

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
January 17, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District was held on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 7:04 P.M. at the High Point Regional High School Cafeteria on Pidgeon Hill Road, Wantage, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr, President
Mr. Thomas Case
Mr. Joseph Hoffmann
Mr. Garrett Link
Mr. Joseph Luna
Mr. Kenneth Nelson
Mr. Harold Rowan, III
Mr. Edward Vander Berg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Charles Musilli, III

Also Present: Dr. John W. Hannum, Superintendent; Ms. Linda A. Alvarez, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary; and members of the public and High Point staff members.

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.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Luna duly seconded by Mr. Hoffmann, that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Board of Education:

Regular Meeting - December 20, 2010

Executive Session - December 20, 2010

The motion carried with a voice vote, Mr. Case and Mr. Rowan abstained.

VI PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Anderson - She introduced herself and explained her position at High Point, how long she has been at High

VI PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY, cont.

Point and the reason for her being here tonight. She explained that she was here to discuss the course catalog that was on the agenda this evening. Last year several home economics courses including sewing were removed from the course catalog. Last Thursday night she met with Mr. Youngman and was told that single survival and the child care classes, the courses that she teaches, were going to be removed in next year's course catalog. The reason for this change was that the courses duplicate courses offered at the Technical School and that these courses did not match with the vision of the future at High Point. She finds this to be unreasonable, the course costs basically nothing, it has no textbook and uses minimal supplies. This makes her feel that it does not have anything to do with the budget rather it is a personal move to eliminate certain personnel.

Mrs. Anderson continued stating, the single survival course meets State requirement for financial literacy. The child care class is good public relations with our community. The course brings in from 20 to 25 pre-school students each year and about 60 - 70 high school students enroll in this class. Finally, if we lose home economics the community and the students will lose. She asked that the Board look at the mission statement that is read at every Board Meeting. Mrs. Anderson asked the Board to reconsider the decision.

Julie Anderson, 2005 graduate and Mrs. Anderson's daughter commented on the values of single survival and other home economics courses. She continued on as she moved past High Point the skills she learned helped her approach the world and that she owed it to the courses she had taken. She also pointed out other graduates that have benefitted from this course.

Mr. Seamus Campbell, introduced himself as a teacher and the Secretary of the HPEA at High Point. Mr. Campbell reflected on the courses that have been eliminated. Three years ago courses taught by Mr. Ryan, Vice President of the HPEA were eliminated. He emphasized that there is sense that the courses being eliminated are being chosen based on the teachers who are teaching them. Mr. Campbell continued and pointed out the poor relationship between the staff and the administration and stated that the reason that they voted against any give-back last year reflected this problem.

Mr. Joe Stanek, Frankford resident, asked if the Business Department offers a duplicate of single survival in the personal finance courses and would the removal of single survival cause the need for more business teachers to be hired. Mrs. Anderson answered Mr. Stanek's question and explained the different dynamic of the single survival course from the one offered by the business department.

Mr. Daniel Muller explained that he felt the wood course being cut was being cut because he is outspoken. He continued that he was recently denied a professional day request and told that another staff member would be attending. Mr. Muller referenced that both Mr. Hoffmann and Dr. Hannum state that if dialog is so important - than why has no one been told of the possibility the school moving to an eight period day nor has any of the staff been asked their opinion.

Mr. Hoffman, he explained that as the Chair of the Finance Committee, he called the meeting with the HPEA, and that six members of the HPEA Executive Committee met with Dr. Hannum and himself. He continued that nothing discussed in the meeting was secret, that they discussed the budget crisis, the conversation included the possibility of an eight period day. Mr. Muller responded that he nor any of the staff were aware of this and they heard about it in the newspaper.

VI PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY, cont.

Mrs. Lori Eckert, 1983 graduate and a teacher at Frankford School, commented that at Frankford they work together, staff and administration to solve problems. High Point needs to do the same and work together to solve problems.

Mr. Harold Woods, teacher and HPEA Executive Committee member, said he was at the Finance Committee Meeting. The HPEA members had to ask about the eight period day and were not asked to share this information with the staff. Mr. Hoffmann - "I called the meeting, did we not discuss the eight period day?" Mr. Woods, stated that the Union brought it up, not the committee.

Mrs. Joy Carter, teacher and community member, discussed the workshop classes that the High Point Staff attended today, Quadrant D initiatives. Removing these courses takes electives away. The students need these courses for "down time". Not all students will go on to college and they need these electives to fill their day.

Mr. Paul Derin, retired security officer, was honored to have served at High Point, but, he had to leave because he could not take the bullying of the staff by Dr. Hannum. He reflected on the e-mail that he put out to say good bye and how Dr. Hannum had it removed and most of the staff never saw his e-mail. He continued that the Board should be ashamed. High Point is good because of its staff and students and not the administration, the Board should stop bullying its staff.

Mrs. LiTrenta, teacher and community member, stated that last year's cuts were made without a good decision process, and again this year the courses chosen to be cut are designed for non-academic students who may not go to four year colleges and need opportunities for electives.

Mrs. Puzio, retired teacher, stated that she is proud of our comprehensive high school, but now we are focusing on the academic courses. We need to also have courses that prepare students for employment after high school.

Ms. Kate Kohle, student at High Point, stated that the students are aware of what is going on at High Point. She stated that she is in honor courses and needs to be able to take a break in her senior year to cool off. Mr. Muller should not be punished, the school needs communication, the staff does so much to help the students.

Mrs. Henry, teacher and parent, asked the Board to look at programs for life skills, look at our community and students - many are not college bound. Other electives cost money for textbooks and supplies, why lose someone like Debby, she is not only our Union Leader, but she reaches out to the students and embraces them. We cut out programs that reach out to the community; the Senior Play Luncheon, Free child care. She asked the Board to reconsider its decision and please hear us this time.

Mr. Ryan, teacher, stated that we know that there needs to be faculty cuts, we know that we are over staffed, but, don't let these courses go to waste. Elimination of these courses will not reduce costs. We should do a building utilization study. Two initiatives, model schools costs tens of thousands of dollars, Quadrant D lessons - what is the criteria and how much does this cost per course? Is woodshop being cut because Dan Muller is too vocal.

PRESENTATIONS:

HPEA Report

Mrs. Anderson updated the Board on HPEA activities:

- Meeting with the Board Finance Committee
- Amy Librizzi and Debby Anderson met with Dr. Hannum regarding the eight period day based on enrollment

Mrs. Anderson pleaded with the Board to consider staying with a nine period day. She feels that the crisis will be ending soon and the cuts we make now will be severe and we cannot reverse them. She also asked the Board to keep our Supervisors. The savings would only be about \$80,000 - what they provide outweighs the cuts. She provided a handout to the Board.

Mr. Nelson asked how the HPEA communicated to its members about the eight or nine periods?

Mrs. Anderson responded that they did after the meeting with Amy, herself, Dr. Hannum and Mrs. Alvarez.

Student Council

Meg Arnold, Vice President, updated the Board on Student Council activities.

- Fill the Bus, the seniors won
- Snow Ball Dance, canceled due to weather, they are working to reschedule
- Senior Class Trip
- Freshmen fund-raiser
- Valentines for Soldiers
- NJ State Convention, S. Malon did not win, however, we won honor school award

Principal's Report

Mr. Gregory Youngman updated the Board on high school activities:

Mr. Youngman addressed the many comments shared and tried to explain some of the concerns, he applauded the administrative team and the hard decisions that they are facing.

- The Pretty in Pink Fund Raiser raised \$10,000 for the Principal's Leadership Award

This was a community service project for Taylor Smith and he thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Youngman introduced Taylor and Tom Smith.

Coach Dexter also spoke and thanked Taylor for her efforts.

- Mid Terms to begin January 21-27
- Academic Planning Night with the Supervisors

Mr. Youngman introduced Jon Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy spoke of the problems of bullying. He introduced Lisa Frisbie.

Principal's Report, cont.

Mrs. Frisbie introduced a Freshman, Ashley Craig, 14 years old, Ashley explained that she was bullied in the seventh grade. Last May she was approached by a fellow student that had wanted to kill himself. These events inspired her to work to stop bullying in our school. She presented a power point program.

Mr. Tallamy addressed the Board and asked for their support in putting Ashley's plan to work.

Mr. Tallamy, asked the Board to endorse the Sustainability Club - a club to educate students and staff on green initiatives and energy efficiency and savings.

Mr. Youngman introduced Beverly Keur and her Field Hockey Team who spoke on the accomplishments of the Field Hockey Team this year:

Athletics

Mr. Seamus Campbell updated the Board of Education on the Golf Program, asked the Board to approve Golf as a Quasi Entity Program.

Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Scott Ripley, Director of Curriculum updated the Board of Education on Curriculum items

Mr. Ripley highlighted the difficulty in reaching the decisions to present the Course Catalog. However, the Course Catalog is still vibrant, dynamic and broad. We have lost 20% of our enrollment over the past five years. We were forced to make regrettable decisions. Mr. Ripley outlined the courses that have been eliminated.

Mr. Case asked Mr. Ripley about the course selection process.

Mr. Ripley responded that the process began in June. In September, meetings with the Administration and the Supervisors were conducted. A myriad of options were discussed along with the possibility of an eight period day.

Mr. Nelson asked if the if the meeting were with Supervisors and were the staff included?

Mr. Ripley responded that they were one on one with the Supervisors.

Mr. Nelson - then in fact you relied on the Supervisors.

Mr. Youngman added comments about the process and the difficulty to develop the course catalog. He discussed the duplication of courses and the enrollment at Vo-tech.

Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Youngman to clarify duplication of courses at Vo-tech? How do our students go to Vo-tech?

Mr. Ripley began his reply.

Mr. Dan Muller, teacher, interrupted the meeting and shouted out a comment, Mr. Stumpf called the audience to order.

Curriculum and Instruction, cont.

A student spoke out of order and addressed a question to Mr. Ripley.

Ms. Lisabeth Muller spoke out of order asking why was Mr. Muller's comment stopped. It is another show of bullying by the Administration.

Mr. Case asked Mr. Ripley, "were you asked by any member of the Administration to cut courses taught by certain members of the HPEA?"

Mr. Ripley, responded - "no, it was a team effort, any suggestion otherwise is a misapprehension."

Mr. Hoffman, asked Mr. Ripley, "did I ever ask you to cut courses taught by certain members of the HPEA?"

Mr. Ripley, responded "no, I do not think that, other than an introduction at a function, I have ever spoken to you Sir."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Hannum updated the Board of Education regarding the vocational school tuition issue.

Mrs. Linda Alvarez discussed the new legislation authorizing advertisements on school buses.

ACTION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Faculty Attendance rate for December 2010 was 93.4%. (Attachment A-1)

The Student Attendance rate for December 2010 was 94.0%. (Attachment A-2)

A copy of the suspension report for the month of December 2010. (Attachment A-3)

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the field trips in Attachment A-4.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the staff professional development workshops in Attachment A-5.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the staff professional development workshops as listed in Attachment A-5.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, cont.

RESOLVED, that the Board a half-day mid-term exam schedule for the following days:

January 24, 25, 26 and 27

(adjustments may be made in the event of emergency/weather related school closings)

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffmann, that the Board approve the curriculum guides and course outlines for all courses included in the Course Description Catalog for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize publication of the 2011-2012 Course Description Catalog. Attachment A-6

Discussion:

The following members spoke: Mr. Case, Mr. Hoffmann, Mr. Link, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vander Berg, Mr. Youngman.

The following comments were heard:

- A request to table the motion
- If the motion is tabled it will have an effect on scheduling, etc. We are delayed right now even if the vote is tonight.
- The Finance Committee discussed the concerns
- We must rely on our professionals is this decision

The motion carried by a role call vote:

AYES:	Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr.	Mr. Joseph Hoffmann	Mr. Harold Rowan, II
	Mr. Thomas Case	Mr. Joseph Luna	Mr. Edward Vander Berg I

NOES: Mr. Garrett Link and Mr. Kenneth Nelson

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Musilli

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following substitute pay rates effective January 1, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school year:

Substitute Custodian	\$10.00/hour - \$11/hour after 40 days –
/Grounds	Not consecutive-within one school year

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the re-assignment of Lisa Premock as Teacher of the Handicapped for the Multiply Disabled, effective for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. This is a lateral move with no change in contract or salary.

PERSONNEL, cont.

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

John Odland

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Substitute Teachers for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year:

John Odland (pending receipt of certification)

Fredric Cluggish (pending criminal history review)

Eric Konzelman (pending criminal history review)

RESOLVED, that the Board approve Nicole Ostertag as a Student Teacher in the Science department for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Lynn Bigott as a substitute secretary for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year pending receipt of all required paperwork.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following sixth period assignments within the English department effective for the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year:

Teacher	Period	Class
Carla Mancuso	Period 1	English 11 CP-C In-Class Support
Jennifer Britt	Period 3	English 9 CP-C In-Class Support
Helen Woolley	Period 8	English 9 CP-C In-Class Support
Jesse Strehl	Period 5	Innovative Learning Strategies In-Class Support

Payment: In accordance with the existing HPEA agreement these individuals are entitled to a prorated amount of 18% of BA Step 1 (\$47,785) or \$8,601.30 each (prorated $\frac{1}{2}$ = \$4,300.65).

