



**Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ**

**MINUTES**

**Working Session**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

**District Administration Office, 1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801**

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**Vision Statement:**

Every student, empowered for tomorrow.

**Mission Statement:**

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District empowers all students through innovative and personalized learning to achieve their full potential, embrace lifelong learning, and contribute responsibly to a changing world.

1. President Brendan McIsaac called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and read the Mission Statement and Public Meeting notice.

**2. Roll Call**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipalities Represented</u>	<u>Weighted Vote</u>
Nicole Ayers - Present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9
Bryan Chapman - Present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Andrew Hanley - Present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
Tara Marie Hintz - Present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
Richard Lordi - Present	Union Township	1.4
Stephen Mathews - Present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Brendan McIsaac - Present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9
Merrill Mezzacappa - Present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8
Richard Morgan - Present	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough	1.2
Cynthia Reyes - Present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Daniel Spanton - Absent	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Andrea Stein - Present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8

Also present: R. Bergacs-Superintendent, K. Blew-School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, M. Squarcia-Director of School Counseling Services, R. Broan-Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement, J. Komoroski-Director of Special Services, R. Pellechio-Director of Special Education Curriculum and Instruction, C. Dagnall-Network Technician, P. Stern-School Board Attorney, Taylor Law Group

**3. Flag Salute**

4. **Motion by N. Ayers and second by A. Hanley** to adopt [Resolution 021726-1](#) for an executive session to discuss matters reflected in the attached resolution. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board adjourned to executive session at 7:03 p.m.

5. **Motion by T. Hintz and second by A. Stein** to reconvene public session. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

**Motion by N. Ayers and second by T. Hintz** to resolve that the Board denies an appeal of HIB #299678. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

6. **Minutes**

- 6.1. [Minutes](#) - January 20, 2026 Board Working Session Meeting  
6.2. [Minutes](#) - January 27, 2026 Board Training and Regular Meeting

7. **Chief School Administrator's Report**

- 7.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) - to be provided 2/24/26  
7.2. [HIB Incidents](#) reported at the January 27, 2026 Board meeting.  
7.3. [Monthly School Reports](#)

8. **School Board President's Report**

- 8.1. NJSBA's Board self evaluation and CSA evaluation  
8.2. SREP Grant - feasibility study update  
8.3. Regular Board Meeting - February 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office

9. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

- (6) individuals provided comments in appreciation of the Board, as well as comments regarding the district policies included for review on this agenda and the Freedom to Read Act.

10. **Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology**

R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement presented a [PSAT Overview](#)

Board members discussed the PSAT presentation.

- 10.1. [Home Instruction](#)  
10.2. [Professional Consultants-Student Services](#)

11. **Policy and School Security**

B. Mclsaac provided an overview of the policy review process and intention of the Policy Ad Hoc Committee. B. Chapman reported on the Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting, with a review on pace of first and second policy readings as well as prioritizing order of policies for review.

Board members discussed differentiation between policy and regulation, policy review, and Board action for first and second policy readings.

**Motion by B. Chapman and second by M. Mezzacappa** to approve agenda items 11.1-11.2.

Board discussion ensued regarding policy 6163.1.

**Motion by R. Lordi and second by C. Reyes** to table agenda items 11.1 and 11.2 until 2/24/2026. **Motion did not carry by roll call vote:** N. Ayers-no; B. Chapman-no; A. Hanley-no; T. Hintz-no; R. Lordi-yes; S. Mathews-no; M. Mezzacappa-no; R. Morgan-no; C.Reyes-yes; A. Stein-no; B. Mclsaac-no

Board discussion ensued regarding policy 6163.1. Additional items discussed include: purpose of first and second readings; Board determination on best approach for addressing the catalog of policies for modification recommendations; parent opt-out procedure for their child's access to library books; library catalog access.

**Motion by A. Stein and second by B. Chapman** to close discussion and move to vote on open motion to approve agenda items 11.1-11.2. **Motion carried by roll call vote:** N. Ayers-yes; B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-no; S. Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C.Reyes-no; A. Stein-yes; B. Mclsaac-yes

**Motion to approve agenda items 11.1 and 11.2 carried by roll call vote:** N. Ayers-yes; B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-no; S. Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C.Reyes-no; A. Stein-yes; B. Mclsaac-yes

11.1. [Policy Second Reading](#)

11.2. [Policy First Reading](#)

12. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**

K. Blew, Business Administrator, Board Secretary presented on [Revenue Sources and Budget Goal Setting](#)

Board members discussed the budget.

K. Blew provided a capital projects update and reviewed the Finance, Facilities and Transportation agenda items.

Board members discussed the monthly bills list.

12.1. [Resolution 022426-3](#) to amend official designated newspapers

12.2. Contract with Clinton Township for [School Resource Officer](#) for the 2025-26 school year

12.3. Contract with Lebanon Township for [School Resource Officer](#) for the 2025-26 school year

12.4. Contract with Honeywell, District Energy Service Company, to apply for the RETROFIT NJ Program as a continuation of the District's Energy Savings Improvement Plan (ESIP)

12.5. Project [Change Order](#)

12.6. Co-op and State Contract Vendors that may exceed the bid threshold for the 2025-26 school year

12.7. Training and Travel Requests

12.8. Bills List for February 2026

12.9. Resolution 022426-1 Monthly Financial Reports Certification for December 2025 and January 2026

12.10. Monthly Financial Reports including Treasurer Report, Board Secretary Report and Transfer of Funds Report for December 2025 and January 2026

13. **Community Relations and Student Affairs**

13.1. [Overnight Field Trips](#)

The Board discussed the funding for the upcoming wrestling team competition in Atlantic City.

14. **Delegates' Reports** - None
15. **Motion by N. Ayers and second by B. Chapman** to adopt [Resolution 021726-2](#) for an executive session to discuss matters reflected in the attached resolution. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board adjourned to executive session at 11:00 p.m.
16. **Motion by T. Hintz and second by R. Morgan** to reconvene public session. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board reconvened at 12:02 a.m.
17. **Personnel and Executive Session Minutes**
  - 17.1. [Item P022426](#) - Personnel Agenda February 24, 2026
  - 17.2. Executive Session Minutes - January 20, 2026
  - 17.3. Executive Session Minutes - January 27, 2026
18. **Old and New Business** - None
19. **Motion by A. Stein and second by B. Chapman** to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the meeting adjourned at 12:03 a.m.

Submitted by:

*Kathryn Blew*

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary