

Northern Highlands Regional High School Home and School Association, Inc., (HASA) minutes of the general meeting held on May 12, 2021.

Present at Meeting: Joy Wenberg, Lisa Kulick, Linda O'Brien, Felicia Bechtel, Kelli Moss, Naomi Ono, Jean Onufrak, Kathy Travers, Audrey Flynn, Shantala Kaikini, Christine Giunta, Kristen Tsarnas, Angelica Degenars, Lorraine Dario, Nadira Khan, Anneliese Anderson, Tamara James, Julie Cornacchia, Denise Branca, Thao Groenewald, Maggie Liljegren, Yasmin Pavri, Karen Begleiter, Lynelle Tedesco, Rachel Milston, Nicole Oehler, Christine Kearney, Jane Bodnar, Traci Weiter, Sonia Agarwal, Joan Clifford, Lorraine Reichert, Andrea Pennington, Bob Males, Dipti Chauhan, Robin Knutelsky, Grace Perruzzi, Christa Paolillo, Rima Prajapati, Barbara Lobo, Karina Ferrales, Emily Kaufman, Alpa Patel, Christy Soell, Danielle Gawrysiak, Jennifer Recht, Joann Meyer.

Present at Meeting: Dr. Scot Beckerman, Mr. Joe Occhino, Mr. Mike Koth, Ms. Kelly Peterfriend, Ms. Robin Knutelsky and Jose Madhavasseril

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: Joy called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Superintendent - Dr. Beckerman:

The budget was approved and sent to Department of Education there will be approximately a 2.5%-2.54% increase. Full presentation is on BOE presentation page. The budget includes staffing another nurse, an athletic trainer and full time special ed. teacher. It will also include adding labs to science classes that do not currently have them. The referendum has been submitted to DOE. \$7.2 million of local bond (capital reserve) and \$1.6 million to come from state funding. This will be used for creating a multi-purpose turf field, a field house with public bathroom, updates to the planetarium, art classrooms and library, TVP classroom and fitness center. Auditors met yesterday, we don't have specific decrease for taxpayers yet. Athletic Director, Bob Williams is moving on. Mr. Koth will be taking over for the summer until job is filled.

Principal - Mr. Joe Occhino:

Proms are moving full steam ahead, there are 220 Juniors going to their prom Thursday, May 20. Senior Prom is June 4, and 276 students are going to that. Seniors cannot have guests from other grades or schools at the prom as we will be close to 300 mark. Phase 3 survey has been taken and 85 students are returning from all virtual and only 15 are going back to all virtual, which makes a total of 374 all virtual and 980 students will be returning in-person. We can now go from 6ft to 3ft so that makes a difference for getting students in the building and classrooms. Monday, May 17 start. Check genesis, anyone who still has red or black means they are going back to full in-person. We've kept it there just in-case we ever have to go back

to Cohorts. Social gatherings are also mentioned in letter coming out. For example, there is a social gathering after junior prom in New York City. I'm encouraging parents not to let them attend, we don't want to go back, we've come so far. Bergen County will shut us down for 14 days if there is an outbreak. If they go they should quarantine until after Memorial Day. The rumor that 2021-22 will be hybrid is fake news, we are going full steam ahead hoping everything will be back, including lunch. Graduation is still set for June 24, guidelines have been lifted, but we still have 6ft distance. Every family gets 2 tickets. Overflow for about 20 families by the fence line. Project graduation will take place on 24th regardless whether we have rain dates for graduation. 7pm start times will hopefully help avoid thunderstorms.

Question: Do fully vaccinated students have to quarantine. Answer: The fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine.

Thanks Joy for everything you have done, we cannot do all the things we do without HASA.

Assistant Principal - Mr. Mike Koth:

Genesis attendance letters are automatically generated, so don't panic, if you have any questions, please contact our office. If your child has lost credit because of attendance issues, appeals can be placed. We are looking forward to next year, we want to see student involvement again, in everything. We are reshuffling the plays, freshman class play will now be in the fall and senior play will be moved to spring because in the fall the seniors are stressed with college admissions.

Director of Guidance - Kelly Peterfriend:

Thank you for teacher appreciation lunch and gift. Reminder to parents of juniors about our summer college application program, it's very informative. This years college stats - 48.4 EA or ED, 51.6% RD, 40.8% accepted, 37.1% unknown, 14.3% denied, 7.7% withdrawn likely accepted ED. 83.5% will be at out-of-state colleges and 16.5% in-state colleges. First AP exam is Thursday, May 18.

Question: Do you know whether students were accepted with or without test scores? Answer: I would have to look into that information. It's not easily gotten from Naviance.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Robin Knutelsky:

Thank you for luncheon and gift. We are looking forward to the summer and seeing the Wellness Center being refurbished. The Summer Academy is filling up and going well, we will send out another blast. Please sign up for the Academy sooner rather than later. <https://sites.google.com/northernhighlands.org/northernhighlandssummeracademy/home>

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: I'd like to start this meeting mentioning that per our bylaws, Section 3.3, the Nominating Committee presents a proposed slate of officers to the Executive Committee in either March or April each year. The Executive Committee shall, from among the nominees presented, appoint a President and Vice President(s), a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer at the meeting held in May.

The proposed slate of officers for 2021-22 that was unanimously approved is:

Lisa Kulick, President

Kelli Moss, Vice President, Fundraising

Tammy James, Vice President

Naomi Ono, Treasurer

Lorraine Dario, Recording Secretary

My congratulations and sincere thanks to the future HASA Board! We will now continue the meeting with the outgoing board on the agenda.

Teacher Appreciation luncheon went very well. Due to Covid a grab and go style lunch was supplied by Wilkes Deli, they also each got a gift of a succulent plant supplied by Rohslers Nursery. Thank you to Jess Carlin and Kelli Moss for organizing the lunch and gift packaging and everyone that helped set it up.

Vice Presidents - Felicia Bechtel & Kelli Moss:

Felicia welcomed all the new officers and Kelli thanked Joy and Felicia.

Treasurer - Linda O'Brien:

As of Monday, May 11, 2021 Operating account balance was \$27,400 and the Money Market Account was \$68,073. Linda thanked Joy immensely for all the hard work and changes she has made. Thanked everyone on the committees.

Secretary - Lisa Kulick:

Motioned for approval of the April 2021 minutes, approved by Felicia Bechtel and seconded by Kathy Travers.

Membership and Directory - Christy Soell and Linda O'Brien:

8th Grade packet was sent out. We are starting with new membership for 2021-2022 school year. The cost of membership is \$35. Go to our link www.northernhighlands.org/joinhasa. You

will receive an email with instructions to download the Directory Spot App to the email registered with the school. Then the App is ready at the beginning of the school year.

Grocery Cards- Naomi Ono & Audrey Flynn:

We are retiring this fundraiser. We finished up selling \$23,000 cards, which was a \$1,150 donation for HASA. Thanks to everyone who supported this. If you are still interested in purchasing cards Cathy Squacsoni is selling them for the Allendale Library.

Newsletter - Jean Onufrak:

Deadline for additions to the June newsletter is May 19, publication date is June 4. Jean announced that she is leaving this post and Shantala Kaikini is going to be taking over this position. Any suggestions for the last newsletters please let us know. Email me at: jonufrak1@gmail.com

TD Affinity Program - Jane Bodnar:

Harut Berberyan, is the Store Manager VP, at our local TD Bank and can be reached at 201-825-1011. If you are a customer of any TD Bank you can ask to link your accounts to The Affinity Program for HASA. This will be at no cost to you. TD Bank then gives HASA a small donation, just from linking your account.

Board of Education - Lisa Halperin: - No report

MPAA - Mary McAuliffe: - No report

Sports Association - Kathy Travers:

Very grateful to everyone who is leaving, they have all left a tremendous mark. Spring Sports are well underway and it so fantastic to see the kids on the fields and the stands filled with spectators!

I just wanted to update you on the successes of our student athletes. Many of these teams are entering county tournaments – please come out and support them!

The NH Wrestling team has been selected as the Bergen Coaches Large School Team of the Year. They were undefeated 11-0 and League Champions. AMAZING JOB!

As of Monday, girls tennis has an incredible record of 10-0!

Boys tennis has an equally impressive record of 12-2-1!

Girls golf came in third place in the North Jersey, and they are moving on to the Tournament of Champions.

Boys Lacrosse is seeded #2 in the County Tournament, right behind Don Bosco. They had an amazing win against Bergen Catholic on Saturday. They were down 7-2 at halftime and come back to win 9-8. Their first county game is Mon, May 17th.

Girls Lacrosse is seeded 3rd after IHA and RWood. They had a nail-biter game last night against Mountain Lakes and came out on top 8-6. Their first county game is Friday against Old Tappan.

Spring Track is having a wonderful season. The boys team had great showing at the Counties, finishing 3rd. And the NH Girls followed up by winning the County Championship, posting many Personal Bests, as well as setting new school records. The javelin relay team set a new NH record. The high jump team set a new NH record. The girls won the 4 x 400 and the shuttle event. And the girls hurdles ran the 10th fastest time in Bergen history. And finally, Randi Conroy set a new NH school record for pole vault at 11' 3" which is amazing!

Finally, the NHSA is hosting our Annual Golf Outing on Monday, May 24, at Knoll Country Club. Please come out and support us, so we can support the coaches and athletes. For information, please contact Kathy Travers at kgtravers6@gmail.com or Frank Paparozzi fpaparozzi4@verizon.net.

Other Business:

Project Graduation - Lynelle Tedesco:

Continuing with Amazing Race students look like they are having fun. Parents are volunteering. Everything is on track for Project Graduations on June 24.

Lawn signs will be delivered in the next week or two and will be picked up from school. May 20 at 12:30.

HASA President - Joy Wenberg:

I would like to thank the Administrators for being here every month and for their trust and support of HASA activities. I'd like to thank the outgoing Executive Committee and Committee Leaders for their hours of volunteerism that have strengthened this organization. And lastly, I'd like to thank the parents and others who take time out of their day to join us once a month on a Wednesday to participate in this corner of the Northern Highlands community. Thank you for being here with us.

Joy adjourned the meeting at 10:02am.