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the appointment of Liana Heller as a leave replacement Assistant Peer Counselor Advisor effective November 1, 2010, at Step 1, \$2,101, prorated, on the 2010-2011 Extra Curricular Salary Guide.

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the procedures to form a quasi entity as indicated in Attachment C-1.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the formation of the High Point Sustainability Club. The following individuals are the volunteer club advisors:

Ben Kappler

Brian Drelick

Stacey Zaremba

EXTRA CURRICULAR, cont.

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

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

Mr. Case thanked Ashley for an excellent presentation.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the formation of Students Against Being Bullied (S.A.B.B.) Club. Lisa Frisbie will be the volunteer club advisor.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following individuals as volunteers for the Spring Musical. They will be assisting with Set Construction, Lighting, Costumes, and Ticket Sales. Background checks were completed by all last year:

Ken Enhoffer	Steve Wagner
Bill McMaster	Harold Woods
Walter Krynicki	Ken Farah
James Lesch	Carmen Torres
Anthony Ciuffitelli	Lee Oberg
John Rockefeller	Kelly Farah
Tammy Kanunaido	Janice Viterito
Jeaninne Niehoff	Linda Osborne
Jackie Texel	Richard Pauls
Donna Polagye	Sam Stillings
Rose Riccardi	

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

POLICY

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the first reading of revised Policy 3250, Hours of Work – Teaching Staff. Attachment D-1

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the first reading of new Policy 5468, Virtual Instruction. Attachment D-2

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Case will discuss negotiations during executive session.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Rowan provided an overview of Building and Grounds committee items:

The committee will meet to review recommendations from HQW to go to bid in March on the window and door project.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Mr. Hoffmann provided an overview of the Finance and Insurance Committee and updated the Board on the following:

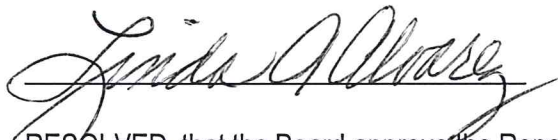
- The Board Office has recently undergone three Control Audits, all passed with no issue. Mr. Hoffmann commended Mrs. Alvarez and her staff
- Mr. Hoffmann outlined some of the hurdles in the upcoming budget
 1. 2% Cap
 2. Vo-tech tuition \$230,000

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

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Report of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator for the month of December 2010. (Attachment G-1)

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer for the months of December 2010. (Attachment G-2)

We hereby certify, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c)3, that as of the date of the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a).



RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Report of Transfers for the month of December 2010. (Attachment G-3)

RESOLVED, that the Board approve for payment the attached schedule of audited bills, dated January 17, 2011. (Attachment G-4)

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the Student Account, Athletic Account, School Store Account and Cafeteria Account reconciliations for December 2010. (Attachment G-5)

FINANCE AND INSURANCE, cont.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the addendum of the agreement with CC Productions of Hoboken, New Jersey, to include On-Line Parent Payment Program "Pay for it. Net" at the annual license and support fee of \$575.00 payable from the Cafeteria Account. This agreement includes authorization for ACH (Automatic Clearing House) processing, ACH Direct Deposit, and Credit Card Merchant Agreement. Any applicable convenience or service fees will be the full responsibility of the depositor.

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following tuition contracts between High Point Regional High School (sending) and the following district and related information:

	DISTRICT	STUDENT	TIME FRAME	TUITION COST
1	Calais School Whippany, NJ	42781	January 2, 2011 – June 30, 2011	\$244.10 per diem

RESOLVED, that the Board approve a tuition adjustment to Lakeland Andover in the amount of \$1990. The Lakeland Andover audit of 2009-2010 reflected an undercharge of tuition expense due from the sending districts during that school year which has resulted in this charge.

