

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NJ
District Administration Office
1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801
August 14, 2018 at 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**

- 2.1. In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by posting of notice at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School, delivery by facsimile to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star- Ledger, to the municipal clerks of Bethlehem Township, Califon Borough, Town of Clinton, Clinton Township, Franklin Township, Glen Gardner Borough, Hampton Borough, High Bridge Borough, Lebanon Borough, Lebanon Township, Tewksbury Township and Union Township as well as other interested parties.

3. **Fire Code Announcement**

- 3.1. In compliance with the NJ Fire Code, fire exits are located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by bell and / or public address system. If so alerted to fire, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest smoke-free exit. At this time, please silence all cell phones.

4. **Roll Call**

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| 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 - absent | High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township |
| Roger Straight - present | 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, G. Cottrell, Principal, North Hunterdon High School, R. Peterson, Principal, Voorhees High School, R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement, M. Squarcia, Director of School Counseling Services, Z. Baharev, Director of Special Services, G. Vargas-Dellacasa, Technology Coordinator, M. Smagala, Communications Coordinator, T. Moore, Board Attorney, Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti

Approximately eight members of the public were present.

5. **Flag Salute**
6. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** R. Kirchberger to ratify action item 14, on the June 19, 2018 agenda, to approve action items 15.1 - 19.29. The **motion carried** with abstentions by T. Roll and J. Viotto.
7. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by R. Straight to approve minutes of June 19, 2018 and June 29, 2018. The **motion carried** with abstentions by T. Roll on June 19, 2018 minutes and J. Viotto on both June 19, 2018 and June 29, 2018 minutes.
8. **Superintendent's Report** - J. Bender reported the following:
 - 8.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) - No incidents reported
 - 8.2. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by H. Richards to affirm the Superintendent's determinations on the HIB incidents reported at the June 19, 2018 board meeting. The **motion carried** unanimously.
9. **President's Report** - F. Goger reported the following:
 - 9.1. September 7, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. - New Jersey School Boards Association deadline for submission of nominations for 2018 New Jersey Board of Education Member of the Year <https://www.njsba.org/awards-programs/board-member-year/>
 - 9.2. September 20, 2018 (Thursday) - regular board meeting - 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Office
 - 9.3. Review of board member self evaluations. F. Goger called for comments or questions to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.
10. **Committee Reports**
 - 10.1. Community Relations – J. Viotto reported on a list of upcoming school events
 - 10.2. Curriculum, Instruction & Technology – L. Approvato reported that the committee heard about stress relief/relaxation rooms at each school, strategic plan goal on addressing student's mental health
 - 10.3. Facilities & Finance – J. Melick reviewed change orders on the agenda and the reduction in 2018-19 state aid
 - 10.4. Policy – T. Roll commented that the Policy Committee met and reviewed the policies and regulations on the agenda
11. **Monthly Reports**
12. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
 - 12.1. Michelle Parkhurst of Annandale, NJ addressed the board on the topic of establishing a girls' golf team.
 - 12.2. Thomas Campbell of Franklin Township, NJ addressed the board on the topic of establishing a girls' golf team.
13. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Viotto to approve new textbook purchases. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried** unanimously.

14. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by A. Masters to approve action items 15.1 - 18.21 including items hand carried on HC81418-1. A discussion ensued and the **motion carried** with one abstention by S. Crisologo on action item 15.3. Board Secretary, S. Press departed the meeting and Board Attorney, T. Moore served as the acting Board Secretary for the remainder of the meeting.
15. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
 - 15.1. Home instruction
 - 15.2. Out of district placement extended school year 2018
 - 15.3. Out of district placement for 2018-19 school year
 - 15.4. Addition of Great Kids Place, LLC of Rockaway, NJ to the professional consultants list to provide an occupational therapy evaluation for a fee of \$500
 - 15.5. Authorize a 2018-19 tuition agreement, in the amount of \$97,623, to receive a student from Hunterdon Central High School to attend the Voorhees High School multiple disabilities program, including the extended school year program and related individual services
 - 15.6. Authorize a 2018-19 tuition agreement, in the amount of \$45,972 to receive a student from Middletown Township School District to attend the Voorhees High School multiple disabilities program, including the extended school year program
 - 15.7. Agreement with Intervention Central: RIT Consultation & Training of Tully, NY in the amount of \$2,397 to provide Response to Intervention Professional Development and Consultation on September 21, 2018
 - 15.8. Authorize The Adventure Guild of Dunlap, TN to provide Project Adventure Course training for staff members on October 8, 2018 for a fee of \$770
 - 15.9. Agreement with Tinashe Blanchet of Marrero, LA in the amount of \$3,000 to provide Strengthen Math Instruction training on October 8, 2018
 - 15.10. Agreement with Mind of the Athlete, LLC of Bethlehem, PA for the provision of at total of six Athletic Leadership Academy presentations, in the amount of \$2,500 per presentation
 - 15.11. Agreement with Evolution Labs of Morristown, NJ, in the amount of \$5,000, for the provision of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying programs
 - 15.12. Agreement with Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, Inc. of Flemington, NJ in the amount of \$10,000 to provide a school wide prevention program for the 2018-2019 school year
 - 15.13. Authorize the Center for Counseling Services, LLC of West Trenton, NJ to provide training, on August 20, 2018 for the fee of \$500, for Understanding the Emotional Needs of Learners and Staff
 - 15.14. Renewal of the Affiliation Agreements with Hunterdon Medical Center to provide school based youth services
 - 15.15. Service Contract Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide speech and language therapy services and / or evaluations for the 2018-19 school year
 - 15.16. Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide Child Study Team services for the 2018-19 school year
 - 15.17. Overnight field trips
16. **Student Activities**

