

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 1, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District was held on Monday, September 1, 2011 at 7:05 P.M. at the High Point Regional High School Board Conference Room on Pidgeon Hill Road, Wantage, New Jersey.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr, President  
Mr. Thomas Case  
Mr. Paul Derin  
Mrs. Pamela Flynn (arrived at 7:06)  
Mr. Joseph Hoffmann  
Mr. Charles Musilli, III (arrived at 7:12)  
Mr. Kenneth Nelson  
Mr. Charlie Rolon, Jr.  
Mr. Edward Vander Berg

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

none

**Also Present:** Dr. John W. Hannum, Superintendent; Ms. Linda A. Alvarez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary; John Eskilson, County Administrator, Harold Rowan and Gerry Genna of Birdsall and Mr. Richard Preiss of Gabel Associates.

Mr. Stumpf opened the meeting with the flag salute and the reading of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Augusta, Branchville, Lafayette, and Sussex Post Offices and notice sent to the New Jersey Herald, and the Clerk of the Boroughs of Branchville and Sussex and the Townships of Frankford, Lafayette and Wantage.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

High Point Regional High School, in partnership with faculty, family and community, is dedicated to the quest for individual excellence. By fostering high standards of achievement, we prepare students to become responsible and productive members of a diverse society.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None were heard.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Vander Berg, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board accept EK, a Foreign Exchange Student from Germany, as a student of High Point Regional High School beginning September 1, 2011, through the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

RESOLVED, that the Board approve a delayed opening schedule for students and staff on Friday, September 23, 2011.

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mr. Case, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Secondary Education, as a member of the affirmative action team for the 2011-2012 school year. Previously approved members of the team are:

Chair	Rosalie Haller, Director of Special Education
Members	Donna Lembo, Director of Guidance
	Scott Ripley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Vander Berg, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Anastasia Plasket, Teacher of Biological Science, at BA Step 4, \$49,745, on the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Guide, effective September 1, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year, pending criminal history review and/or emergent hire approval.

RESOLVED, that the Board authorize High Point Regional High School to apply to the Sussex County Department of Education for the emergent hiring of Anastasia Plasket.

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mrs. Flynn, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the retirement of Dr. Joseph Santora, Teacher of Social Studies, effective October 31, 2011, (60 days after September 1, 2011) or earlier based on mutual agreement.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Rolon, duly seconded by Mr. Case, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Mary Hassenplug, Teacher of English, effective September 1, 2011.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

The Board discussed why J. Santora and M. Hassenplug have different effective dates. Dr. Hannum explained the difference.



**PERSONNEL, cont.**

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mr. Rolon, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the re-appointment of Laraine Reedy, Teacher of English, at BA Step 11, \$70,805, on the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Guide, effective September 1, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mr. Case, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the submission of the following County Substitute Certificate Applications to the Sussex County Department of Education for issuance/renewal of a County Substitute Certificate:

Frank Petit

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Joanne McEvoy

Frank Petit (pending receipt of all required paperwork)

Brad Szatkiewicz

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following personnel for a sixth period teaching assignment as noted for the 2011-2012 school year:

Michael Hingston	Spanish Language and Culture
Faye Paskas	Spanish 2 CP-A
Christopher Kappelmeier	AP Calculus
Jeremy Dearolf	Fine Arts
Benjamin Kappler	Architecture 4H
Brian Drelick	Eng. And Design Tech 3/4 H
Kevin Fenlon	Media Tech
Gary Dutko	Computer Appl.

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mrs. Case, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of William Cosentino as Weight Trainer Co-Advisor effective immediately for the 2011 fall season at one-half of Step 1, or \$1,319, on the 2011-2012 Extra Curricular guide.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Brad Szatkiewicz as Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step 5, \$5,291 on the Extra Curricular guide.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR, cont.**

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Frank Petit as a volunteer assistant football coach for the 2011-2012 school year, pending receipt of all required paperwork.  
The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Berg, duly seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Board approve the following items:

RESOLVED, that the Board re-affirm approval of the previously adopted resolution at the July 18, 2011 Board Meeting authorizing the Morris County Improvement Authority to include High Point Regional High School as a participant in the local finance board application to be filed by the Authority in connection with the NCIA/Sussex Solar Program as one of the local government participants in the Authority's 2011 Renewable Energy Program.

### **SOLAR DISCUSSION**

The Board and John Eskilson, County Administrator, Harold Rowan and Gerry Genna of Birdsall and Mr. Richard Preiss of Gabel Associates, had an open discussion on item one of Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Eskilson explained to the Board that he was here to answer questions on the solar project.

Mr. Preiss gave an overview of options the school can take with regard with a solar project:

- a. Hire a private developer
- b. A district self project, the school cannot take advantage of the tax credit or the accelerated depreciation
- c. If we go with the county plan with a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement), a developer will lease our site and install solar panels. The county is bonding the project and the developer can take advantage of the financial benefits. The school will have no financial risk. Depending on the Board's choice, the Board could estimate from 24% to 67% reduction in energy cost.

Mr. Stumpf informed the Board that he had been in touch with Mr. DeWitt, from Alternate Energy in Sparta and they are not entering any new projects before January 2012.

Mr. Eskilson explained that the reason they need a commitment now is because the cash grant will expire on December 31, 2011 and the RFP must be advertised.

The Board asked if the County would consider High Point as an alternate. Mr. Eskilson said they would not.

The project will run fifteen years. The County can borrow money at a lower rate, and this decreases the cost to the developer. The developer can take advantage of the tax incentive and the accelerated depreciation. This means there would be more bidders for the project.

The bid specs include "buy American" panels, Mr. Eskilson assured the Board that the material would of equal or better criteria.



**SOLAR DISCUSSION, cont.**

The Board was concerned about who would be responsible for any loss. The Board was assured that the developer would guarantee any price differential. The Board stands to lose nothing.

The Board was concerned that we would commit to this step and in a year technology would be better. The Board members agreed that something needs to be done.

Mr. Preiss discussed the financial aspect of the project.

Mr. Eskilson explained that the system is a grid system. Whatever the school does not use is metered back to the utility. The panels will last for from 30 to 40 years.

The roof at High Point was discussed. The Board feels that they would like to utilize the roof that is in good condition at this time and not to invest in a new roof on the 400 wing for this project. If we feel that we want to expand the solar panels in the future, the school was assured that they may do more. However, they must commit to something at this time to be included in the program.

The Board was not in favor of the canopy system in the parking lots. Their concern was damages by cars and the potential for liability law suites.

It was explained that in 15 years the school could continue to use the panels or it could have the panels taken away at full cost to the developer.

The Board was in favor of the roof system on the 2001 roof.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS, cont.**

The motion carried by a voice vote.

AYES:	Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr.	Mrs. Pamela Flynn	Mr. Kenneth Nelson
	Mr. Thomas Case	Mr. Musilli	Mr. Charlie Rolon
			Mr. Edward Vander Berg
NOES:	Mr. Hoffmann and Mr. Paul Derin		

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Vander Berg , that the Board approve the following items:

RESOLVED, that the Board approve option #3 for the 2011 Renewable Energy Program at the High Point Regional High School:

Option #3                      2001 roof only, no carport system

The motion carried by a voice vote.

AYES:	Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr.	Mr. Kenneth Nelson
	Mr. Thomas Case	Mr. Musilli

NOES:                      Mr. Paul Derin, Mrs. Pamela Flynn, Mr. Hoffmann and Mr. Edward Vander Berg

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS, cont.**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Musilli , that the Board approve the following items:

RESOLVED, that the Board withdraw option #1, option #2 and option #4 for the 2011 Renewable Energy Program at the High Point Regional High School:

Option #1	Entire roof and carport system
Option #2	2001 roof only and carport system
Option #4	Entire roof, no carport canopy

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Musilli , that the Board approve the following items:

RESOLVED, that the Board withdraw the motion to rescind approval of the previously adopted resolution authorizing the Morris County Improvement Authority to include High Point Regional High School as a participant in the local finance board application to be filed by the Authority in connection with the NCIA/Sussex Solar Program.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were heard.

**BOARD MEMBER NON COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mrs. Flynn reminded the Board about the open house at Northern Hills Academy on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further action or discussion required of the High Point Regional High School Board of Education at this time, a motion was made by Mrs. Flynn, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffmann, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Alvarez  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary

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