RESOLVED, that the Board approve modifying the following list of Board accounts and their signatories:

Name	# of Signatories Required	Authorized Signatures
H.P.R.H.S. School Store Fund	2	Board Secretary Principal Assistant Vice Principal Assistant Vice Principal School Store Advisor

RESOLVED, that the Board approve payment for the reimbursement of unused sick days at retirement in the amounts as listed below, as per contract, Article 7-3a.

Retiree	Accumulated Sick Days	Max Accumulated Sick Day Payout	Total
Jeanne Heinke	208.5	175 days x \$85 per day	\$14,875
Vince Mohan	194.0	175 days x \$85 per day	\$14,875

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following resolution to commend the efforts of their colleagues throughout New Jersey during School Board Recognition Month and to urge the public to support efforts to improve education:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2011 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The High Point Regional High School Board of Education is one of more than 588 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The High Point Regional High School Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.37 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of local boards of education, in partnership with stakeholders ranging from parents to teachers to state education officials, have fostered a public school system that has contributed to New Jersey's status as a leader in academic benchmarks, such as elementary and middle school scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and college preparation through Advanced Placement Offerings; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the High Point Regional High School Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2011 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the High Point Regional High School Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE, cont.

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

The Board of Education of the Vocational School in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, approved a resolution authorizing tuition for all sending districts per NJSA 18A:54-20.1 for the 2011-12 school year, in the amount of \$2,300 for Regular Vocational Students and \$2,300 for Special Vocational Students. As a result of this action, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education is fully aware of the financial constraints that are facing all school districts and governmental entities in the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the High Point Board is opposed to the tuition assessment demand of the vocational school board of education, and

WHEREAS, this matter has raised a number of concerns beyond the tuition assessment demand,

Now be it further resolved, that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education requests that a joint meeting be scheduled with all of the Sussex County school districts and representatives of the Sussex County Board of Freeholders and the New Jersey Commissioner of Education for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

1. The measures that the vocational school board will take to reduce its budget for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. The representation of all Sussex County school districts on the vocational school board of education.
3. The establishment of a committee to explore how the role of the vocational school has evolved since its inception and how to return the school to a more appropriate role.
4. The need to require the vocational school to enter into shared service agreements immediately and to determine how its academic programs for the 2011-2012 school year can be reduced to a more appropriate level.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

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

RESOLVED, That the High Point Regional High School Board of Education approve the following resolution in opposition to the Sussex County vocational school tuition assessment demand:

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education is fully aware of the financial constraints that are facing all school districts and governmental entities in the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the High Point Board was forced to make many budgetary cuts in connection with the 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, the High Point Board has been diligently working on its 2011-2012 school year budget and has been exploring a variety of cost reduction measures, and

WHEREAS, those cost reductions may involve staff layoffs and other measures so that the High Point budget is within the 2% cap, and

FINANCE AND INSURANCE, cont.

WHEREAS, it has only recently come to the attention of the High Point Board that the Sussex County vocational school board of education has decided to unilaterally impose a tuition fee for the 2011-2012 school year on all school districts that have students attending the vocational school, and

WHEREAS, this tuition fee is intended to offset the reduction in funds that the Sussex County freeholders contribute to the vocational school budget, and

WHEREAS, the High Point Board will be assessed a tuition fee of \$2,300 per student by the vocational school board, and

WHEREAS, the High Point Board anticipates a tuition assessment of more than \$230,000 by the vocational school board, and

WHEREAS, such a fee will result in draconian budgetary cuts in the High Point budget, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the High Point Board this tuition fee is unfair, unexpected and ill advised, and

WHEREAS, the vocational school board has exhibited no inclination to work with the Sussex County school districts in connection with this matter, and

WHEREAS, it is unclear how much revenue will be generated by this tuition request and whether or not it exceeds the amount cut by the Freeholders, and

WHEREAS, the vocational school board should be looking to reduce its budget or enter into shared services agreements or explore other cost reduction matters, so as to offset the Freeholders decision to reduce their financial support, rather than impose an arbitrary and capricious tuition fee,

Now be it further resolved, that the High Point Board of Education is advising the vocational school board of education that it will not pay the tuition fee being unilaterally assessed by the vocational school board, until such time as all administrative and legal concerns regarding this matter have been fully explored and resolved and until the vocational school board has met with representatives of the High Point Board to discuss this matter in detail.

The motion carried by a voice vote, with Mr. Hoffmann voting no.

TRANSPORTATION

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Quoted Contract:

Stocker Bus Company, Inc.
Dec. 16, 2010 – June 30, 2011

TRANSPORTATION, cont.

