NHV North Hunterdon-Voorhees REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ

MINUTES
Annual Goal Setting and Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 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.

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1. President Brendan McIsaac called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and read the Public Meeting notice.

2. **Roll Call**

Name	Municipalities Represented	Weighted Vote
Nicole Ayers - Absent	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 - 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, R. Pellechio-Director of Special Education Curriculum and Instruction, G. Vargas-Dellacasa-District Technology Coordinator

3. **Flag Salute**

4. **Minutes**
Motion by R. Morgan and second by T. Hintz to approve agenda items 4.1-4.2.
Motion carried by voice vote: B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-yes; Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C. Reyes-abstain from 4.1, yes for 4.2; D.Spanton-yes; A. Stein-yes; B. McIsaac-yes

4.1. Minutes - May 19, 2026 Board Working Session Meeting
4.2. Minutes - May 26, 2026 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting

5. **Board Goal Setting** for the 2026-27 School Year facilitated by Cathy Pouria, New Jersey School Boards Association Field Representative

6. **District Athletic Program** presented by Brian Baumann, VHS Athletic Director, and Courtney Murgittroyd, NHHS Athletic Director

7. **Chief School Administrator's Report**
   R. Bergacs presented the BOE Staff Spotlight, recognizing staff members Chrysa Staiano and Carolyn Baumann.

   R. Bergacs provided the Chief School Administrator's Report:
   - Thank you to staff members who worked in making the graduation ceremonies a success and thank you to staff members and Board members who attended the ceremonies in support of our students.
   - NHHS seniors participated in the ThinkFast Interactive program promoting safe, smart life decisions.
   - VHS hosted the Arrive Alive driving awareness program for juniors and seniors.
   - NHHS Diversity Club hosted Cultural Celebrations Day, sharing food and cultural events from different nationalities.
   - NHHS & VHS both hosted successful blood drives
   - NHHS graduated senior Evan Plaxe is the recipient of the Trenton Section American Chemical Society Scholarship.
   - VHS hosted Relay for Life on May 29th and raised over $20,000 for the American Cancer Society.
   - VHS Boys' Track and Field team was awarded the North 2 Group 2 Sectional champs.
   - Congratulations to the NHHS Theater group for their 2025 production of Mamma Mia at the Foxy Awards. Staff members Mary Hopta and Caleb Dagnall won the Foxy for Outstanding Achievement in Scenic Design for a Musical, and NHHS students received nominations in seven other categories.
   - VHS earned a third National Banner Unified Champion Schools designation and remains the first and only school in NJ for the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools programs highest honor.
   - NHHS Softball team was awarded the North 2 Group 3 Section Champions and Group 3 Runners-Up for an outstanding postseason run. Congratulations to Junior, Alex Hsu, for being named Player of the Year by Courier News, and for her record breaking 16 home runs in a single-season.

   7.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) - (1) incident reported, unfounded
   7.2. **Motion by D. Spanton and second by A. Hanley** to affirm the determinations on the HIB Incidents reported at the May 26, 2026 Board meeting. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**
   7.3. Monthly School Reports
   7.4. Strategic Planning progress report - to be provided at the July meeting
   7.5. Legal Notice Publications are available on our website

   Board members discussed the District's attendance approach, the monthly reports, and the rising 9th graders program.

8. **School Board President's Report**
   B. McIsaac reviewed the School Board President's Report agenda items:
   8.1. Deadline to submit Nominating Petitions for School Board vacancies to the County Clerk's office - July 27, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
   8.2. Upcoming Board Meetings at the District Administration Office starting at 7pm:
      8.2.1. July 21, 2026 - Working Session

8.2.2. July 28, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

8.3. NJSBA's Workshop 2026 - October 19-22, 2026, Atlantic City, NJ

B. McIsaac provided a reminder that the referendum question regarding Bloomsbury joining the District will appear on the November election ballot.

9. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
(4) members of the community spoke during the public comment session on the following topics: memorial for Dave Robbins; student matters.

10. **Annual Authorizations**
Motion by D. Spanton and second by B. Chapman to approve agenda items 10.1-10.14.

K. Blew reviewed the annual resolutions and authorization agenda items. Board members discussed the Report of Awarded Contracts, Designation for EFTs, and 2026-27 Professional Service Contracts.

Motion to approve agenda items 10.1-10.14 carried unanimously by voice vote.

10.1. Resolution 062326-3 Annual Appointments
10.2. Resolution 062326-4 Renewal of Bonds for School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies
10.3. Resolution 062326-5 Designation of Depositories and Authorized Signers
10.4. Resolution 062326-6 Designation for electronic fund transfers (EFTs)
10.5. Resolution 062326-7 Authorize the School Business Administrator to pay all bills and transfer funds for the 2025-26 school year
10.6. Resolution 062326-8 Authorize the 2026-27 Annuity Services
10.7. Resolution 062326-9 Accept Notice of Insurance Accountability Procedures
10.8. Resolution 062326-10 Renewal of Schools Health Insurance Fund membership
10.9. Resolution 062326-11 Adoption of the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts
10.10. Resolution 062326-12 Authorize the 2026-27 Professional Services Contracts
10.11. Resolution 062326-13 Report of Awarded Contracts P.L. 2015 Chapter 47
10.12. Resolution 062326-14 Authorize Participation in Cooperative Pricing Systems
10.13. Resolution 062326-15 Authorize a year-end transfer to the Capital Reserve Account
10.14. Authorize periodic sales of used and/or surplus (non-real estate) property not needed for school purposes in accordance with Board policy and State statute

11. **Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology**
Motion by T. Hintz and second by B. Chapman to approve agenda items 11.1-11.4.

