

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

Regular Meeting

November 27, 2023

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board President will call the meeting to order.
2. **FLAG SALUTE and PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**
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 on January 6, 2023, by having the date, time and place sent to the North Jersey Media Group, the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River 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 five-minute time period.

3. **ROLL CALL**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Melissa Duncan		
Mrs. Christine Ferrarie		
Mrs. Lisa Halperin		
Mrs. Maggie Liljegren		
Mrs. Rachel Milston		
Mr. James Mulvey		
Dr. Andrew Prince		
Mrs. Gail Trumbetti		
Mrs. Suzanne Warzala		
Dr. Sheila Yallowitz		
Mrs. Emily Kaufman (Saddle River Liaison)		
Drishti Chauhan (Student Representative)		
Maddison Petrow (Student Representative)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary		

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**
5. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
6. **COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**9. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Business Agenda for the November 27, 2023, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-7** 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 current bills list (check register) from November 8, 2023 through November 21, 2023, per attachment.
- B-2.** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 13, 2023, Board of Education meeting, per attachment.
- B-3.** Approval of the Board Secretary, Treasurer and Transfer reports as of October 31, 2023.
- 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).

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Detail	Cost
Robin Knutelsky	“Regional Women’s Educational Leadership Forum,” sponsored by NJ Association of Administrators, Union, NJ	11/29/23	Registration Mileage	\$55 \$10.81
Denise Talotta	“Bergen Community College Meadowlands Info Session,” sponsored by Bergen Community College, Lyndhurst, NJ	11/29/23	Registration Mileage	No Cost \$20.30
Reya Cortez	“SmartClass Training,” sponsored by Robotel Smart Class, <i>virtual</i>	12/1/23	Registration	No Cost
Suad Cardenas	“SmartClass Training,” sponsored by Robotel Smart Class, <i>virtual</i>	12/1/23	Registration	No Cost
Douglas Schemly	“Secondary Additional Topics in Advanced Networks and the Internet with Cyber Security,” sponsored by the Central NJ CS Education Hub, Ewing Township, NJ	12/2/23	Registration Mileage	No Cost \$71.91
Kristen Schumacher	“NJ AI Literacy Summit,” sponsored by Northern Valley Regional High School District, Old Tappan, NJ	12/11/23	Registration	No Cost
Jessica Verdicchio	“Neuroscience for Clinicians – New Brain Science for Trauma, Anxiety, Depression and Substance Abuse,” sponsored by PESI, <i>virtual</i>	1/11/24	Registration	\$124.99

Allison Rocca	“Legal Standards and Ethical Issues in Substance Use Counseling,” sponsored by Advanced Counselor Training, LLC, <i>virtual</i>	2/1/24	Registration	No Cost
Jessica Verdicchio	“Tech Addiction & Digital Health in Children, Teens and Young Adults,” sponsored by PESI, <i>virtual</i>	3/8/24	Registration	\$124.99

B-5. Approve the following facilities use requests for the 2023-2024 school year as indicated below:

Organization Name	Activity and Location(s)	Date(s)	Time(s)
Brotherhood Lacrosse	Lacrosse practice, lower turf field	Sun. – Thurs. 5/19/24-7/28/24	4 PM – 7:30 PM
USR Basketball/Mike Blake	Basketball Tournament Fundraiser, back gym	11/27 – 12/1/23	7:45 PM – 10:00 PM

B-6. Approval of the Interim Consent Order Resolving Petitioners’ Motion for Emergency Relief Regarding Stay-Put Placement for Student #27795, per attachment.

B-7. Approval of Change Order #1, in the amount of \$ 54,419.40 for the Field Upgrades Project awarded to Applied Landscape Technologies, per attachment.

Roll Call:

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for the November 27, 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-15**, 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. Accept and affirm the Monthly Student Suspension report, per attachment.

E-3. Approve the second reading of the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw updates, per attachment.

- P & R 1642.01 Sick Leave
- P 2270 Religion in the Schools
- P & R 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (M)
- P 3161 Examination for Cause
- P & R 3212 Attendance (M)
- P 3324 Right of Privacy
- P 4161 Examination for Cause

P & R 4212	Attendance (M)
P 4324	Right of Privacy
P & R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)
P & R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths

- E-4.** *RESCIND* the appointment of AMI SHAH, from Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal of Student Affairs to the Administrative Assistant to the Principal, for the 2023-2024 school year, effective January 2, 2024 to June 30, 2024 with a revised salary of \$62,676 prorated. (Administrative Assistant guide, Step 8).
- E-5.** Approve the appointment of AMI SHAH, from Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal of Student Affairs (8/1/23 - 1/1/24) to the Administrative Assistant to the Principal (1/2/24 - 6/30/24), for the 2023-2024 school year, with no change in salary of \$60,376 prorated. (Administrative Assistant guide, Step 7).
- E-6.** *AMEND* the Leave of Absence dates for LAUREN ZUCKER, Teacher of English, to an end date of March 20, 2024, returning on March 21, 2024, per attachment.
- E-7.** Approve an extension for JILL PECORA, Teacher of English (Leave Replacement), for leave coverage to conclude end of day March 20, 2024.
- E-8.** *RESCIND* the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignment(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.
1. LAUREN ZUCKER as Freshman Literary Magazine Advisor (1/2 Group 2 or \$2,441.50 each)
 2. LAUREN ZUCKER as TED-Ed Advisor (1/2 Group 4 or \$836.50 each)
- E-9.** Approve the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignment(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.
1. TROY BIANCHI as Assistant Softball Coach (Group 3a, \$6,259)
- E-10.** Approve the following field trip(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.
1. Girls Basketball Team: Attend College Basketball Game: 12/2/23
 - Seton Hall University, South Orange NJ
 2. Highlands Heroes: Outreach Program: 12/7/23
 - Brookside Middle School, Allendale NJ
 3. Student Council: Tomorrows Children's Fund: 12/12/23
 - Delivery of gift donations to Hackensack, NJ
 4. Softball Team: Team building and training: 3/22/24 - 3/26/24 (Overnight trip)
 - Universal Cabana Bay Resort (Accommodations)
 - Locations to be determined by KSA Events (Training)

E-11. Approve the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, as listed below.

NAME	EVENT	DATE(S)	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
MIKE KILGALLEN	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
SARAH MINCHIN	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
CHUCK STRAHLENDORFF	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
BILL STRAUB	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
RICH LEBLANCQ	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
CHARLIE PETTINATO	Girls Basketball Team	12/2/23	No substitute cost
JENNIFER FERENTZ	Highlands Heroes	12/7/23	No substitute cost
THOMAS WITKOWSKI	Student Council	12/12/23	No substitute cost
MARIA LABARBIERA	Softball Team	3/22/24 - 3/26/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$310.50
TROY BIANCHI	Softball Team	3/22/24 - 3/26/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$310.50

E-12. Approve PETER STERLING AUTY, III for The College of Saint Rose Student Teaching Internship in the Social Studies department, for the 2023-2024 school year, effective January 16, 2024 to May 8, 2024, per attachment.

E-13. Approve TROY BIANCHI and JOHN YOST as event workers, as necessary, at the NHEA rate, for all Athletic competitions for the 2023-2024 school year, pending completion of required documentation.

E-14. Approve the receipt of one (1) out of district Tuition Student(s), for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.

E-15. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Biomedical and Health Sciences and Health Professions for a Collaborative Arrangement to Offer Dual Enrollment, per attachment.

Roll Call:

11. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

15. 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:

- **No Executive Session Scheduled**

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: _____

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____