

**Board of Education - Hunterdon County, NJ**

**AGENDA  
Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location - District Administration Office  
1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801**

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**1. Call to Order and Public Meeting Notice**

- 1.1. The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 is now called to order.
- 1.2. In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by submission of notice of the time, date and location to the Star-Ledger on December 5, 2023 and the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 7, 2023. Notice and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting have been posted at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School, provided to the municipal clerks of Bethlehem Township, Califon Borough, Town of Clinton, Clinton Township, Franklin Township, Glen Gardner Borough, Hampton Borough, High Bridge Borough, Lebanon Borough, Lebanon Township, Tewksbury Township and Union Township, as well as other interested parties, and posted on the District website.
- 1.3. Fire exits are located in the direction indicated. If alerted to fire, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest smoke-free exit.
- 1.4. At this time, please silence all cell phones.

**2. Roll Call**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipalities Represented</u>	<u>Weighted Vote</u>
Kristina Cagno	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8
Bryan Chapman	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Glen Farbanish	Union Township	1.4
Nicole Gallo	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
Tara Marie Hintz	High Bridge Borough / Lebanon Township	1.2
Beth Kotran	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Brendan Mclsaac	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9
John Melick	Califon Borough / Tewksbury Township	0.8
Cynthia Reyes	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Kimberly Solino	Bethlehem Township / Hampton Borough	1.2
Daniel Spanton	Clinton Township / Lebanon Borough	0.9
Jessica Viotto	Town of Clinton / Franklin Township / Glen Gardner Borough	0.9

**3. Flag Salute**

**4. Call for a motion and second to approve agenda item 4.1. *Voice vote***

- 4.1. [Minutes - August 13, 2024](#) School Board meeting

5. **Chief School Administrator's Report**
  - 5.1. Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)
  - 5.2. **Call for a motion and second** to affirm the determinations on the [HIB Incidents](#) reported at the August 13, 2024 Board meeting. **Voice vote**
  - 5.3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for [North Hunterdon High School](#) and [Voorhees High School](#)
  - 5.4. Monthly School Reports - [August 2024](#)
6. **School Board President's Report**
  - 6.1. Introduction of Student Board Representatives:  
NHHS - Shivum Patel (representative), Amelia Reitman (alternate)  
VHS - Sarah Schwierk (representative), Audrey Devine (alternate)
  - 6.2. Regular Board Meeting - October 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office
  - 6.3. NJSBA's Workshop 2024 - October 21-24, 2024, Atlantic City, NJ
7. **Presentation of the School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SSB-VEEVR) Grant** by Kathryn Blew CPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment** - [Click here for public participation policy](#)

During this portion of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board of Education with comments. You are requested to sign the register provided for this purpose and to state your name, municipality of residence, group affiliation if applicable, and direct your comments to the School Board President. While all comments will be considered by the Board of Education and a response may be forthcoming if and when appropriate, individual School Board members may not respond to the speakers at the time of their appearance. The public comment period will be a maximum of thirty minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances. You will be allocated three minutes to speak and no one will be permitted to speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Please keep your comments respectful and non-defamatory, and maintain the level of decorum appropriate for a public meeting where students may be present and in the audience.
9. **Public Hearing on Contract Amendments to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Bergacs, and the School Business Administrator, Kathryn Blew, as well as the Contract Addendum to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Bergacs**

*Statement read by the Board President:*

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education (hereinafter the "Board") wishes to amend the contracts of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Bergacs, and the School Business Administrator, Kathryn Blew, for the effective period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The Board also wishes to approve an addendum to the contract for Dr. Richard Bergacs for Acting Superintendent duties for the effective period of July 23, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j), a proposed amendment, extension, renegotiation, or alteration to the contract of the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and/or School Business Administrator must be reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

The proposed amendments to Dr. Bergacs' and Ms. Blew's contracts, and the proposed Addendum to Dr. Bergacs' contract, were submitted to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of the NJ Department of Education, Hunterdon County Office for review and approval.

The amendment to Dr. Bergacs' and Ms. Blew's contracts were reviewed and approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent of the NJ Department of Education, Hunterdon County Office on August 30, 2024.

The Interim Executive County Superintendent also reviewed and approved the Addendum to Dr. Bergacs' contract on August 30, 2024.

