

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION - HUNTERDON COUNTY, NJ
BOARD MEETING**

Meeting Location - District Administration Office, 1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., School Board President, R. Kirchberger called the meeting to order and led the opening activities.

1. **Call to Order and Open Public Meeting Act Statement**
2. **Roll Call**

Cheryl Allen-Munley - present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township
Shelley Crisologo - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough
Lisa Diederich - present	Union Township
Francis Goger - present	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough
Tara Marie Hintz - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township
Robert Kirchberger - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Rachel McLaughlin - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
John Melick - present	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township
Heather Richards - present	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Thomas Roll - present	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township
Roger Straight - absent	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough
Jessica Viotto - present	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough

Also present: J. Bender, Superintendent, R. Bergacs, Assistant Superintendent, S. Press, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Z. Baharev, Director of Special Services, A. Broan, Director of Curriculum, Articulation and Student Achievement, M. Squarcia, Director of School Counseling Services, L. LaMonte, District Comptroller, G. Vargas-Dellacasa, Technology Coordinator, M. Smagala, Communications Coordinator, G. Cottrell, Principal, North Hunterdon High School, R. Peterson, Principal, Voorhees High School, T. Moore, School Board Attorney, Riker Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, Perretti and approximately twenty-five members of the public.

3. **Flag Salute**
4. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by H. Richards to approve agenda item 4.1. The **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 4.1. Minutes of the [April 30, 2019](#) board meeting
5. **Recognition**
 - 5.1. North Hunterdon High School Relay for Life Planning Committee raised \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society at their event on May 3, 2019.
 - 5.2. Voorhees High School Unified Program received a certificate of recognition from the New Jersey State Board of Education for promoting inclusion and acceptance within the school and community.

6. ~~**Presentation and Public Hearing**~~ ~~Student Safety Data System for 2017-2018~~
presented by Steve Schultz, District Coordinator for Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying
Agenda item 6 was tabled until the June 18, 2019 School Board Meeting.
7. **Chief School Administrator's Report** - Jeff Bender reported the following:
 - 7.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)
 - 7.2. **Motion** by F. Goger, **second** by S. Crisologo to affirm the determinations on the [HIB incidents](#) reported at the April 30, 2019 board meeting. The **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 7.3. [Monthly reports](#)
8. **School Board President's Report** - R. Kirchberger reported the following:
 - 8.1. **June 7, 2019** - Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20.3a, and in preparation for the June 18, 2019 Board Goal Setting Meeting, School Board members are requested to complete the Board Self-Evaluation and Chief School Administrator Evaluation now available online at New Jersey School Boards Association.
 - 8.2. **June 13, 2019** - Graduation Voorhees High School - 10:00 a.m.
 - 8.3. **June 13, 2019** - Graduation North Hunterdon High School - 12:00 p.m.
 - 8.4. **June 18, 2019** - Goal setting meeting and Board meeting - **6:00 p.m.** - District Administration Office
 - 8.5. **July 29, 2019** at 4:00 p.m. - Deadline for submission, of [November School Election Nominating Petitions](#), to the office of the Hunterdon County Clerk
9. **School Board Committee Reports**
 - 9.1. Policy Committee Chair, T. Roll reported that the committee reviewed policies presented on the agenda. He also commented that School Security has been added to the Policy Committee, which is now named the Policy and School Security Committee.
 - 9.2. Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee Chair, F. Goger reported that the committee reviewed the draft of the homework policy, reviewed the Math program, summer curriculum work, and the comprehensive equity plan.
 - 9.3. Personnel Committee Chair, S. Crisologo reported that the committee met and discussed the personnel agenda recommendations.
10. **Old Business**
 - 10.1. Policy Committee ongoing review of the Athletic Handbook, school security policies, and consideration of the agenda format regarding new business
 - 10.2. Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee review of the Math program
11. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
 - 11.1. The following members of the public addressed the School Board, as indicated on the public sign in sheet, [Exhibit A](#):

