

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

Regular Meeting

July 24, 2024

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 by having the date, time and place published in The Record and The Ridgewood News on June 28, 2024, sent to 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. Christine Ferrarie		
Mrs. Lisa Halperin		
Mrs. Jennifer Lenkowsky		
Mrs. Maggie Liljegren		
Ms. Jennifer Mario		
Mrs. Lynn McCarthy		
Mrs. Rachel Milston		
Mr. James Mulvey		
Dr. Andrew Prince		
Mrs. Suzanne Warzala		
Ms. Evelyn Nissirios (Saddle River Liaison)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary		

4. **BOARD RETREAT**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education shall go into Board Retreat for the purposes of discussing:

- Dr. Scot Beckerman: Board Goals Overview
- Matt Lee, NJSBA Representative: Moderated Annual Board Retreat

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board move into Board Retreat.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

_____ moved, and _____ seconded that the Board move out of Board Retreat and into Regular Session.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Scot Beckerman: Student Safety Data System Report (SSDS)

Dr. Robin Knutelsky: 2024 New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) and Access for ELLS assessment results

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

9. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR Business Agenda for July 24, 2024, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved, and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-18** 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 lists (check registers) from June 17, 2024 through June 30, 2024 and July 1, 2024 through July 22, 2024, per attachments.

B-2. Approval of Minutes, June 17, 2024, Board of Education meeting, per attachment.

B-3. 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
Christine Wegert	“US Naval Academy Center of Influence Workshop,” sponsored by the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD	7/31/24-8/3/24	N/A	No Cost to District
Kristen Schumacher	“Annual Conference,” sponsored by NJ Council for the Social Studies, Piscataway, NJ	10/21/24	Registration Mileage Tolls	\$90 \$37.22 \$7.73

B-4. Approve the following facilities use requests as indicated below:

Organization Name	Activity and Location(s)	Date(s)	Time(s)
Highlands Travel Softball	Games; JV Turf Softball Field	7/18/24	4:45 PM – 8:30 PM
Allendale Jr. Police Academy	Two (2) Busses and Drivers from Allendale to West Point, NY	7/25/24	8:45 PM – 3:00 PM
Red and Black Football Camp	Clinic; Gymnasium and Turf Fields (Stadium or Lower)	8/8/24-8/11/24	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
NH Jr. Football and Cheer	Cheer Camp; Wrestling Gym	8/19/24-8/21/24	1:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Girls Xtreme Lacrosse	Practice; Lower Turf	9/15/24 9/22/24 9/29/24 10/6/24 10/13/24 10/27/24 11/3/24 11/10/24	1:30-4:30 PM 4:00-7:00 PM
Allendale Recreation	Allendale 5K Race; Driveways	10/27/24	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

B-5. Approval of the following student placements/services for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment(s).

Item	Student ID	Provider	Type	Duration	Cost
a.	27814	New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Educational Services	9/1/24-6/30/25	\$2,400
b.	23130	The Calais School, Whippany, NJ	Tuition	7/8/24-6/30/25	\$90,375.60
c.	25103	Northwest Area School District, Shickshinny, PA	Home Instruction	3/20/24-4/9/24	\$1,546
d.	27814	Aveanna Healthcare	Nursing Services	7/8/24-6/30/25	Not to exceed \$133,875
e.	25004	Bergen County Special Services – Educational Enterprises	Educational Services	7/1/24-6/30/25	Not to exceed \$2,210

B-6. Approval of the following services for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment(s).

Item	Provider	Service	Cost
a.	Bergen County Special Services	Hospital Instruction at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, NJ	\$65/hour
b.	Bayada Home Healthcare, Inc.	Substitute Nursing Services (Registered Nurse)	\$70/hour

- B-7.** Approve the Settlement Agreement for student ID 28172, per attachment.
- B-8.** Approve the Settlement Agreement for student ID 28183, per attachment.
- B-9.** Approve the Special Education Tuition Contract for an incoming student from the Midland Park School District, in the amount of \$50,000 beginning September 1, 2024 and terminating on June 30, 2025, per attachment.
- B-10.** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the FY2025 IDEA Basic Grant Application and accepts the allocation of \$252,178, to be used for special education tuition for out of district students.
- B-11.** RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education approves the submission of the ESEA Application submitted July 12, 2024 in the total amount of \$50,148.
- B-12. Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**
- WHEREAS, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education (“Board”) is the owner of certain surplus books and textbooks which are no longer needed for public use in the educational program; and
- WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of disposing of said surplus property by one or more of the following:
- Posting on the NJDOE textbook sharing site
 - Selling or donating books in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.
 - Disposal of books which are outdated or beyond their useful life
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northern Highlands Board of Education in Allendale NJ, County of Bergen, that the “Board” sells, donates or discards as applicable the textbooks listed on the attachment.
- B-13.** Approval of the Substitute Certified Athletic Trainer’s Agreement with SD Gameday, LLC, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- B-14.** Approve Change Order #2, in the amount of \$16,830, for the Media Center and Classroom Upgrades project awarded to Premier Building & Construction Management, Inc., per attachment.
- B-15.** Approve Change Order #6, in the amount of \$2,561.08, for the Field Upgrades project awarded to Applied Landscape Technologies, Inc., per attachment.
- B-16.** Approve Change Order #8, in the amount of \$2,949.57, for the Field House and Site Improvements project awarded to Daskal, LLC, per attachment.
- B-17.** Approve to accept the Special Education Extraordinary Aid (EXAID) award in the amount of \$263,156 for the FY24, per attachment.
- B-18.** Approve to accept the Nonpublic Transportation award in the amount of \$35,992 for the FY24, per attachment.

