

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

Regular Meeting

February 3, 2014

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 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. 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)		
Sohil Khanna (Student Representative)		
Yash Rao (Student Representative)		
Mr. John J. Keenan, Superintendent		
Mr. James Davis, Business Administrator/Board Secretary		
Mr. James Plosia, Board Attorney		

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

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TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: NONE

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

9. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for February 3, 2014, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-9** 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 transfers, per attachment.

B-2. Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's report for the month of December, 2013. The report for the month of January 2014 will be approved at the March 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

B-3. Approval of current bills list (check register) from December 20, 2013 through January 29, 2014, per attachment.

B-4. Approval of minutes, January 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting and executive sessions, per attachment.

B-5. *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: Michael Rightmire

What: Techspo Conference 2014

Where: Bally's Atlantic City, NJ

When: Thursday, January 30 – Friday, January 31, 2014

Costs: Registration: \$385.00
Hotel: Bally's \$125.00 (conference hotel)
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Sheila Yallowitz
What: NJSBA Hudson County Meeting: Critical Legal Issues
Where: La Reggia, Secaucus, NJ
When: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Costs: Registration: no cost
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Sheila Yallowitz, Barbara Garand, Anne Goddard
What: NJSBA Technology Conference: PARCC and Beyond
Where: Princeton Marriott Conference Center, Princeton, NJ
When: Friday, February 21, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$150.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Steve Simonetti
What: NJAHPERD Convention
Where: Ocean Side Resort, Long Branch, NJ
When: Monday, February 24 – Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$130.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Barbara Garand
What: NJSBA Board President and VP Conference
Where: Princeton Marriott Conference Center, Princeton, NJ
When: Saturday, February 8, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$100.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: James Davis
What: NJASBO Workshop: Understanding the SDA Grant Process & Requirements
Where: NJASBO, Robbinsville, NJ
When: Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Costs: Registration: no cost
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: James Davis
What: Bergen County Cooperative Contracting Forum
Where: Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ
When: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Costs: Registration: no cost
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Brad Siegel
What: Content Area Literacy Workshop: Comprehension, Collaboration and Inquiry
Where: Newark, NJ

When: Friday, March 7, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$219.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Carol Volpe
What: AP Workshop
Where: Robbinsville High School, Robbinsville, NJ
When: Saturday, March 1, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$185.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Barbara Garand
What: Bergen County Meeting, NJSBA: Student Achievement PARCC
Where: Carlstadt Public School, NJ
When: Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Costs: Registration: no cost
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: Agostina Andrade, Sara Buchbaum
What: Northeast Conference of Teaching Foreign Languages
Where: Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA
When: Friday March 28 – Saturday, March 29, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$150.00 each
Hotel: \$189 per night plus tax for 2 nights (conference hotel)
Airfare: \$148 round trip each

Who: Theodora Sotiropoulos, Tom Paster, Tyler Adel
What: NJ Music Educators Conference
Where: Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, East Brunswick, NJ
When: Thursday, February 20 – Saturday, February 22, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$150 each, totaling \$450
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

Who: John Kuzian
What: AP Workshop
Where: Robbinsville High School, Robbinsville, NJ
When: Saturday, March 1, 2014
Costs: Registration: \$215.00
Mileage: as per NJ OMB Guidelines

- B-5.** Approval of regular school year tuition contract for 2013-2014, (receiving from Ramapo-Indian Hills District in the amount of \$24,838) for a student (ID 6722) to attend Northern Highlands Regional High School (LEAP Program) for the period September 4, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as described in their IEP, per attachment.
- B-6.** Approval of tuition contract agreement with Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School for the 2013-2014 school year for a student (ID 5061), as described in their IEP, in the amount of \$35,929, per attachment.

- B-7.** Approval of agreement to purchase Natural Gas Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) through May 2018, per attachment.
- B-8.** 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 2014-2015 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 four (4) 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 2014-2015 school year, per attachment.

- B-9.** Approval of the appointment of LARRY PAGELLA as new on-call / substitute custodian at the hourly rate of \$15.00 for the 2013-2014 school year, conditional on the completion of required documentation.

Roll Call:

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for February 3, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-14**, 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 one new out of district Tuition Student for the 2014 – 2015 school year, per attachment.
- E-3.** Approve a family leave for JESSICA MENZELLA, Teacher of Special Education from April 28, 2014, or sooner through June 23, 2014, per attachment.
- E-4.** Approve the following Athletic /Co-Curricular Assignments:
- a.) Approve ADAM BRUNNER and PATRICK BRENNAN as Co-Spring Musical Set Construction Advisors (Group 4).
 - b.) Approve DIANE DEVOE as Assistant DECA Advisor, School Store (Group 3), beginning January 28, 2014 for the 2013 – 2014 school year.
 - c.) Approve JUSTIN TRALONGO and MATTHEW KRZYSIK as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coaches (Group 3a).
 - d.) Approve as CHRISTIAN SCHARRE, and PHIL HAMMERSLAG Volunteer Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coaches (see attached recommendation forms).
 - e.) Approve MATT SCIANCALEPORE Paraprofessional Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach.

- E-5.** Approve HERBERT KLEIN and DAVID RUFFMAN and ALEXANDRA HATHAWAY as Substitute Teachers for the 2013 – 2014 school year, per attached.
- E-6.** Approve ROBIN GOTTESMAN as Volunteer School Photographer, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- E-7.** Approve the first reading of the following Board of Education Policy and Regulations:
- a.) P5512 HIB (revised policy)
 - b.) R5512 HIB (revised regulation)
 - c.) R9150 School Visitor (revised regulation)
- E-8.** Approve JEREMIA GAPASIN as Student Teacher of English, effective February 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014.
- E-9.** Approve TYLER MELINCOVE as participating Montclair State Student Athletic Trainer for Spring Semester 2014.
- E-10.** Approve the 2014 – 2015 school calendar, per attached.
- E-11.** Approve a change in degree status for VINCENZA SARDELLA from MA to MA+30, effective September 1, 2014.
- E-12.** Approve a leave of absence for MEREDITH SKLAR from May 27, 2014 through the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year, per attached.
- E-13.** Approve the submittal of the State Application for funds to support implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.
- E-14.** Approve the Semi-Annual District Violence and Vandalism Report, per attachment.

Roll Call:

- 11. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
- 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- 13. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- 14. OLD BUSINESS**
- 15. NEW BUSINESS**
- 16. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
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18. ADJOURNMENT

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

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