In addition to review and approval by the Executive County Superintendent, the Board is required by N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11 to provide the public with 30 days advance notice of its intent to take action to amend, extend, renegotiate, and/or alter the terms and conditions of the contract with the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and/or School Business Administrator. The Board is also required to hold a public hearing regarding the intended amendment, extension, renegotiation, and/or alteration of those contracts, and provide the public with 10 days advance notice that such a hearing will be held, before taking any further action.

Notice of the Board's intent to take action and of tonight's public hearing were provided to the public via publication in the district's official newspaper on August 22, 2024 and September 12, 2024, and publication on the district's public website every day for the period beginning on August 22, 2024 to September 24, 2024.

As such, I would like to open the meeting for a public hearing. This will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed amendments to Dr. Bergacs' and Ms. Blew's contract and the addendum to Dr. Bergacs' contract.

**Opportunity for public comment** on the amended contracts of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, as well as the contract addendum for the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), the Open Public Meetings Act, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public. Please be aware that the subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

Seeing no more public comment, I would like to close the public hearing.

**Call for a motion and second** to approve the amended contract for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 between the Board and Kathryn Blew. **Roll Call Vote**

**Call for a motion and second** to approve the amended contract for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 between the Board and Dr. Richard Bergacs. **Roll Call Vote**

**Call for a motion and second** to approve the contract addendum for the period of July 23, 2024 through June 30, 2025 between the Board and Dr. Richard Bergacs. **Roll Call Vote**

10. **Curriculum, Instruction and Technology** - Committee Report  
**Call for a motion and second** to approve agenda items 10.1 through 10.3. **Voice vote**
  - 10.1. [Home Instruction](#)
  - 10.2. [Out of District Placements](#)
  - 10.3. [Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired Service Contract](#)
11. **Policy and School Security** - Committee Report
12. **Finance, Facilities and Transportation** - Committee Report  
**Call for a motion and second** to approve agenda items 12.1 through 12.13. **Voice vote**
  - 12.1. Accept the \$12,000 annual Wellness Grant from the Schools Health Insurance Fund for the 2024-2025 school year

- 12.2. Accept the donation of a set of (25) Biology student books and (2) teacher editions from Hunterdon County Vocational School District to Voorhees High School, valued at \$2,125.
  - 12.3. [Banners](#) for NHHS Booster Club's Corporate Sponsorship Program to display on property throughout 2024-2025 school year
  - 12.4. [Banners](#) for VHS Booster Club's Corporate Sponsorship Program to display on property throughout 2024-2025 school year
  - 12.5. [Purchase\(s\) above \\$44,000](#) for the 2024-2025 school year
  - 12.6. [Co-op and State Contract Vendors](#) that exceed the bid threshold for the 2024-2025 school year
  - 12.7. 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
  - 12.8. [Staff Training and Travel Requests](#)
  - 12.9. [Monthly Bills List](#) for September 2024
  - 12.10. [Resolution 092424-1](#) Monthly Financial Reports Certification for August 2024
  - 12.11. [Board Secretary Report](#) for month ending August 2024
  - 12.12. [Treasurer Report](#) for month ending August 2024
  - 12.13. [Transfer of Funds](#) within the 2024-2025 school year budget - August 2024
13. **Community Relations and Student Affairs** - Committee Report  
**Call for a motion and second** to approve agenda item 13.1 & 13.2. **Voice vote**
    - 13.1. [Overnight Field Trips](#)
    - 13.2. [Proposal for Photography Club at VHS](#)
  14. **Delegates' Reports**
  15. **Personnel** - Committee Report
  16. **Call for a motion and second** to adopt [Resolution 092424-2](#) for executive session to discuss matters falling under categories 4, 7 and 8 as reflected in the attached resolution. The Board expects to be in executive session for approximately 1 hour, and upon return to public session, action will be taken. **Voice vote**
  17. **Call for a motion and second** to reconvene public session. **Voice vote**
  18. **Call for a motion and second** to approve agenda item 18.1 and 18.2, and to include hand carries if provided. **Roll call vote**
    - 18.1. [Item P092424](#) - Personnel Agenda September 24, 2024
    - 18.2. Executive Session Minutes August 13, 2024
  19. **Old and New Business**
  20. **Call for a motion and second** to adjourn. **Voice vote**