



North Hunterdon-Voorhees REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location - District Administration Office
1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801

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1. Board President Jessica Viotto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the Public Meeting notice.
2. **Roll Call**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipalities Represented</u>	<u>Weighted Vote</u>
Debra Bonomi - present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8
Bryan Chapman - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Shelley Crisologo - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9
Glen Farbanish - present	Union Township	1.4
Tara Marie Hintz - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
M. Rion Hoffmann - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
Robert Kirchberger - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
John Melick - present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8
Kimberly Solino - present	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough	1.3
Daniel Spanton - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Roger Straight - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Jessica Viotto - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9

Also present: J. Bender - Superintendent of Schools, R. Bergacs - Assistant Superintendent, K. Blew - School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, M. Squarcia - Director of School Counseling Services, R. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement, G. Vargas-Dellacasa - District Technology Coordinator, M. Smagala - District Communications Coordinator, G. Cottrell - Principal of North Hunterdon High School, R. Peterson - Principal of Voorhees High School, Taylor Ruilova - School Board Attorney, Comegno Law Group P.C.

3. **Flag Salute**
4. **Motion by R. Straight and second by D. Bonomi to approve agenda item 4.1. Motion carried on voice vote with abstentions by R. Hoffmann and J. Melick.**
 - 4.1. [Minutes of the September 20, 2022](#) regular School Board meeting.
5. **Board Student Representatives' Report:**

Siena Britt reported for NHHS:

 - Students are celebrating Spirit Week this week, the Powder Puff game for Juniors and Seniors is on 10/19 - leading up to the Milk Can game on 10/21.

- Girls restrooms have feminine supplies available
- The Twelve Huntsmen play has upcoming performances this weekend.

Kathryn Christ reported for VHS:

- Spirit Fest is this week in anticipation of the Milk Can game on 10/21
- Field Hockey game last month dedicated to mental health awareness
- The Unified program at VHS has been re-designated as National Unified Champion School.

6. Dr. Bergacs, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented a review of the NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for [NHHS](#) and [VHS](#) for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, for July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

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

- 7.1. Maren Smagala, District Communications Coordinator, provided a [Bond Referendum Presentation](#).

J. Bender provided the following Chief School Administrator's Report:

- This week is Spirit Week at both high schools leading up to the 47th Annual Milk Can Game, which will be on Friday, October 21st at 7pm at North Hunterdon this year.
- The district has relaunched its after school tutoring program with our teachers, which began last year. Students can fill out a form to request tutoring in any subject area and they will be matched with a teacher. This program is in addition to the online tutoring available through tutor.com.
- On October 17th, the Hunterdon County Vocational School District held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Polytech building to be constructed on the campus of North Hunterdon High School. We look forward to this joint partnership with the vocational district to increase the career and technical educational offerings to students in Hunterdon County. The building will house six full-time career programs, with students going to North Hunterdon for their regular courses. Actual groundbreaking is expected in March with the new building anticipated to open in September 2024.

- 7.2. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) - (3) incidents investigated and all unfounded.

- 7.3. **Motion by R. Straight and second by T. Hintz** to affirm the determinations on the [HIB Incidents](#) reported at the September 20, 2022 Board meeting. **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.**

- 7.4. [Monthly Reports](#)

- 7.5. **Motion by D. Bonomi and second by K. Solino** to approve the annual renewal of the New Jersey Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2022 - 2023 school year. (Documents are available in the board office) **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.**

8. **J. Viotto reviewed the following for the School Board President's Report:**

- 8.1. November 22, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the District Administration Office

9. **School Board Committee Reports:**

The Chair of each committee shared the topics discussed in their respective committee:

Community Relations/Student Affairs

- Referendum Campaign update

Curriculum Instruction and Technology Committee

- Curriculum agenda items

- Tutoring update
- Fall 2022 Start Strong preliminary results
- Monthly data analysis - NJSLA-Science scores
- Therapy dog visits

Facilities, Finance and Transportation Committee

- NHHS student parking relocation due to new Polytech facility
- 2021-22 audit synopsis
- Review of agenda items

Personnel Committee

- Personnel agenda reviewed

Policy Committee and School Security

- Second reading of (1) revised policy
- First reading of (3) policies reviewed, (1) of which had been a first reading last month, but due to substantial re-writes HIB policy 5512 is listed again for a first reading.
- Abolishment of (1) policy and supporting regulation, which has been replaced by a new policy approved last month.
- (2) Mandatory regulations reviewed & revised, and (2) non-mandatory regulations reviewed & revised.

Meeting Outside of Committee Meetings:

Hunterdon County School Boards Association

- NJSBA Workshop - Oct. 24-26
- Delegate Assembly - Nov. 19
- Legislative update
- School Security presentation. Free threat assessment available for school districts.

10. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - [Click here for public participation policy](#)
 - 2 members of the public commented on book censorship
 - 1 member of the public commented on the SAS club at VHS
11. **Motion by R. Kirchberger and second by R. Straight** to approve agenda items 12.1 to 15.12. **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.**
12. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
 - 12.1. [2022-2023 Out of District Placements](#)
 - 12.2. [Home Instruction](#)
 - 12.3. [Home Instruction Providers](#)
 - 12.4. [2023-2024 District Calendar](#)
 - 12.5. [Proposal for Movie Club at VHS](#)
 - 12.6. [Proposal for SAS Club at VHS](#)
13. **Policy**
 - 13.1. [Second Reading of Policies](#)
 - 13.2. Abolish [Policy 2432](#) and [Regulation 2432](#) School Sponsored Publications
 - 13.3. [First Reading of Policies](#)
 - 13.4. [First and only reading of mandatory Regulations](#)
14. **Student Activities**
 - 14.1. [Overnight Field Trips](#)
15. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**

- 15.1. Accept Unified Champion Schools grant of [\\$15,000 to Voorhees High School](#) and [\\$5,000 to North Hunterdon High School](#) from Special Olympics NJ for the 2022-2023 school year
- 15.2. [First Addendum](#) to the Memorandum of Agreement for School Property Lease between Hunterdon County Vocational School District and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
- 15.3. [Resolution 101822-3](#) for the submission of the [Comprehensive Maintenance Plan](#), and approve [Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet](#) (Form M-1)
- 15.4. [Resolution 101822-4](#) to approve professional services by Parette Somjen Architects for a Parking Lot Expansion
- 15.5. Approve [Multi-Year Contract\(s\)](#)
- 15.6. Approve [Purchase\(s\) above \\$44,000](#)
- 15.7. [Staff Training and Travel Requests](#)
- 15.8. [Monthly Bills List](#)
- 15.9. [Resolution 101822-1](#) Monthly Financial Reports Certification for September 2022
- 15.10. [Board Secretary Report](#) for the month ending September 2022
- 15.11. [Treasurer Report](#) for the month ending September 2022
- 15.12. [Transfer of Funds](#) within the 2022-2023 school year budget for September 2022
16. **Old and New Business** - J. Bender mentioned the district office support staff responsibilities document is available in the Board resources folder, as requested by K. Solino.
17. **Motion by R. Kirchberger and second by D. Bonomi** to adopt the [Resolution 101822-2](#) for executive session to discuss matters falling under categories 7 and 8 as reflected in the attached resolution. **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote** and the Board adjourned to executive session at 8:05 p.m.
18. **Motion by T. Hintz and second by K. Solino** to reconvene public session. **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote** and the Board reconvened public session at 8:26 p.m.
19. **New Business** - R. Straight mentioned there is an Exxon proposal to develop property across from NHHS. He will continue to keep the Board updated.
20. **Motion by D. Bonomi and second by S. Crisologo** to approve agenda items 20.1 to 20.3. **Motion carried on roll call, with abstentions by R. Hoffmann and J. Melick on item 20.2.**
 - 20.1. [Personnel Agenda October 18, 2022](#)
 - 20.2. Executive session minutes September 20, 2022
 - 20.3. Special Education settlement agreement as discussed in Executive Session
21. **Motion by R. Straight and second by R. Kirchberger** to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously on voice vote**, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kathryn Blew

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary