-8.** Approval of Regular school year tuition (2015-2016) for three students (IDs 7490, 7066 and 6614), for the period of September 2, 2015 – June 20, 2016 at Pascack Valley Regional High School District (L.L.D. High School Program) as described in their IEPs, in the amount of \$28,778 each, totaling \$86,334, per attachment.
- B-9.** Approval of Revised Agreement for ABA Therapy Services facilitated by Above & Beyond Learning Group, LLC for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for a student (ID 7580), as described in their IEP, in the approximate amount of \$36,620, per attachment.
- B-10.** Approval of Revised Agreement for Program Coordination and ABA Therapy Services facilitated by Above & Beyond Learning Group, LLC for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for a student (ID 5389), as described in their IEP, in the approximate amount of \$25,000, per attachment.
- B-11.** Approval of Revised Agreement for Program Coordination and ABA Therapy Services facilitated by Above & Beyond Learning Group, LLC for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for a student (ID 5878), as described in their IEP, in the approximate amount of \$12,780, per attachment.

Roll Call:

9. **ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for October 12, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-11**, 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.** Approve a revised family leave of absence for DOREEN ALBANO, Teacher of Art, effective November 9, 2015, or sooner, to November 30, 2015 in which sick days will be used then effective December 1, 2015 to March 1, 2016 in which Family Leave of absence will take effect, per attachment.
- E-3.** Appoint JASON GRABELSKY, School Social Worker, for the 2015-2016 school year, effective December 14, 2015, or sooner, to June 30, 2016, at a total salary of \$71,248 (MA+30, Step 8) prorated, per attachment.
- E-4.** Appoint CAROLYN WAGNER, as Long Term Leave Replacement Teacher of Art, from November 9, 2015, or sooner, to February 29, 2016 at a total salary of \$57,693 (MA, Step 1) prorated, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve the first reading of the 2016-2017 School Calendar, per attachment.
- E-6.** Approve the second and Final reading of the following Board of Education Policies and Regulation updates, per attachment.

**Policy 3322** - Teaching Staff Members/Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices

**Policy 4322** - Support Staff Members/Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices

**Policy 5330** - Students/Administration of Medication

**Policy 5339** - Students/Screening for Dyslexia

**Policy 5615** - Students/Suspected Gang Activity

**Policy 8820** - Operations/Opening Exercises/Ceremonies

**Regulation R3221** - Teaching Staff Members/Evaluation of Teachers (M)

**Regulation R3222** - Teaching Staff Members /Evaluation of (Non) Teaching Certified Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)

**Regulation R5330** - Students/Administration of Medication

- E-7.** Approve the District Professional Development Plan for the 2015- 2016 school year, per attachment.

**E-8.** Approve the Activities related to Week of Respect, October 5 -9, 2015, per attachment.

**E-9.** Approve the Activities related to School Violence Awareness / Red Ribbon Week, October 19 - 23, 2015, per attachment.

**E-10.** Approve the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments for the 2015-2016 school year, per attachment.

1. KYLE LINARES as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (Group 2a, \$6,817)
2. JENNIFER FERENTZ as Highland Heroes (Group 4, \$2,861 revised to full stipend as Steve Cerelli stepped down)
3. STEVE CERELLI as Assistant Swim Coach (Group 4a, \$6,424)
4. JASON BLOCK as Assistant Ice Hockey Coach (1/2 of Group 4a, \$6,424)
5. ANDREW FREY as Assistant Ice Hockey Coach (1/2 of Group 4a, \$6,424)

**E-11.** Approve ELLA ASHABI, LORA SCHWACKE, ROBERT DAWK, MOLLY KOSCH and CAROLYN WAGNER as Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 school year, per attachment.

Roll Call:

**10. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**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 to discuss the following matters:

- Legal Matters – Pending Litigation

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: \_\_\_\_\_