

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

**Workshop Meeting**

**September 9, 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 January 12, 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**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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		
Mrs. Evelyn Nissirios (Saddle River Liaison)		
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent		
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary		
Autumn Chiu, Student Representative		
Jack O'Connor, Student Representative		

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Scot Beckerman: High School Graduation Pathways Report

**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 Business Agenda for September 9, 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-8** 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 August 26, 2024 through September 6, 2024, per attachment.
- B-2.** Approval of Minutes, for the August 26, 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
Tony LaRocca	“HIB Prevention Training,” sponsored by Strauss Esmay, Toms River, NJ	9/30/24	Registration Mileage Tolls	\$145 \$57.81 \$7.73
Christine Wegert	“I&RS to MTSS – Implementing MTSS to Meet NJ Intervention and Referral Services,” sponsored by NJPSA, <i>virtual</i>	10/23/24	No Cost to District	No Cost to District

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

Organization Name	Activity and Location(s)	Date(s)	Time(s)
Highlands Lacrosse Association	Practices and Games; Lower Turf	9/15/24, 9/22/24, 9/29/24, 10/6/24	8:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Northern Highlands Marching Band	Competition; Gym, Conference Room, Field House Bathrooms, Stadium Field, Snack Shack and Lower Fields	10/13/24	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Allendale Rec Soccer	Practices and Games; Soccer Field	Mondays Sept. through Nov.	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Highlands Travel Soccer	Games; Varsity Softball Field	Saturdays and Sundays 9/8/24 through 11/3/24	8:00 AM - Dusk
Bergen County Women Coaches Association	County Soccer Tournament; Soccer Field	10/19/24	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Highlands High School Recreation Winter Basketball	Games; Main or Back Gym	Mondays and Saturdays 9/9/24 through 11/23/24	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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

Item	Provider	Service	Cost
a.	New Pathway, Paramus, NJ	Educational Support Services, (10 hours/week)	\$65/hour
b.	SilverGate Prep, Bridgewater, NJ	Homebound Instruction, (10 hours/week)	\$65/hour

**B-6.** Approve the Settlement Agreement for Student ID 28184, per attachment.

**B-7.** Approval of the agreement with the parent of a student (ID 25418) to transport his/her minor child to and from Reed Academy in Oakland, NJ, from September 5, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to be compensated at \$125 per day, not to exceed \$22,500.

**B-8.** Approval of the agreement with the Wonder Girls Organization to provide afterschool programming with our Women’s Empowerment Club, at no cost to the district, per attachment.

Roll Call:

**10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the Education Agenda for September 9, 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-16**, 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 Class of 2024 Graduation Statistics, as follows:
1. The total number of students graduated in the prior school year (23-24 school year):  
323 Students
  2. The number of graduates who met the graduation assessment requirement in:  
Math - 287 Students passed the NJGPA Math  
ELA - 310 Students passed the NJGPA ELA
    - a. Passing a substitute competency test:  
Math - 6 Students (2 Students used the SAT, 3 Students used the ACT, 1 Student used the PSAT/NMSQT)  
ELA - 0 Students
    - b. Portfolio appeal:  
Math - 5 Students used the Portfolio Appeal  
ELA - 0 Students
    - c. Meeting Alternate requirements specified in their IEPs:  
Math - 25 Students Met Alternate Requirement in IEP  
ELA - 13 Students Met Alternate Requirement in IEP
  3. The number of 12th grade students who were denied graduation: (3 Students - 1 NHRHS & 2 OOD) and how many of those students were denied solely due to failure to meet the graduation assessment requirements: (0 students)
- E-4.** Approve the submission of the 2023-2024 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) comprehensive review about the Gifted and Talented Education Services Report in accordance with the NJDOE guidance, per attachment.
- E-5.** Approve the Policies and Regulations, for the 2024-2025 school year, as previously approved on an as needed basis and located on the district website under District Policies.
- E-6.** Approve the curricula, for the 2024-2025 school year, as aligned with the most updated New Jersey Student Learning Standards, as follows:
- English Language Arts (2023 NJSLS)
  - Mathematics (2023 NJSLS)
  - Science (2020 NJSLS)
  - Social Studies (2020 NJSLS)
  - Visual and Performing Arts (2020 NJSLS)
  - World Language (2020 NJSLS)
  - Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (2020 NJSLS)
  - Career Readiness, Life Readiness and Key Skills (2020 NJSLS)
  - Computer Science and Design Thinking (2020 NJSLS)
- E-7.** Accept and affirm the Statement of Assurance certifying compliance with the Use of Paraprofessional Staff requirements, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.

