

**Northern Highlands Regional High School Home and School Association, Inc., (HASA)
minutes of the general meeting held on June 9, 2020.**

Present at Meeting: Joy Wenberg, Lisa Kulick, Linda O'Brien, Kelli Moss, Felicia Bechtel, Kathy Travers, Jane Bodnar, Jean Onufrak, Jess Carlin, Tamara James, Karen McWilliams, Jennifer Boschetti, Naomi Ono, Christine Ferrarie, Christy Soell, Jose Madhavasseril, Catherine Shaw, Ann Ho, Dana Sileo, Kevin Conlon, Aileen Blass, Douglas Paolillo, Yasmin Pavri, Deborah Cinquemani, Denise Branca, Grace Peruzzi, Joann Meyer, Julie Cornacchia, Lynelle Tedesco, MaryAnn Arber, Molly Bennett, Wonson Ha.

Staff Present at Meeting: Dr. Scot Beckerman, Mr. Joe Occhino, Mr. Mike Koth, Mr. Bob Williams

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: -Joy called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Welcome everyone to our first virtual meeting.

Principal - Mr. Occhino: -Very challenging times. Thanks to parents for their patience and all they are doing to help the students stay focused. The new tennis courts are being worked on at the front of the school. Guidance Counselors are working on building a master schedule, and working through conflicts. Senior awards are taking place Thursday June 11 at 6:30 pm virtually. It is prerecorded. We feel it's going to be a wonderful ceremony. It will be streamed live, but you can pick up the ceremony at any time from the beginning after 7:30 pm. We have continued to work, as we have been for some time now on graduation. As of right now we have a capacity of 25. We polled seniors and 62% of the roughly 200, replied that they would rather have a drive in ceremony on 24th June. We do not expect the allowed capacity to change. Two Jumbotrons are on order and will be used. A letter is going out to parents tomorrow with regard to graduation. We are meeting with the Allendale police to determine direction on how we will get 350 vehicles into the lots safely.

Joy asked Mr. Occhino if he could discuss the re-opening of the school going forward, and what parents might expect? He responded that guidelines are changing frequently. We are trying to get through the end of this year. We've had lots of virtual meetings, and we don't have much direction from the Department of Education about re-opening schools yet. But what we do know is when we open in September it will probably look much different than what we have always known. High schools have different challenges than elementary schools. For example, 1400 students probably can't do a split schedule or lunch. In my mind, right now, we may have some type of am/pm schedule. There may be a hybrid of in person instruction with half the class at home learning virtually and alternating.

Superintendent - Dr. Beckerman: -In addition to Mr Occhino's response added, we have zero direction from Department of Education. They sent a survey to parents last week to assess parent comfort level with returning to school. Unofficial contacts in Trenton indicate possibility that in person high school classes would not be held until 2021. Single session classes will be a challenge to handle with any sort of alternative schedule.

Joy asked what sort of communication they should expect. Dr. Beckerman's response - We really don't have any information. We hear the information at the same time as you during the Governor's press conferences. I don't expect to hear anything until mid-late summer. We can't think ahead more than week at a time at the moment.

Jess Carlin's question - If the Governor says you can open with restrictions, are you going to figure out how to do that? Dr. Beckerman's response - Of course. We have played by the rules, some of the rules I have not agreed with. Every time the Governor gives a directive, we notify the parents. If

he says we can open with limitations, we will open with those limitations, whether we agree or disagree with them.

Jess Carlin - What about the extra-curricular activities for the summer? Dr. Beckerman - He has opened camps and clubs, we hope that he opens high school sports to be consistent. People can be at the town park, but they cannot use our track.

The public will not have access to the tennis courts this summer since they are under construction.

Assistant Principal - Mr Koth: -A letter has gone out regarding collection and drop off of books.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e760697b001/d254c28d-0e2a-4ac1-b566-7deda3ccb14d.pdf>. All seniors are to return their devices and books. Everyone else will hold on to their devices. All books need to be returned by the last week of June and according to the chart and letter of last name for particular drop off time as outlined in the letter. Email Mr. Koth if you need to drop off books other than your assigned drop-off time. For upcoming seniors, a letter will go out later this week regarding parking on campus next year. Please email any questions. USRA Coalition has a virtual program for mental wellness available all month to help during this time. Program is free and can be accessed at any time. Follow USRA Coalition on Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc.

Director of Athletics and Activities - Mr. Bob Williams: - We are in a strict holding pattern for summer workouts and fall sports and waiting for the various task forces from the Governor's office, the DOE, NJSIAA and a June 17 meeting. Trying our best to assemble some sort of Athletic program, marching band and all the co-curricular activities. Lots of rumors out there, but please be patient as we wait for official word from the various offices.

Vice Presidents - Felicia Bechtel: -Thank you to everyone involved in organizing the seniors activities in this challenging time. Stay safe. **Kelli Moss:** - No report

Treasurer - Linda O'Brien: -As of June 8, the Operating Account Balance is \$16,559 and the Money Market Account balance is \$67,959.

Secretary - Lisa Kulick: -Motioned to approve the minutes from February's 2020 meeting. It was approved by Linda O'Brien and seconded by Kathy Travers.

Directory - Christy Soell: -We will be moving to an electronic directory in the fall

Membership- Linda O'Brien: - Due to the current circumstances we are not going to begin the active membership drive this spring like we have done in prior years. We will likely put something out in early August. Since we are going with an online directory this year there is not such a rush to know how many directories to print. We did put the HASA membership form in the 8th grade packet that went out in May and we have updated the website with the new form and the PayPal online payment option. We are accepting memberships and have 8 members so far. The cost of membership remains at \$35 for the 2020-2021 school year. Join at www.northernhighlands.org/joinhasa

Grocery Cards- Naomi Ono: - We sold a total of \$40,700 in grocery cards, mostly for ShopRite and we receive 5% in profit, so \$2,035 for HASA. It's a little short of goal as we cut things off in April, unsure sure of people's comfort level with exchanging cards for checks. Requests have dropped off. Shopping in this area has changed since this program started with addition of Wegman's and Uncle Giuseppe's, Whole Foods wasn't associated with Amazon, and of course online shopping. **Audrey Flynn:** - Sales dropped off starting in March, but we will try again next year. There's a Farm to Table

idea we are looking into. Also going to look into Stop and Shop again and Amazon. Sports Association actively utilizes Amazon Smile as a fundraiser. Any suggestions are welcome.

Board of Education - Christine Ferrarie: - Thank you everyone, especially the administration for working so long and hard for what is being done for the seniors and dealing with the constantly changing guidelines. Thank you to also the parent groups that have really stepped up including HASA, Project Graduation and Sports Association. We have the next BOE meeting Monday, June 22 at 7:30 pm, virtual of course. Thank you HASA team. Thanks to Dana and Haneeta for all of their time given to HASA.

President - Joy Wenberg: -Old business—Our board met several times virtually and by email to discuss additional allocations. We voted to donate \$2500 to the senior photo signs that the administrators documented with a fun film. We approved \$1,235 grocery gift cards for 13 students eligible for the free and reduced lunch school programs. The last approval was for \$3500 to go towards the graduation video walls for senior graduation. Mr. Occhino added that they are like concert Jumbotron (video walls) in the two large parking lots. Fifteen feet high by twenty-five feet wide and raised fourteen feet off the ground. There will be a smaller one in lot near the back Gym. Rain or shine. There is also a feature that you can tune into an FM station on your car radio to listen to all the speeches etc. A live stream link is also available for graduation. Mr. Occhino thanked HASA for everything we do. Also for the opportunity to do this meeting and see each other before school ends.

New business - Allocations committee of Kelli Moss, Linda O'Brien and Joy Wenberg met with Mr. Occhino via Google Meet for new allocations for 2020-2021. This includes items we have committed to pay year after year. It is difficult to plan for next year, but this gives us a basic budget and allows us to make this commitment to the school. The allocations total approximately \$13,000. Not sure what our fundraising will be for 2020-2021 and this will not over-extend us. Motion to approve the allocations by Linda O'Brien and Kathy Travers.

Dana Sileo and Haneeta Tobaccowalla, both long-time HASA volunteers, youngest children are graduating this year, and will no longer be with us. We wish you all the best for the future and thank you so much for all your time and help.

HASA President - Joy Wenberg: - adjourned meeting at 10:55am.

HASA 2020/21 Allocations6/8/2020

<u>Allocation Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Check #</u>
Administration	Teacher of the Year Recognition Plaque	\$ 225.00		
	Luncheons/Reception for Faculty			
	1. New Teacher Welcome Orientation Luncheon	\$ 500.00		
	2. Teacher Back to School Night	\$ 1,100.00		
	3. Teacher of the Year Luncheon	\$ 170.00		
	4. Staff Appreciation Day	\$ 1,500.00		
	Water for Back to School Night	\$ 250.00		
	Water for Graduation	\$ 300.00		
	New Staff T-Shirts for Orientation	\$ 525.00		
	Administration sub-total	\$ 4,570.00		
Freshman Parent Welcome		\$ 300.00		
NH Scholarship Fund, Inc		\$ 1,500.00		
Senior Scholarships	2 @ \$500	\$ 1,000.00		
Skylar the Hypnotist	Program for all seniors during the electives audit	\$ 1,500.00		
Boomerang Project	Refreshments, shirts, supplies, retreat transportation	\$ 3,000.00		
Career & Academic Pathways Reception/Luncheon	For students and mentors participating in program	\$ 300.00		
National Multicultural Day	<i>Global Citizens Club - Salsa band</i>	\$ 1,000.00		
	TOTAL	\$ 13,170.00		

May be submitted at a later date:

Wellness Center improvements

Mental Health Wellness Room improvements