

**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

September 20, 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**
3. **Fire Code Announcement**
4. **Roll Call**

Cheryl Allen-Munley - arrived at 7:05 p.m.	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township
Lisa Approvato - arrived at 7:45 p.m.	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 - absent	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 - 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, Z. Baharev, Director of Special Services, G. Vargas-Dellacasa, Technology Coordinator, L. LaMonte, Comptroller, M. Smagala, Communications Coordinator, B. Liss, Board Attorney, Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti

5. **Flag Salute**
6. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by R. Kirchberger to approve minutes of the August 14, 2018 board meeting. The **motion carried** with an abstention by J. Roncoroni.
7. **Donation** - F. Goger acknowledged this donation and reported that Mr. Ronald Unkert, Vice President of the Tewksbury - Lebanon Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 386 of Oldwick, NJ, was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

- 7.1. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by R. Straight to approve the donation, of three trauma kits to Voorhees High School with a total estimated value of \$2,800, from the Tewksbury - Lebanon Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 386 of Oldwick, NJ. The **motion carried** unanimously.
8. **Recognition** of Amy Mullay, World Languages Teacher, honored as 2018-2019 Hunterdon County Teacher of the Year
9. **Superintendent's Report** - J. Bender reviewed the following:
 - 9.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)
 - 9.2. **Motion** by J. Roncoroni, **second** by R. Straight to affirm the Superintendent's determinations on the August 14, 2018 board meeting - No incidents were reported. The **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 9.3. Review of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports
 - 9.4. Back to school nights were well attended at both schools.
 - 9.5. Homecoming football games at both schools are scheduled on October 5, 2018.
 - 9.6. Athletic Directors held student interest meetings about Girls Golf and additional information will be reported at the next Board meeting.
10. **President's Report** - F. Goger reported the following:
 - 10.1. October 1 - 5, 2018 - observe Week of Respect
 - 10.2. October 15 - 19, 2018 - observe Violence Awareness Week
 - 10.3. October 16, 2018 - board meeting - 7:00 p.m. - District Administration Office
 - 10.4. October 22 - 25, 2018 - New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Fall Workshop - Atlantic City, NJ
 - 10.5. Board member self evaluations - call for Board member questions or comments; there were no comments.
11. **Committee Reports**
 - 11.1. **Facilities, Finance & Transportation** – R. Straight reported that the committee reviewed change orders and the status of capital projects.
 - 11.2. **Curriculum, Instruction & Technology** – R. Straight reported that the committee discussed the new grading system and reviewed school climate survey results.
 - 11.3. **Community Relations / Student Affairs** – J. Viotto reported that the Board has organized a team to participate in the upcoming Running of Lions 5K run / walk organized by the North Hunterdon Education Foundation.
12. **Monthly Reports** - No comments.
13. **Old Business** - No comments.
14. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - Two members of the public were present.
 - 14.1. Mary Obermair, of Annandale, Trustee of the North Hunterdon Education Foundation addressed the Board thanking them for their support and for their participation in the upcoming Running of the Lions 5K run / walk.
15. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by H. Richards to approve new textbook purchases. The **motion carried** unanimously.
16. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by A. Masters to approve action items 17.1 - 19.16 (including hand carries if provided - none were provided). The **motion carried** with abstentions by C. Allen-Munley on action item 19.5 and 19.6.
17. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
 - 17.1. Home instruction

- 17.2. Out-of-district placement for 2018-2019 school year
- 17.3. Agreement with Grund and Associates LLC of Chester, NJ in the amount of \$700 to provide a presentation on The Full Value of Mindfulness in Education on October 8, 2018
- 17.4. Authorize a six month student tuition agreement in the amount of \$1,580 with Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth of Baltimore, MD for the 2018-2019 school year
- 17.5. Overnight field trips
18. **Policy**
 - 18.1. Second reading board policies
 - 18.2. First reading board policies
 - 18.3. First and only reading regulations and abolished regulations
19. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
 - 19.1. Amended authorization to sign checks by accounts
 - 19.2. Accept a donation from the North Hunterdon High School Athletic Booster Club of a new mascot costume and carrying case with an estimated value of \$1,518
 - 19.3. Resolution F092018-1 for the purchase of electric generation services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) for 2018 - 2023
 - 19.4. Resolution F092018-2 for the purchase of natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) for 2018 - 2023
 - 19.5. Resolution R92018-3 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Clinton, of Lebanon, NJ to provide a law enforcement officer for the 2018-2019 school year
 - 19.6. Resolution B92018-4 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lebanon of Glen Gardner, NJ to provide a law enforcement officer for the 2018-2019 school year
 - 19.7. Allowance deduction - change order 002 in the amount of \$6,954 - security enhancements at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School - state project #3660-050-18-4000 (NHHS) and 3660-060-18-3000 (VHS) - contract amount unchanged
 - 19.8. Allowance deduction - change order 003 in the amount of \$19,359.45 - security enhancements at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School - state project #3660-050-18-4000 (NHHS) and 3660-060-18-3000 (VHS) - contract amount unchanged
 - 19.9. Allowance deduction - change order 007 in the amount of \$2,747.50 - team locker rooms and office at North Hunterdon High School - state project #3660-050-16-5000 - contract increased by \$2,747.50
 - 19.10. Check journals
 - 19.11. Treasurer and Board Secretary Report July 2018
 - 19.12. Treasurer and Board Secretary Report August 2018
 - 19.13. Transfer report July 2018
 - 19.14. Transfer report August 2018
 - 19.15. State contract purchases pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:18A
 - 19.16. Staff training / travel requests
20. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by J. Viotto to adopt the following resolution as read by Board President, F. Goger. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned

to executive session at approximately 7:20 p.m. *Note: L. Approvato arrived during executive session, at approximately 7:45 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:

- 20.1. Personnel - recommendations for appointments, separations, changes in assignment and leaves of absence
- 20.2. Pending and threatened litigation and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege
- 20.3. Negotiations
- 20.4. Executive session minutes June 19, 2018 and August 14, 2018
- 21. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by R. Kirchberger to reconvene Public Session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board reconvened public session at approximately 8:20 p.m.
- 22. **New Business** - None
- 23. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Viotto to approve action items 23.1 - 23.3 including items presented on P09202018-hand carry, and with the following amendments: amend the start date from 10/1/18 to 9/24/18 on action item 3.1.5 on agenda P09202018, and on P09202018-hand carry, the addition of the separation of employee 3865 effective on 9/21/18. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried**, with the following abstentions: T. Roll, and J. Viotto on action item 23.2, and J. Roncoroni on action item 23.3.
 - 23.1. Personnel agenda P09202018
 - 23.2. Executive session minutes June 19, 2018
 - 23.3. Executive session minutes August 14, 2018
- 24. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by S. Crisologo to approve an employment contract for Jeffrey Bender for the term beginning 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2022 pending approval of the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools and pending determination of the salary. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried**, unanimously.
- 25. **Motion** by R. Straight, **second** by J. Roncoroni to adjourn. The **motion carried**, unanimously and the Board adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Press

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School Business Administrator and Board Secretary