

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

**Reorganization / Workshop Meeting**

**January 5, 2015**

**REORGANIZATION AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Board Secretary 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 10, 2014 in 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
- 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**  
 Pursuant to NJ Statute, re-elected Board Members Barbara Garand, Anne Goddard and Jill Webb and the re-appointed Board Representative from Ho-Ho-Kus, Ellen Marie Walsh, will be sworn in by Mr. Davis.
  
- 5. 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		
Mrs. 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		

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Mr. Davis will read the results of the Annual School Election held November 4, 2014:  
Votes for Members of the Board of Education (each for 3 year terms):

Allendale

Anne Goddard 632

Jill Webb 762

Upper Saddle River

Barbara Garand 1197

**7. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTION RESULTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded, to accept the results of the November 4, 2014 election, as previously read and as listed above.

Roll Call Vote:

**8. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Davis will ask for nominations for the Office of President of the Board of Education.

Nominated for President: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded to close nominations for President.

Roll Call Vote:

At this time the President will assume the chair.

**9. ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Board President will ask for nominations for the Office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Nominated for Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded to close nominations for Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote:

**10. APPOINTMENTS AND APPROVALS**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded, to approve the following required appointments and approvals pursuant to NJSA 18A et seq.

- a. Approval of the 2015 Board of Education Meeting Dates, Times and Location, per attachment.

Roll Call Vote:

**11. BOARD COMMITTEES**

The following are standing committees of the Board of Education. Appointment to each Committee is at the discretion of the Board President who also serves as an ex-officio member to all Board Committees.

The Board President will ask that each Board member review the committees listed below and develop a schedule of preferences and submit them by January 15.

COMMITTEES	LIASONS
Finance & Facilities	Sports Association
Personnel	Music & Performing Arts Association
Policy	Scholarship Foundation
Curriculum	Bergen County School Boards
Student Activities	Home & School Association
Negotiations	New Jersey School Boards
Communications	Legislation

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Workshop meeting will be called to order by the Board President.

2. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** NONE

3. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

4. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

5. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

6. **ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for January 5, 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-8** 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 the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s report for the month of November, 2014.

**B-2.** Approval of current bills list (check register) from December 4, 2014 through December 19, 2014, per attachment.

**B-3.** Approval of minutes, December 8, 2014 Board of Education meeting and executive session, per attachment.

**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).*

Who: Amy Torchia, John Kaminski  
What: Syracuse University Summer Institute  
Where: Lubin House, New York, NY  
When: Wednesday, August 12 - Friday, August 14, 2015  
Costs: Registration: no cost  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Michael Koth  
What: NASSP Conference  
Where: San Diego, CA  
When: Thursday, February 19 – Saturday, February 21, 2015  
Costs: Registration: \$495  
Airfare: approx. \$495 round trip  
Hotel: Hilton San Diego (conference hotel) \$239/night for 3 nights  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Lauren Goldberg  
What: Mindfulness in Education Teacher Training  
Where: Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY  
When: Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2015  
Costs: Registration: \$455  
Accommodation: included with registration cost  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Jennifer Ferentz  
What: University of Miami's 2015 College Counselor Conference  
Where: Coral Gables, FL  
When: Thursday, January 29 – Sunday, February 1, 2015  
Costs: Airfare & accommodations provided  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Joseph Kiely, Brian Belluzzi  
What: Krame Center Mindful Fellows Retreat  
Where: Blue Cliff Monastery, Ramapo College of NJ  
When: Saturday, February 7- Monday, February, 9 2015 and Saturday, March 28, 2015  
Costs: Registration: \$520  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Jennifer Kuo, Jennifer Ferentz  
What: PESI Workshop: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Techniques  
Where: Double Tree, Fort Lee, NJ  
When: Friday, March 6, 2015  
Costs: Registration: \$189.99 each, \$379.98 total  
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

**B-5. Construction Project Change Order**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014 the Northern Highlands Board of Education awarded Montana Construction Corp., Inc. the original bid for Building Demolition & Site Restoration at 300 Hillside Avenue Project in the total contract lump sum of \$79,000, and WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education approves the following change orders to Montana Construction Corp, Inc. in the amount of \$3,629.94:

#1	Contract time change	\$ 0.00
#2	Provide fence fabric as requested by Boro of Allendale	\$ 2,829.94
#3	Removal of one 16" diameter tree	\$ 800.00

**B-6. Award Resolution**

WHEREAS the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) is acting as the lead agency for the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT), and WHEREAS the MRESC operates the State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESSCCPS for the provision of services to its members, and WHEREAS the MRESC has developed RFP specifications, for the New Jersey Digital Readiness Learning & Assessment Broadband Component, Wide Area Network & Internet Cooperative Purchasing Initiative (DRLAP) in accordance with E-Rate guidelines, and WHEREAS the MRESC, used a competitive contracting format as approved by the Division of Local Government Services, and WHEREAS the MRESC posted a 470 form listing all districts submitting a letter or intent to participate in DRLAP and those public school district members of the MRESC Cooperative Pricing System not submitting a letter of intent to participate, and WHEREAS the MRESC advertised this bid in accordance with 18A:18A-21 and publicly opened and read the DRLAP bid on September 17, 2014 SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education awards the DRLAP contract to MRESC.

**B-7.** It is hereby RESOLVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, that the Northern Highlands Regional Board of Education hereby accepts and agrees to the Settlement Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto; and it is further RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the BOE President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board and the Board Secretary to take all actions necessary to effectuate the settlement.

**B-8.** Approval of facility lease to The Gifted Child Society for a five year period commencing in the spring of 2015 and ending December 31, 2020 with an annual rental amount of \$ 75,000 as per the attached lease agreement.

Roll Call:

**7. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for January 5, 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 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 ALISON BLOOMFIELD as a Homebound Instructor/Tutor for 2014 – 2015 school year, per attachment.
- E-3.** Approve the appointment of JOSEPH LUCCI as a .8 Teacher of Latin at a total salary of \$66,605 (MA+60, Step 1), pro-rated, effective January 5, 2015, for the 2014 – 2015 School year, per attachment.
- E-4.** Approve the appointment of BERNADETTE RICCA as Evening Supervisor of the Wellness Center, and JUDI JEWETT and SUSAN MANGION as emergency back-ups as needed, at a rate of \$21.00 per hour, in accordance with the Northern Highlands Education Association combined Master Agreement, effective immediately for the 2014 – 2015 school year, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve MARK MARTINO as a Substitute Teacher for 2014 – 2015 school year, per attachment.

Roll Call:

- 8. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
- 9. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- 10. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- 11. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
- 12. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- 13. **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:

- **12<sup>th</sup> grade student – residency issue**
- **Contract negotiations**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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