Roll Call:

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for July 24, 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved and _____ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, E-1 through E-22, 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. Accept and affirm the Student Safety Data System Report (SSDS), for the 2023-2024 school year, to be submitted and certified no later than August 12, 2024, per NJDOE guidelines.
- E-4. Approve the Intervention and Referral Services Annual Report, for the 2023-2024 school year, per attachment.
- E-5. Approve the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instructional Plan and LEA Checklist for Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs, for the 2024-2025 school year, according to the NJDOE requirements, per attachment.
- E-6. Approve to abolish the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw, as listed below.

P0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency
P7231	Gifts from Vendors

- E-7. Approve the first reading of the following Board of Education Policies, Regulations and Bylaw updates, per attachment.

P0141	Board Member Number and Term
P0141.1	Board Member Number and Term – Sending District
P0141.2	Board Member Number and Term – Receiving District
P2200	Curriculum Content (M)
P&R3160	Physical Examination (M)
P&R4160	Physical Examination (M)
R5200	Attendance (M)
P5337	Service Animals
P5350	Student Suicide Prevention (M)
P8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)
P&R8467	Firearms and Weapons (M)
P9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants

- E-8. Approve the submission of Appendix B of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Needs Assessment to reflect updated policies in accordance with NJDOE guidance, per attachment.

- E-9.** Approve the submission of the extension of the 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) to the NJDOE through the school year 2024-2025, as indicated in the Statement of Assurance, per attachment.
- E-10.** Approve the teachers and administrators to provide summer professional development and professional development throughout the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-11.** Approve the course proficiencies for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-12.** Approve the articulation agreement from Bergen Community College to provide Dual Enrollment credits, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-13.** Approve the following new textbooks, as listed below.
- *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*, Author: Heather Fawcett, Publisher: Del Ray of Penguin Random House, LLC, Copyright: 2023, Course: Honors Science Fiction and Fantasy
 - *The 5th Wave*, Author: Rick Yancey, Publisher: Penguin Random House Young Readers Group, Copyright: 2015, Course: Science Fiction and Fantasy
- E-14.** Approve an increase in the daily rate for substitute school nurse, from \$200 to \$225, for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 1, 2024.
- E-15.** Approve the appointment of JILL GREGORY-PECORA, Teacher of English (Leave Replacement), for the 2024-2025 school year, effective November 11, 2024, to end of day, March 21, 2025, at a salary of \$88,636 prorated (MA, Step 15), per attachment.
- E-16.** Approve the following athletic/co-curricular assignments for the 2024-2025 school year.
- JEREMY SHINDER as Assistant Marching Band (Group 5, \$1,673)
 - NICOLE PIKE as Assistant Marching Band (Group 5, \$1,673)
 - TONY RIDEOUT as Volunteer Marching Band
 - EMILY HOSFORD as Assistant Volleyball Coach (Group 3a, \$6,519)
- E-17.** Approve the following field trips/overnight field trips for the 2024-2025 school year.
- a.) Football Team: Season game: 8/29/24 - 8/30/24 (Overnight trip)
- Game Location: Egg Harbor Township High School, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
 - Hotel Accommodations: Showboat Resort, Atlantic City, NJ
- b.) Boys Soccer Team: Tour and college soccer game: 9/21/24
- West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY
- E-18.** *RESCIND* the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed below.

NAME	EVENT	DATE(S)	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
JOSEPH KIELY	Boomerang Project (Field trip approved 6/3/24 - YMCA Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ)	8/25/24- 8/26/24	No substitute cost

E-19. Approve the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, for the 2024-2025 school year, as listed below.

NAME	EVENT	DATE(S)	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
DAN REHAIN	Boomerang Project (Field trip approved 6/3/24 - YMCA Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ)	8/25/24- 8/26/24	No substitute cost
DAVID CORD	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
DOUG ADAY	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
MARC ARAMBRU	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
PETE TOALE	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
ANGELO DESALVO JR.	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
MATT JIMENEZ	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
DORSEY WILLIAMS	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
JONATHAN SCHMITT	Football Team	8/29/24- 8/30/24	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$88.50
THOMAS ORBACZ	Boys Soccer Team	9/21/24	No substitute cost
JOSEPH TORRES	Boys Soccer Team	9/21/24	No substitute cost
RAY HASAN	Boys Soccer Team	9/21/24	No substitute cost
JOHN WALLACE	Boys Soccer Team	9/21/24	No substitute cost

E-20. Approve the receipt of four out of district tuition students, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.

E-21. Approve ROSEMARY BOZDAG as substitute teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.

E-22. Approve JULIA ROSE DUARDO as participating Montclair State University Student Athletic Trainer, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call:

12. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

13. OLD BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16. 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:

- **Negotiations (Contract Discussions)**

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: _____

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____