Route #	Destination	Arrival Time	Departure Time	# of days	Inc/ Dec.	Per Diem Cost	Annual Contract Total
HSQ-1106	Wallkill Regional HS & Ogdensburg Elem. School	Wallkill – 7:50 AM Ogdensburg – 8:10 AM	Wallkill – 2:30 PM Ogdensburg – 2:55 PM	135	\$2.00 per mile	\$125.00	\$16,875.00

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Contract Addendum:

Stocker Bus Company, Inc.
Route Q-STs

Addendum #	Effective Date of Change	# new miles at \$2.00 per mile	Inc. / Dec per diem	Final Adj. Contract Amount
1	10/08/2010	10.4	\$40.80	\$75.80

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Joint Agreements:

Host – High Point
Joiner – Vernon

Start Date	End Date	Host Route #	Destination	Cont. Code	# of Host students	# of Joiner students	Joiner Cost
09/01/10	06/30/11	Q-STs	Shuttle from Tech to Wallkill & Vernon	0438	0	13	\$6,405.60

Host – High Point
Joiner – Wallkill

Start Date	End Date	Host Route #	Destination	Cont. Code	# of Host students	# of Joiner students	Joiner Cost
09/01/10	06/30/11	Q-STs	Shuttle from Tech to Wallkill & Vernon	0438	0	09	\$6,300.00

Host – High Point
Joiner – Ogdensburg Bd. Of Ed

Start Date	End Date	Host Route #	Destination	Cont. Code	# of Host students	# of Joiner students	Joiner Cost
12/16/10	06/30/11	HSQ-1106	Ogdensburg Elementary School - \$62.50 pd for a max. of 135 days	0438	0	1	\$8,437.50

TRANSPORTATION, cont.

Host – High Point

Joiner – Wallkill Valley HS

Start Date	End Date	Host Route #	Destination	Cont. Code	# of Host students	# of Joiner students	Joiner Cost
12/16/10	06/30/11	HSQ-1106	Wallkill Valley Reg. HS - \$62.50 pd for a max. of 135 days	0438	0	1	\$8,437.50

The motions unanimously carried by a voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

There are no items at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

- It is time to order cap and gowns for those who will be participating in our graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. All orders must be in by April 1, 2011.
- The State of New Jersey Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance conducted a public agency review and has determined that High Point Regional High School District is in compliance.
- Linda A. Alvarez recently achieved the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO).

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Vander Berg, that the February Meeting be moved to February 28, 2011.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Denise Wilson, inquired about Policy #3250. Dr. Hannum responded

Ms. Denise Wilson, inquired eight periods or nine periods? Dr. Hannum responded, no decision has been reached.

Joe Stanek, directed his question to Mr. Rowan. What about solar energy? Mr. Rowan responded that currently the cost is very high.

Ms. Denise Wilson, the new ID tags, how will they be paid. Ms. Alvarez responded, there is no cost to the students anticipated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, cont.

Ms. Denise Wilson, inquired, how does the tuition to Vo-tech work? Dr. Hannum responded, we send them students and we will pay tuition.

Ms. Wilson, inquired, what is happening with the energy analysis?

Lauren Mallloy, student, apologized for her outburst. Why are certain courses on the chopping block? Mr. Ripley responded.

Ms. Jill Shrope, Vo-tech has only about 600 students, how are we sending 100? Dr. Hannum and some Guidance Counselors responded, we have 87 full time and 6 part time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stumpf read the following:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, also know, as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive session under certain limited circumstances, and

WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive and private session,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Rowan, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:05 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Case, duly seconded by Mr. Link, that the Board adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to regular session at 11:18 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr, President
Mr. Thomas Case
Mr. Joseph Hoffmann
Mr. Garrett Link
Mr. Joseph Luna
Mr. Kenneth Nelson
Mr. Harold Rowan, III
Mr. Edward Vander Berg

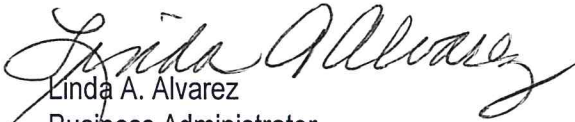
MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Charles Musilli, III

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 Mr. Case, seconded by Mr. Vander Berg, to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:20 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda A. Alvarez
Business Administrator
Board Secretary

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