Board of Education News & Notes

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Welcome to Our Monthly Newsletter

District Mission Statement



Hunterdon Central is an innovative educational community dedicated to the intellectual, social, and emotional safety and growth of all students. While fostering curiosity and promoting wellness, we aspire to create powerful learning experiences, establish strong partnerships, and serve as contributing members of society.

Meet the Board

Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education



Lisa Santangelo, President, Readington Township
Leslie LaCosta, Vice President, Readington Township
Sue Duggan, Raritan Township
Sandra Gong, Raritan Township
Claudia Gray, Raritan Township
Dr. Ellen Halpern, Flemington Borough
Dorothea Kellogg, East Amwell Township
Rebecca Petersen, Raritan Township

Jessica HB Roethel, Delaware Township

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🔗 Board of Education Meetings are Recorded 📽️

🔗 Superintendent's Report

August Board Meeting Highlights

- New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) presented to the Board about the strategic planning process. Strategic planning is a comprehensive process that creates an organization-wide mission and vision to guide and empower all members of the educational community. All staff, students, parents, district partners, local businesses, and community members are invited to participate in the process. The strategic planning process establishes an ongoing cycle of planning and decision-making, optimizes resources, enhances communication, and ultimately positively impacts student achievement. The Board voted unanimously to support contracting with NJSBA for strategic planning services. Superintendent Cangelosi-Hade will be sending out information and invitations for strategic planning soon.
- The Board approved the 2025-2026 District Goals. The Board will be continuing to work with Ms. Cangelosi-Hade on the metrics for each goal.
- The Board approved the application for and the acceptance of Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant funds in the amount of $140,172. The grant funds will

be used for programming and professional development to ensure equitable access to educational resources and opportunities for all students.

Board Committees



Operations & Transportation

Chairperson: Jessica HB Roethel

Members: Sandra Gong, Dr. Ellen Halpern

The Operations and Transportation Committee reviews initiatives and status, and recommends policy and action related to finance, transportation (in accordance with the requirements of all joint and other transportation agreements), the operational support for efforts to achieve the educational mission and buildings and grounds, construction, and all other matters as they relate to goals of the District.



Personnel

Chairperson: Lisa Santangelo

Members: Claudia Gray, Dorothea Kellogg

The Personnel Committee reviews initiatives and status, and recommends policy and action related to hiring employees, employee evaluation, employee rights and responsibilities, and all other matters as they relate to human resources support for efforts to achieve the educational mission and goals of the District.



Policy

Chairperson: Rebecca Petersen

Members: Sue Duggan, Leslie LaCosta

The Policy Committee reviews all policies and regulations, updating, creating or abolishing



Student Life & Program

Chairperson: Leslie LaCosta

Members: Sue Duggan, Rebecca Petersen

The Student Life and Program Committee reviews initiatives and status, and recommends

policies as needed in accordance with state laws and educational code.

policy and action related to curriculum, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, professional growth and development, special services and counseling services, community partnerships, and all other matters as they relate to the educational mission and goals of the District.

🔗 Board Committee Report Action Item Summary



- Congratulations to the Hunterdon Central Dance Team for qualifying for Nationals!
- Thank you to the Hunterdon Central music students who performed in the heat to celebrate the opening of the new Target store.
- If you happened to drive by the campus this summer, you might have been surprised to see how much activity is always occurring with Central athletes keeping their skills sharp for the upcoming year. What you might not know is that our athletics and extra-curricular programs would not exist without staff and outside volunteers dedicating endless hours to provide Central students with opportunities to belong to something beyond the classroom. Thank you to all of the coaches and advisors, both paid and unpaid, as well as the many volunteers who make our athletics and extracurricular programs possible. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed. Thank you! Oh, and…BEAT NORTH!

- Rebecca Petersen

- Congratulations and sincere thanks to Mrs. Spitzer and her transportation team on a successful, albeit stressful dissolution of the JTC. Due to their efforts and hard work, we are fully set for the start of the 25-26 School Year!

– Jessica Roethel

🔗 Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education Handbook

Have an idea?



We all know the BEST ideas come from our students, our parents & our community and **we want to hear your ideas!**

Obviously, we would love to see you at a meeting, but if you can't make it, email the entire Board @boe@hcrhs.org

Event Information

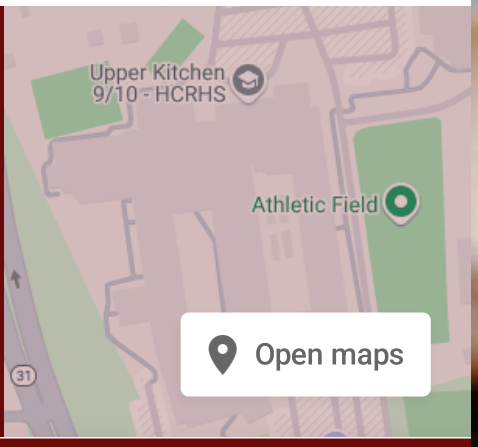
Next Board Meeting

When?

Monday, Sep 29, 2025, 07:00 PM

Where?

Hunterdon Central Regional High School, New Jersey 31, Flemington, NJ in the Little Theater



Paula Graham
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