



Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 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 7:03 p.m.

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 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 - Absent	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, G. Vargas-Dellacasa-District Technology Coordinator, A. Weinstein-School Board Attorney, The Busch Law Group

3. Flag Salute

4. Minutes

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

4.1. [Minutes - April 21, 2026](#) Board Working Session Meeting

4.2. [Minutes - April 28, 2026](#) Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting

5. **Review of the NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act**, District and School Grade Report for 2024-2025, presented by Jennifer Komoroski, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator - to be presented on 5/26/26.
6. **Chief School Administrator's Report**

R. Bergacs communicated that all legal notices are available on the District's website, and will provide the Chief School Administrator's report on 5/26/26.

R. Bergacs thanked all staff, students and parents for their handling of the security incident at VHS on 5/18, and also commended law enforcement responders who responded to the incident. R. Lordi commented that the communication from the District was excellent.

 - 6.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)
 - 6.2. [HIB Incidents](#) reported at the April 28, 2026 Board meeting.
 - 6.3. [Monthly School Reports](#)
 - 6.4. Legal Notice Publications are available on our [website](#)
7. **School Board President's Report**

B.Mclsaac reviewed the School Board President's report agenda items, and reported that the Board will not meet on 6/16 for their working session due to a conflict with Graduation. The Board will hold a consolidated working session and regular meeting on 6/23/26.

The Board discussed Resolution 052626-3 and plans to adjust language prior to board approval.

 - 7.1. [Resolution 052626-3](#) urging relief from rising public school employee healthcare costs
 - 7.2. NJSBA's Board self evaluation and CSA evaluation
 - 7.3. Board Leadership Roundtable with constituent Districts
 - 7.4. Deadline to submit [Nominating Petitions](#) for School Board vacancies to the County Clerk's office - July 27, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
 - 7.5. Regular Meeting - May 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office
 - 7.6. Working Session Meeting for June - TBD
 - 7.7. Voorhees High School Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
 - 7.8. North Hunterdon High School Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

(1) member of the public spoke, commending the handling of the security incident at VHS and also commented on current litigation.
9. **Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology**

Special Education Program overview presented by Jennifer Komoroski, Director of Special Services and Robert Pellechio, Director of Special Education Curriculum and Instruction - to be presented on 5/26/26.

R. Bergacs reviewed Resolution 052626-4 and Board members further discussed this resolution.

R. Bergacs reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology agenda items, and Board members discussed the home instruction rate for inclusion on the home instruction report, and also discussed the professional development plan.

 - 9.1. [Resolution 052626-4](#) K-12 Curriculum Articulation Initiative
 - 9.2. [NHV District Professional Development Plan for 2026-27](#)
 - 9.3. [Home Instruction](#)

10. **Policy and School Security**

B. Chapman reported for the Policy Ad Hoc Committee and reviewed the policies for first reading.

Board members discussed student transportation and student use of vehicles policies, as well as the District's transportation obligations.

10.1. Policies for First Reading

10.1.1. [Policy 3541.1 Transportation Routes and Services](#)

10.1.2. [Policy 5131.3 Student Use of Vehicles](#)

11. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**

[District Capital Projects presentation](#) by William Bannister, Will Ross, and Dan Vivanco of Parette Somen Architects

Kerri Wright and Vito Gagliardi, Board Attorneys representing Bloomsbury Borough, were introduced to the Board and discussed the Borough's inclusion in the NHV Regional District. The Board also discussed the referendum process.

B. Chapman reported from the Policy Ad Hoc Committee regarding the potential transition to Strauss Esmay for policy services. The Board subsequently reviewed and discussed the proposed change.

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

11.1. [Resolution 052626-5](#) to pursue a referendum to include Bloomsbury Township as a constituent member of the regional district

11.2. Approve [Strauss Esmay](#) proposal to provide Policy Services for the 2026-27 school year

11.3. [Requisition of Taxes](#) for the 2026-27 school year

11.4. Purchase(s) above \$53,000 for the 2026-27 school year

11.5. [Multi-Year Contract\(s\)](#)

11.6. [Training and Travel Requests](#)

11.7. Accept [District Donation\(s\)](#)

11.8. Bills List for April 2026

11.9. Resolution 052626-1 Monthly Financial Reports Certification for April 2026

11.10. Monthly Financial Reports including Treasurer Report, Board Secretary Report and Transfer of Funds Report for April 2026

12. **Community Relations and Student Affairs**

R. Bergacs reviewed the Community and Student Affairs agenda items.

12.1. [Swimming Co-op Program Proposal](#)

12.2. [Student Club Proposal-Lions Den at NHHS](#)

12.3. [Student Club Proposal-Mind-Med at NHHS](#)

13. **Delegates' Reports**

T. Hintz provided the Delegates' reports: The NJ Delegate Assembly met on 5/16, where (6) new resolutions were voted and approved for adoption. Hunterdon County School Boards Association meetings have concluded for the school year. T. Hintz reviewed benefits provided through the District's association with School Boards.

14. **Motion by T. Hintz and second by M. Mezzacappa** to adopt [Resolution 051926-1](#) 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 9:28 p.m.

15. **Motion by A. Stein and second by R. Morgan** to reconvene public session. **Motion**

- carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board reconvened at 10:31 p.m.
16. **Personnel and Executive Session Minutes**
The personnel agenda was reviewed during Executive Session and action will be taken at the 5/26/26 meeting.
- 16.1. [Item P052626](#) - Personnel Agenda May 26, 2026
16.2. Executive Session Minutes - April 21, 2026
16.3. Executive Session Minutes #1 - April 28, 2026
16.4. Executive Session Minutes #2 - April 28, 2026
17. **Old and New Business**
- A. Hanley addressed a public comment from the 4/28 meeting requesting an additional opportunity for public comment. Discussion ensued.
18. **Motion by A. Stein and second by N. Ayers** to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathryn Blew

Kathryn Blew, CPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary