

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

Regular Meeting

January 23, 2012

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board Secretary will read the following:

This is the Regular Meeting of the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education and Notice has been provided as required under the Open Public Meetings Act by having the time, date, place and purpose of said meeting transmitted to the Ridgewood News, The Record, the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River and published on May 13, 2011 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. Anne Goddard	_____	_____
Mrs. Barbara Garand	_____	_____
Mrs. Lisa Jill Webb	_____	_____
Dr. Robert Hands	_____	_____
Mrs. Ann Pagano	_____	_____
Mrs. Lori Loughnane	_____	_____
Mr. James Mulanaphy	_____	_____
Mr. Robert C. Wei	_____	_____
Mrs. Colleen Federer	_____	_____
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti	_____	_____
Mr. Henry Senger (Saddle River Liaison)	_____	_____
Ms. Morgan Lamb (Student Representative)	_____	_____
Mr. Anuj Chhabra (Student Representative)	_____	_____
Mr. John J. Keenan, Superintendent	_____	_____
Mr. Roderic McLaughlin, Business Administrator/Board Secretary	_____	_____

4. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESENTATION - Transition Project Advisors and Student Ambassadors**
6. **LIAISON REPORTS**
7. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
8. **ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for January 9, 2012, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) 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. (Attch. B-1)
- B-2.** Approval of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of December, 2012. (Attch. B-2)
- B-3.** Approval of current bills list (check register), from January 3, 2012 through January 13, 2012. (Attch B-3)
- 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: Robert Petrosino
What: Podcast Workshop
Where: Parsippany Holiday Inn, Parsippany, NJ
When: Thursday, January 26, 2012
Costs: Registration: \$225.00
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

Who: Laura Florez
What: Workshop on Music in World Language Classes
Where: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
When: Saturday, January 28, 2012
Costs: Registration: \$35.00
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

Who: Michael Koth, Val DiNallo and Jessica Verdicchio
What: Workshop on Teen Dating Violence
Where: Foundation for Educational Administration, Montvale, NJ
When: Thursday, January 26, 2012
Costs: Registration: \$147.00 each
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

Who: Brad Siegel
What: TC Reading and Writing Institute
Where: Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY
When: Monday-Thursday, February 20-23, 2012
Costs: Registration: \$500.00 each
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

- B-5.** 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 2012-2013, 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 only seven 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 2012-2013 school year. (Attch. B-5)

- B-6.** Approval of the regular session minutes for the December 12, 2011, Board of Education meeting. (Attch.#B-6)

- B-7.** Whereas Chapter 78 of New Jersey Public laws of 2011 requires that public school districts offer a Cafeteria Plan, as authorized under Sections 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, which allow eligible employees to pay for their share of contributions for health insurance on a pre-tax salary reduction basis under the premium component and to an account for reimbursement of certain medical care expenses (Health FSA Account as authorized under Section 105 of the IRC) ; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education hereby adopts the attached Plan document(Attch. B7-a), Summary Plan Description (Attch B7-b) and hereby approves the attached (Attch. B-7c) Administrative Services Agreement with Ameriflex to assist in the administration of these plans, and

Be it further resolved that Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors are hereby appointed as the outside plan representative and shall be deemed a plan administrator, and

Be it further resolved that the initial plan year and term of all agreements and appointments shall be for the period February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013.

Roll Call Vote:

9. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE Business Agenda for the February 6, 2012 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) 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.

- a. Approval of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of _____, 2012.
- b. Approval of current bills list (check register).
- c. Approval of minutes, _____, 2012, Board of Education meeting.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR Education Agenda for January 23, 2012 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, upon recommendation of the Superintendent:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the following Education items (**E-1 to E-5**):

- E-1.** Approve the second, and final, reading of the following Board of Education policies:
 - 0141.2 Board Member & Term – Receiving District (Revised)
 - 0168 Recording Board Meetings (Revised)
 - 5519 Dating Violence at School (New) - Policy & Regulation
 - 9180 School Volunteers (Revised)
 - 9181 Volunteer Athletic Coaches & Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (Revised)
- E-2.** Approve a Change in Degree Status for MICHAEL STONE, Guidance Counselor, from MA+30 (Step 12, \$84,633 *pro-rated*) to MA+60 (Step 12, \$88,315 *pro-rated*), effective February 1, 2012.
- E-3.** Approve the appointment of JOHN MOSCA as a new Substitute Teacher/Student Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.
- E-4.** Approve the appointment of HEIDI CATALANO as a new Substitute School Nurse for the 2011-2012 school year, effective January 20, 2012.
- E-5.** Approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

11. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – 2012 School Board Election

13. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

14. OLD BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

17. 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:

- HIB Incident Report

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: _____ All Opposed: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board moves into public session.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ All Opposed: _____

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: All in Favor: _____ All Opposed: _____