**E-8.** Approve the School Improvement Panel (SciP) Members, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.

**E-9.** Approve the following athletic/co-curricular assignment for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. CAROLYN KOLODNEY as Marching Band Assistant (Group 5, \$1,673)

**E-10.** Approve the following field trips/overnight field trips for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. Debate Team: Training and preparation: 10/15/24
  - Indian Hills High School, Oakland, NJ
2. Honors CAD II Classes: Career Day: 10/18/24
  - NJIT, Newark, NJ
3. Debate Team: Competition: 10/29/24
  - Ramsey High School, Ramsey, NJ
4. DECA: Competition: 3/4/25-3/6/25 (Overnight trip)
  - Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ
5. Baseball Team: Training and teambuilding: 3/21/25-3/26/25 (Overnight trip)
  - Wide World of Sports Complex, Orlando, FL -Training
  - Caribbean Beach Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL - Accommodations
6. DECA: Competition and awards 4/25/25-4/30/25 (Overnight trip)
  - Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL - Competition location
  - Accommodations to be announced

**E-11.** 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
ALEXANDRA NICOLAOU	Debate Team	10/15/24	No substitute cost
VICTORIA ADE	Debate Team	10/15/24	No substitute cost
PURVIK PATEL	Honors CAD II Classes	10/18/24	Substitute cost
ALEXANDRA NICOLAOU	Debate Team	10/29/24	Substitute cost
ZACHARY LISELLA	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$170
JENNIFER LEDERMAN	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$170
DIANE DEVOE	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$170
ANTHONY SAGLIOCCA	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$170
MELISSA DECARLO	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$170
DONNA SCRIVANICH	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost Overnight event \$150 per night/non advisor M&IE not to exceed \$170

CARLA GOODWIN	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Substitute cost Overnight event \$150 per night/non advisor M&IE not to exceed \$170
NURSE (TBD)	DECA	3/4/25- 3/6/25	Cost \$825 M&IE not to exceed \$170
PAUL ALBARELLA	Baseball Team	3/21/25- 3/26/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
DAN REHAIN	Baseball Team	3/21/25- 3/26/25	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
BRANDON ELDRIDGE	Baseball Team	3/21/25- 3/26/25	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
ANDREW KEENAN	Baseball Team	3/21/25- 3/26/25	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
ZACHARY LISELLA	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	No substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
JENNIFER LEDERMAN	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
DIANE DEVOE	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
ANTHONY SAGLIOCCA	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
MELISSA DECARLO	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	Substitute cost M&IE not to exceed \$440
NURSE (TBD)	DECA	4/25/25- 4/30/25	Cost \$1,650 M&IE not to exceed \$440

- E-12.** Approve the receipt of one out of district tuition student, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-13.** Approve ALYSSA LOPEZ as participating Montclair State University Student Athletic Trainer, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- E-14.** Approve SEYMON SOLOMON as participating Ramapo College of New Jersey Clinical Intern Practice and Experience placement for Music, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-15.** Approve LILY WEJNERT as substitute teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year, per attachment.
- E-16.** Approve a change in degree status for JOSEPH KIELY, Teacher of English, from MA to MA+30, effective September 1, 2024.

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: \_\_\_\_\_