

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

HUNTERDON COUNTY, NJ

Meeting Location - District Administration Office at 1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801

October 16, 2018 - 7:00 p. m.

At 7:00 p.m., Board President, F. Goger called the meeting to order and led the opening activities.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Open Public Meeting Act Statement**
3. **Fire Code Announcement**
4. **Roll Call**

Cheryl Allen-Munley - absent	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township
Lisa Approvato - absent	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Shelley Crisologo - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough
Francis Goger - present	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough
Robert Kirchberger - absent	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Amy Masters - present	Union Township
John Melick - present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township
Heather Richards - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Thomas Roll - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township
John Roncoroni - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township
Roger Straight - absent	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Jessica Viotto - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough

Also present: J. Bender, Superintendent of Schools, R. Bergacs, Assistant Superintendent, S. Press, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, R. Peterson, Principal, Voorhees High School, G. Cottrell, Principal, North Hunterdon High School, R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement, M. Squarcia, Director of School Counseling Services, G. Vargas-Dellacasa, Technology Coordinator, L. LaMonte, Comptroller, M. Smagala, Communications Coordinator, T. Moore, Board Attorney, Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti. Approximately forty members of the public.

5. **Flag Salute**
6. **Motion** by J. Viotto, **second** by H. Richards to approve minutes of the September 20, 2018 board meeting. The **motion carried** with one abstention by J. Melick. **Note:** This action item was moved after the President's report.
7. **Presentation** by Richard Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement - overview of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and

Careers (PARCC) scores

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15CTTroQwiu1z4MHdGGsKnf2NpuN471HLc93DWwT2R5o/edit?ts=5bbe27bc#slide=id.p1>

8. **Presentation** by Steve Schultz, Coordinator for Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) – review of the NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, District and School Grade Report for 2017-2018. There were no questions or comments on this information.
Motion by J. Roncoroni, **second** by A. Masters to accept the 2017 - 2018 HIB self-assessment report. The **motion carried** unanimously.
9. **Superintendent's Report**
 - 9.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)
 - 9.2. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by A. Masters to affirm the Superintendent's determinations on the HIB incidents reported at the September 20, 2018 board meeting. The **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 9.3. Voorhees High School was recognized by Special Olympics International as a Banner Unified Champion School for its Unified initiative and Unified Sports program.
 - 9.4. PSAT test was administered to grades 9, 10 and 11.
 - 9.5. Annual Spirit Week leading up to the 43rd annual Milk Can football game at 7:00 pm, Friday, October 26 at North Hunterdon High School.
10. **President's Report**
 - 10.1. October 15 - 19, 2018 - observe Violence Awareness Week
 - 10.2. November 13, 2018 - board meeting - 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Office
 - 10.3. Discussion - appointment of nominating committee for Board President and Vice President for 2019
 - 10.4. Unified Sports at Voorhees High School
11. **Committee Reports**
 - 11.1. Curriculum, Instruction & Technology - S. Crisologo reported that the committee members previewed the PARCC presentation and discussed two proposed clubs.
12. **Monthly Reports**
13. **Old Business** - no comment
14. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
 - 14.1. Vincent Tropeano of Clinton, NJ, addressed the Board on the topic of ice hockey.
 - 14.2. Mark Franzyshe, North Hunterdon-Voorhees RHSD employee, addressed the Board on the topic of the expired NHVEA employment contract.
15. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by A. Masters to approve action items 16.1 - 18.12 (including hand carries if provided - none were provided). The **motion carried** unanimously.
16. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
 - 16.1. Home instruction
 - 16.2. 2018-2019 out-of-district placement
 - 16.3. Additions to the professional consultants list
 - 16.4. Agreement with Therapy Source of Plymouth Meeting, PA, for the 2018 - 19 school year for the provision of special services as detailed on schedule A
 - 16.5. Overnight field trips
17. **Policy**

- 17.1. Second reading board policies
18. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
 - 18.1. 2018-2019 BioMedical Academy tuition contract agreement in the amount of \$509,406 with Hunterdon County Vocational School District
 - 18.2. 2018-2019 Environmental Science tuition contract agreement in the amount of \$103,608 with Hunterdon County Vocational School District
 - 18.3. 2018-2019 Computer Science tuition contract agreement in the amount of \$138,144 with Hunterdon County Vocational School District
 - 18.4. 2018-2019 Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission joint transportation renewal agreement
 - 18.5. Authorization to join the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) for the 2018 - 2019 school year
 - 18.6. Declare district property as damaged and / or obsolete and grant authorization for disposal
 - 18.7. Check journals
 - 18.8. Replacement of lost check
 - 18.9. Treasurer and Board Secretary Report September 2018
 - 18.10. Transfer report September 2018
 - 18.11. State contract purchases pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:18A
 - 18.12. Staff training / travel requests
19. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by J. Viotto to adopt the following resolution as read by the Board President, F. Goger. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned to executive session at approximately 7:35 p.m. *Resolution:* Whereas Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for open public meetings, and Whereas the matters to be discussed fall within one or more of those exceptions, now therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District now adjourns from public session to executive session for the purpose of discussing the following:
 - 19.1. Personnel - recommendations for appointments, separations, changes in assignment and leaves of absence
 - 19.2. Pending and threatened litigation and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege
 - 19.3. Negotiations
 - 19.4. Executive session minutes September 20, 2018
20. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by A. Masters to reconvene Public Session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board reconvened public session at approximately 7:50 p.m.
21. **New Business** - no comment
22. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by H. Richards to approve action items 22.1 - 22.2 including one hand carried item, the employment contract for Superintendent, Jeffrey Bender, as approved by the Hunterdon County Office of the Department of Education. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 22.1. Personnel agenda P10162018
 - 22.2. Executive session minutes September 20, 2018

23. **Motion** by J. Viotto, **second** by J. Melick to adjourn. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Press

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School Business Administrator and Board Secretary