Name	Topic
Mary Murdock	Consolidation of schools K-12
Sam Jeanison	Boys Volleyball
J. P. LaBelle	Policy 2530
Mary Fran Daley	Policy 2530

Leah Epstein	Policy 2530
Mary Murdock	Policy 2530

12. **Motion** by T. Hintz, **second** by J. Viotto to approve agenda items 13.1 - 15.8. A discussion ensued and the **motion** was **withdrawn** by T. Hintz and J. Viotto.
 - 12.1. **Motion** by J. Melick, **second** by R. McLaughlin to approve agenda items 13.1 - 15.8, excluding item 14.2. The **motion carried** with one abstention by S. Crisolgo on agenda item 13.2.
 - 12.2. **Motion** by T. Roll, **second** by J. Viotto to approve agenda item 14.2. The **motion carried** with the following school board members voting no, C. Allen-Munley, R. McLaughlin, and J. Melick.
13. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**
 - 13.1. [Home instruction and out-of-district placements](#)
 - 13.2. Out-of-District placement [extended school year](#) 2019-2020
 - 13.3. Appointment of Dr. Richard Bergacs as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2019-2020 school year
 - 13.4. Authorization for submission of the proposed 2019-2022 [Comprehensive Equity Plan](#)
 - 13.5. Authorize practice start date for the acclimatization period for all sports at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School on August 12, 2019
14. **Policy**
 - 14.1. [Second reading](#) of board policies
 - 14.2. [First reading](#) of board policies
 - 14.3. [First and only](#) reading of a regulation
15. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
 - 15.1. [Requisition of taxes](#) for the 2019-2020 school year
 - 15.2. Payment, in the amount of \$1,658.40, to be made on behalf of student 20200144 for instructional services for the period of April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019
 - 15.3. [Agreement](#) with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission of Califon, NJ to provide child study team and nursing services for 2019-2020 school year
 - 15.4. [Check journals](#)
 - 15.5. Treasurer and Board Secretary report [April 2019](#)
 - 15.6. Transfer report [April 2019](#)
 - 15.7. [State contract purchases](#) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:18A
 - 15.8. [Staff training and travel](#) requests
16. **Motion** by J. Viotto, **second** by H. Richards to adopt the resolution for executive session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned to executive session at approximately 8:05 p.m.
Resolution read by the School Board President: Whereas, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the School Board discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for open public meetings; and Whereas, the matters to be discussed fall within one or more of those exceptions, now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District now adjourns from public session to executive session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- 16.1. Personnel - recommendations for appointments, separations, changes in salary, changes in assignment, and leaves of absence
- 16.2. Pending and threatened litigation and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege
- 16.3. Executive session minutes April 30, 2019
- 17. **Motion** by T. Hintz, **second** by J. Viotto to reconvene public session. The **motion carried** unanimously and the board reconvened public session at approximately 8:25 p.m.
- 18. **New Business**
 - 18.1. School Board member R. McLaughlin inquired about where to find negotiated agreements and job descriptions.
 - 18.2. School Board member T. Hintz recommended that the agenda posting process include a step to verify that all links are accessible to the public.
 - 18.3. School Board member F. Goger recommended that, in consideration of public interest in policy 2530, additional copies be provided at the next meeting.
 - 18.4. School Board President, R. Kirchberger recommended that, while not required and for purposes of public interest, a link to both policy 2530 and regulation 2530 be provided for the next meeting.
- 19. **Motion** by T. Hintz, **second** by H. Richards to approve agenda items 19.1 - 19.2. Upon a roll call vote, the **motion carried** unanimously.
 - 19.1. [Personnel agenda P05212019](#)
 - 19.2. Executive session minutes April 30, 2019
- 20. **Motion** by S. Crisologo, **second** by H. Richards to adjourn. The **motion carried** unanimously and the Board adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Business Administrator and Board Secretary