- 16.1. North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School booster clubs and parent organizations for the 2018-19 school year pursuant to Policy 9210 and its regulations
- 16.2. Re-authorize, for the 2018-19 school year, the Voorhees High School Boys Soccer and Boys Lacrosse Booster Clubs corporate banner program for banner placements on the soccer / lacrosse field
- 16.3. Authorize, for the 2018-19 school year, the Voorhees High School Girls Soccer Booster Club to operate a corporate banner program for banner placements on the soccer / lacrosse field
17. **Policy**
 - 17.1. Second reading board policies
 - 17.2. First reading board policies
 - 17.3. First and only reading board regulation and abolished policies
18. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
 - 18.1. Pursuant to a reduction in New Jersey State Aid for the 2018-19 school year, authorize a transfer / increase, in the amount of \$383,739, of unassigned general fund surplus for the purpose of maintaining budgeted appropriations
 - 18.2. Authorize an agreement with DMR Architects of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, in the amount of \$9,950, for additional services for the visitor bleachers referendum funded project at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-16-3000
 - 18.3. Allowance deduction - change order 001, in the amount of \$14,610 (exceeding the project allowance by \$4,610) for the stair tower structural repair and restoration at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-18-1000
 - 18.4. Authorize a withdrawal, in the amount of \$4,610, from the maintenance reserve account to fund change order 001 for the stair tower structural repair and restoration project at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-18-1000
 - 18.5. No cost contract extension - change order 001, for the security enhancements at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School - state project #3660-050-18-4000 (NHHS) and #3660-060-18-3000 (VHS)
 - 18.6. Allowance deduction - change order 003, in the amount of \$2,601.90 for the maintenance and salt shed at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-17-3000
 - 18.7. Authorize a withdrawal, in the amount of \$2,601.90, from the capital reserve account to fund change order 003 for the maintenance and salt shed project at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-17-3000
 - 18.8. Allowance deduction - change order 003, with a credit of \$2,331.78 for the window replacement project at Voorhees High School - state project 3660-060-16-2000
 - 18.9. Acceptance of a donation of a baseball pitching machine and accessories with an estimated value of \$5,200, from the North Hunterdon High School Athletic Booster Club
 - 18.10. Acceptance of a donation of a Voorhees High School Viking mascot costume with an estimated value of \$9,800, from John Sawyer of Annandale, NJ

- 18.11. Acceptance of a donation of an indoor scoreboard with an estimated value of \$9,031, from the North Hunterdon High School Athletic Booster Club
- 18.12. Acceptance of a donation with an estimated value of \$3,500, from Eagle Scout candidate Jared Ryan Klimas, to replace the flagpole at North Hunterdon High School Singly Field
- 18.13. Resolution B81418-1 for the provision of meals for North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District students attending Green Brook Academy of Bound Brook, NJ
- 18.14. Resolution B81418-2 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Clinton for a Law Enforcement Officer for North Hunterdon High School
- 18.15. Resolution B81418-3 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lebanon for a Law Enforcement Officer for Voorhees High School
- 18.16. Tuition contract agreement in the amount of \$638,620 with Hunterdon County Polytech of Flemington, NJ for the 2018-19 school year
- 18.17. Check journals
- 18.18. Treasurer and Board Secretary Report June 2018
- 18.19. Transfer report June 2018
- 18.20. Staff training / travel requests
- 18.21. Board member travel request
19. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Melick to adopt the following resolution as read by the Board President. The **motion carried** unanimously and Board adjourned to closed session.

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 June 19, 2018
20. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Viotto to reconvene Public Session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board reconvened in public session.
21. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Melick to approve settlement of litigation involving student #20198547, and to pay student's parents \$80,000.00. The **motion carried** unanimously
22. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by L. Approvato to approve settlement of litigation involving student #20195685, and to pay student's parents up to \$140,000.00. The **motion carried** unanimously
23. Board President, F. Goger authorized a second opportunity for public comment. A member of the public, who did not sign the public sign in sheet, addressed the board on the topic of administrative salaries.

24. **New Business**
 - 24.1. Discussion of girls' golf and student interest survey
25. **Motion** by R. Kirchberger, **second** by R. Straight to approve action item 25.1 including hand carry P08142018-01. The **motion carried**.
 - 25.1. Personnel agenda P08142018
 - 25.2. Executive session minutes June 19, 2018 (item not provided and not moved)
26. **Motion** by R. Kirchberger, **second** by J. Viotto to adjourn. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Business Administrator / Board Secretary