R. Bergacs explained Resolution 062326-16 and Board members discussed this resolution.

R. Bergacs reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology agenda items, and Board members discussed home instruction and out of district placements.

Motion to approve agenda items 11.1-11.4 carried unanimously by voice vote.

11.1. Resolution 062326-16 Appoint the lead agency to the K-12 Curriculum Articulation Initiative
11.2. Home Instruction
11.3. Out of District Placements
11.4. Emergency Virtual Instruction Plan 2026-27

12. **Policy and School Security**
Motion by D. Spanton and second by A. Hanley to approve agenda items 12.1-12.2.

Board members discussed the Student Use of Vehicles policy, policy services transition to Strauss Esmay, and the Assistant Superintendent job description.

Motion to approve agenda items 12.1-12.2 carried by voice vote: B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-yes for 12.1.1, 12.1.2, no for 12.1.3 and 12.2; Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C. Reyes-yes; D.Spanton-yes; A. Stein-yes; B. McIsaac-yes

Board members discussed the student parking fee.

C. Reyes changed her vote for agenda item 12.1.3 from yes to no. **Motion to approve agenda items 12.1-12.2 carried by voice vote.**

12.1. Policies for Second Reading
  12.1.1. Policy 3541.1 Transportation Routes and Services
  12.1.2. Policy 5131.3 Student Use of Vehicles
  12.1.3. Regulation 5131.3 Student Use of Vehicles
12.2. Job Description for Assistant Superintendent

13. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
Motion by A. Stein and second by D. Spanton to approve agenda items 13.1-13.25.

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

Board members discussed the Board Attorney RFP process, health insurance rates and the sharing of fiscal successes with the community.

Motion to approve agenda items 13.1-13.25 carried by voice vote: B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes, with abstention from 13.20; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-yes for 13.1-13.20 and 13.22, no for 13.21 and 13.23, abstain from 13.24-13.25; Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C. Reyes-yes for 13.1-13.22, abstain from 13.23-13.25; D.Spanton-yes; A. Stein-yes; B. McIsaac-yes

13.1. Resolution 062326-17 Superintendent hiring authority between Board of Education meetings during the Summer of 2026
13.2. Resolution 062326-18 Appointments for School Board Attorney for the 2026-27 school year
13.3. Resolution 062326-19 Appointment for Architect of Record for the 2026-27 school year
13.4. Resolution 062326-20 Appointment for Audit Services for the 2026-27 school year
13.5. Resolution 062326-21 Appointment for General Liability Broker of Record for the 2026-27 school year
13.6. Resolution 062326-22 Medical and Dental Benefit Rates with the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) for the 2026-27 school year
13.7. Resolution 062326-23 Prescription Benefit Rates with Benecard, Inc. for the 2026-27 school year
13.8. SHIF Indemnity and Trust Agreement
13.9. Resolution 062326-24 to approve Amendment 4, Final Change Order and Schedule J's with Honeywell International Inc.
13.10. Project Change Order(s)/Use of Allowance(s)
13.11. ESY Program Facility Usage Agreement with Franklin Township for July 2026
13.12. Accept the 2025-26 School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School
13.13. Student Transportation Management Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2026-27 school year

13.14. Public School Services Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission and Service Rates for the 2026-27 school year
13.15. Service Rates for ESC of Morris County for the 2026-27 school year
13.16. Contract Addendum to the Substitute Staffing Services Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC for the 2026-27 school year
13.17. Contract Addendum to the Food Service Management Agreement with The Pomptonian, Inc. for the 2026-27 school year
13.18. Cafeteria Meal Pricing for the 2026-27 school year
13.19. Shared Service Agreement with NJ Association of School Administrators (NJASA) for NJ STRIVE Membership for the 2026-27 school year
13.20. Co-op and State Contract Vendors that may exceed the bid threshold for the 2026-27 school year
13.21. Training and Travel Requests
13.22. Accept District Donation(s)
13.23. Bills List for June 2026
13.24. Resolution 062326-1 Monthly Financial Reports Certification for May 2026
13.25. Monthly Financial Reports including Treasurer Report, Board Secretary Report and Transfer of Funds Report for May 2026

14. **Community Relations and Student Affairs** - No items were discussed.

15. **Delegates' Reports**
T. Hintz shared that the next County meeting will be on 9/28/26.

16. **Motion by A. Stein and second by D. Spanton** to adopt Resolution 062326-2 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 9:37 p.m.

17. **Motion by A. Stein and second by T. Hintz** to reconvene public session. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the Board reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

18. **Motion by R. Morgan and second by B. Chapman** to approve agenda items 18.1-18.3. **Motion carried by roll call vote:** B. Chapman-yes; A. Hanley-yes; T. Hintz-yes; R. Lordi-yes; Mathews-yes; M. Mezzacappa-yes; R. Morgan-yes; C. Reyes-yes, with abstention from 18.2; D.Spanton-yes; A. Stein-yes; B. McIsaac-yes

18.1. Item P062326 - Personnel Agenda June 23, 2026
18.2. Executive Session Minutes - May 19, 2026
18.3. Executive Session Minutes - May 26, 2026

19. **Old and New Business** - None

20. **Motion by A. Stein and second by D. Spanton** to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote** and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Kathryn Blew

Kathryn Blew, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary