

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

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

May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Annual Goal Setting and Regular Meeting

At 6:00 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 - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Shelley Crisologo - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough
Francis Goger - present	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough
Robert Kirchberger - present	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 - arrived at 6:05 p.m.	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township
Roger Straight - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Jessica Viotto - arrived at 6:10 p.m.	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, M.P. Publicover, Director of Special Services, R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation & Student Achievement, M. Squarcia, Director of School Counseling Services, M. Smagala, Communications Coordinator, G. Vargas-Dellacasa, Coordinator of Technology, and B. Liss, Board Attorney, Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti.

Approximately thirty members of the public were present.

5. **Flag Salute**
6. **Goal Setting Discussion** - Gwen Thornton, NJ School Boards Field Representative, facilitated the Board goal setting process for the 2018-2019 school year.

7. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items**
  - 7.1. Peggy Furman commented, inquired, and requested a follow-up response pertaining to e-mail messages.
  - 7.2. Chris Rush commented about e-mail messages.
  - 7.3. Deb Nolan commented about the revised 2018-19 school calendar.
  - 7.4. Jenny Plassche commented about the revised 2018-19 school calendar and class scheduling.
8. **Superintendent's Report** - J. Bender reviewed the following items:
  - 8.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)
  - 8.2. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by A. Masters to affirm the Superintendent's determinations on the HIB incidents reported at the April 24, 2018 board meeting. The **motion carried** unanimously.
  - 8.3. **Motion** by R. Kirchberger, **second** by H. Richards to approve the revised 2018-2019 school year calendar. The **motion carried** unanimously.
9. **President's Report** - F. Goger reviewed the following items:
  - 9.1. June 12, 2018 - Graduation - Voorhees High School - 10:00 a.m.
  - 9.2. June 12, 2018 - North Hunterdon High School - 12:00 p.m.
  - 9.3. June 19, 2018 - regular board meeting - 7:00 p.m. District Administration Office
  - 9.4. July 30, 2018 - nominating petitions for annual school election due in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office no later than 4:00 p.m.
  - 9.5. Update on President's Roundtable meeting on May 7, where M.P. Publicover spoke about special education and opportunities for collaboration.
10. **Committee Reports**
  - 10.1. Curriculum - R. Straight reported that the committee discussed new summer camps; STEM and Spanish.
  - 10.2. Policy - T. Roll reported that the committee reviewed the policies presented on the agenda.
  - 10.3. Facilities, Finance & Transportation - R. Straight reported that the committee discussed capital improvements and available funding.
11. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Melick to approve action items 12.1 - 15.10 including hand carries if provided; no hand carries were provided. The **motion carried** with one abstention by J. Viotto on action item 15.9 minutes for a meeting she did not attend.
12. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
  - 12.1. Home instruction
13. **Community Relations / Student Affairs**
  - 13.1. Authorize practice start date for the acclimatization period for North Hunterdon High School football team on August 8, 2018 and the Voorhees High School football team on August 6, 2018
  - 13.2. Authorize North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School practice start dates for the acclimatization period for all other sports to begin on or after August 13, 2018
14. **Policy**
  - 14.1. Second reading board policies
  - 14.2. First reading board policies
  - 14.3. First and only reading board regulations
15. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
  - 15.1. Requisition of taxes for the 2018-2019 school year

- 15.2. Resolutions authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on the online auction website EMEX, LLC
- 15.3. Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas supply services for public use on the online auction website EMEX, LLC
- 15.4. Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission of Califon, NJ to provide student transportation management services for the 2018-2019 school year
- 15.5. Allowance deduction - change order 001 in the amount of \$6,149 - girls gymnasium renovation at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-18-3000 (no increase to the total contract award)
- 15.6. Allowance deduction - change order 005 in the amount of \$6,665.32 - team locker rooms and office at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-16-5000 (no increase to the total contract award)
- 15.7. Check journals
- 15.8. Handwritten check
- 15.9. Minutes April 24, 2018
- 15.10. Staff training / travel requests
16. **Second Opportunity for Public Comment on General Matters**
  - 16.1. Pat Whalen commented, inquired, and requested a follow-up response pertaining to e-mail messages.
  - 16.2. Mike Humphrey spoke against the Board action related to the cheerleading coach.
  - 16.3. Lynn French spoke about Project Graduation.
17. **Monthly Reports**
18. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Melick to adopt the following resolution as read by the Board President. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned to executive session at approximately 7:40 p.m.  
 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:
  - 18.1. Personnel - recommendations for appointments, separations, changes in assignment and leaves of absence
  - 18.2. Pending and threatened litigation and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege
  - 18.3. Negotiations
  - 18.4. Executive session minutes April 24, 2018
19. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by R. Straight to reconvene Public Session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board reconvened in public session at approximate 8:40 p.m.
20. **Old and New Business**
  - 20.1. Survey regarding the 2018-2019 school year calendar - Matter resolved with the adoption of the revised calendar under agenda item 8.3.
  - 20.2. Review of student handbook regarding athletics - T. Roll reported this matter is under review by the Policy Committee.

- 20.3. Review policy and regulation related to staff and conflict of interest / financial gain  
- T. Roll reported that this matter will be reviewed by the Policy Committee.
21. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by S. Crisologo to approve action items 21.1 - 21.2 including hand carried item P05082018-01. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried** with one abstention by J. Viotto on action item 21.2 minutes for a meeting she did not attend.
- 21.1. Personnel agenda P05082018
- 21.2. Executive session minutes April 24, 2018
22. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Melick to adjourn. The **motion carried** unanimously and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Susan Press*

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School Business Administrator / Board Secretary