



Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ

MINUTES

Working Session

Tuesday, April 21, 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 Mclsaac called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and read the Public Meeting notice and Mission Statement.

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 - Absent	Union Township	1.4
Stephen Mathews - Present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Brendan Mclsaac - 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 - Present	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, G. Vargas-Dellacasa - District Technology Coordinator, J. Busch-School Board Attorney, The Busch Law Group

3. Flag Salute

4. Minutes

B.Mclsaac addressed the Board for comments or questions on the minutes. No comments were made.

- 4.1. [Minutes](#) - March 17, 2026 Board Working Session Meeting
- 4.2. [Minutes](#) - March 24, 2026 Adopt Preliminary Budget and Regular Meeting

5. **NJSBA Training:** [Superintendent and BOE Self Evaluation Process](#) facilitated by Cathy Pouria, NJSBA Field Service Representative
Board members discussed the Superintendent evaluation process and Board goals.
6. **Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2026-27 School Year Budget**
 - 6.1. Public hearing presentation on the 2026-27 school year budget
K. Blew will present the 2026-27 school year budget on 4/28/26. K. Blew reported to the Board on the budget approval process.
Board members discussed the school budget impact on property taxes and municipality tax income breakdowns.
 - 6.2. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - No comments
 - 6.3. Resolution 042826-4, adopting the 2026-27 school year budget and establishing maximum travel expenditures and maximum professional services expenditures.
7. **Chief School Administrator's Report**

R. Bergacs will provide the Chief School Administrator's report on 4/28/26.

 - 7.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)
 - 7.2. [HIB Incidents](#) reported at the March 24, 2026 Board meeting.
 - 7.3. [Monthly School Reports](#)
 - 7.4. 2026-27 Budget information is available on our [website](#)
 - 7.5. Legal Notice Publications are available on our [website](#)

Board members discussed the monthly reports, specifically past enrollment information. Also discussed was student withdrawal and counseling and resources provided in these instances.
8. **School Board President's Report**

B. Mclsaac informed the Board on the School Board President's report agenda items.

Board members discussed Resolution 042826-5, and current status of the District's submission of the State Regionalization Efficiency Grant.

B. Mclsaac updated the Board on the change of meeting time to 6:00 p.m. for the board meeting and budget hearing scheduled for 4/28/26.

 - 8.1. [Resolution 042826-5](#), urging greater transparency, predictability, and full funding of New Jersey's school funding formula
 - 8.2. NJSBA's Board self evaluation and CSA evaluation
 - 8.3. Board Leadership Roundtable with constituent districts
 - 8.4. Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting - April 28, 2026 at the District Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.
 - 8.5. Voorhees High School Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
 - 8.6. North Hunterdon High School Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
9. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - No comments

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

R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement presented on [District Articulation](#)

Board members discussed incoming student academic levels and consistency of sending districts in comparison to one another.

R. Broan reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology agenda items and R. Bergacs elaborated on the reporting of Home Instruction.

 - 10.1. [Home Instruction](#)
 - 10.2. [Professional Consultants-Student Services](#)
 - 10.3. [Curriculum Textbook\(s\)](#)
 - 10.4. [2025-26 School Year Calendar](#), revised for unused emergency closing days
11. **Policy and School Security**

R. Bergacs reviewed the procedure and protocol regarding the District's job descriptions. It was suggested that language regarding student confidentiality be included in the job description for Student Assistance Coordinator.

 - 11.1. Job Descriptions for [School Counselor](#) and [Student Assistance Coordinator](#)
12. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**

K. Blew reviewed the Finance, Facilities and Transportation agenda items.

Board members discussed the disposal and disposition of chromebooks as well as the cost for new chromebooks.

 - 12.1. Approve the Grant of Easement to Elizabethtown Gas Company at Voorhees High School for \$1
 - 12.2. Resolution 042826-6, authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting
 - 12.3. Resolution 042826-7, authorizing the Business Administrator to solicit, receive and evaluate requests for proposals for insurance brokers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)10
 - 12.4. Purchase(s) above \$53,000 for the 2026-27 school year
 - 12.5. Training and Travel Requests
 - 12.6. Declare District Property as damaged and/or obsolete and grant authorization for disposal and/or sale by the Business Administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45 - [NHHS Library Materials](#), [VHS Library Materials](#)
 - 12.7. Bills List for April 2026
 - 12.8. Resolution 042826-1 Monthly Financial Reports Certification for March 2026
 - 12.9. Monthly Financial Reports including Treasurer Report, Board Secretary Report and Transfer of Funds Report for March 2026
13. **Community Relations and Student Affairs** - No new items for discussion
14. **Delegates' Reports**

T. Hintz shared that the next County meeting will be on 4/30/26 and that the State Delegates will meet on 5/16/26.
15. **Motion by S. Mathews and second by D. Spanton** to adopt [Resolution 042126-1](#) 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 9:07 p.m.
16. **Motion by B. Chapman and second by D. Spanton** to reconvene public session. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

17. **Personnel and Executive Session Minutes**

The personnel agenda was reviewed during Executive Session and action will be taken at the 4/28/26 meeting.

- 17.1. [Item P042826](#) - Personnel Agenda April 28, 2026
- 17.2. Executive Session Minutes - March 17, 2026
- 17.3. Executive Session Minutes - March 24, 2026

18. **Old and New Business**

- S. Mathews added information regarding resolution 042826-5, transparency of the school funding formula, that legislation is being vocal about NJ's school funding formula.
- S. Mathews suggested that the District address healthcare costs for schools.

Board discussion ensued regarding the involvement of legislation to address rising healthcare costs.

- A. Hanley inquired about proper procedure for Board member vote changes

19. **Motion by A. Stein and second by A. Hanley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Kathryn Blew

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary