HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

1. OPENING OF MEETING - 6:30 PM

Required Notice of Open Public Meeting

Being duly posted at the following locations: High Bridge Middle School and Elementary School main offices, High Bridge Borough Hall Office; and advertised, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, in the following newspaper: Hunterdon County Democrat, this meeting will convene in the Library of the High Bridge Elementary School, 40 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, NJ 08829, alternatively the meeting will be available for listening purposes only on Google Meet. The Board will only accept public participation from those who are physically in attendance, as per Policy 0168. Please notify the board if you intend to record this meeting.

Date: Tuesday October 11, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Formal action will be taken.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL by Caryn Rinehart / Acting Board Secretary

Benjamin Bolger Erin Delgado Robert Imhoff Colleen Poles Karyn Gove Cynthia Sharkey

Additional Member Present: Dr. Gregory Hobaugh, Superintendent

Caryn Rinehart, Acting Board Secretary

4. PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION ITEMS

4.1. NJSLA Test Scores presented by Emma Alparone and Richard Kolton.

4.2. Superintendent's Report

4.2.1. 2022-2023 Enrollment

Grade	Sections	District Enrollment	Choice	Tuition	Out-of- District	Total Enrollment
PS	5	63	-	-	-	63
K	2	25	-	-	-	25
1	2	32	-	-	-	32
2	2	32	-	-	-	32
3	2	28	-	-	-	28
4	2	31	-	-	-	31

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Elementary Sc	211					
5	2	35	-	-	-	35
6	2	37	1	-	1	39
7	2	30	-	-	-	30
8	2	41	1	-	-	42
Middle School	146					
District Total	23	354	2	-	1	357

- **4.2.2.** Staff Attendance for September 2022 (Attachment: September 2022 Staff Attendance)
- **4.2.3.** Monthly Report on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Incidents/Suspensions and Security Drills

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Month	Fire	Security	Fire	Security	In	Out	In	Out	Investigated	Affirmed	Investigated	Affirmed				
July	07/26	07/28	N/A	N/A												
August	08/03	08/04	N/A	N/A												
Sept	09/09	09/08	09/07	09/08						1						
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June																

4.2.4. Superintendent Update

4.2.4.1. Report on district goals (Attachment: Strategic Action Plan 22-23)

5. REVIEW OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

NameDateSubjectSteven Weber9/27/22Notice of Retirement

(Attachment: Weber S Retirement)

Jessica Taveras 10/04/22 Questions

(Taveras Correspondence 10 4 22)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This period of time provides an opportunity for the public to speak on agenda topics only. It is the policy of the Board of Education (Policy #0164) that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments should be addressed to the Board.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **7.1.** September 12, 2022 Work Session Meeting Minutes (*Attachment: 9 12 22 Work Session Minutes*)
- **7.2.** September 19, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes (*Attachment: 9 19 22 Regular Session Minutes*)

Board President calls for a motion and a second to approve 7.1. - 7.2.:

Motion:				
Name:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Benjamin Bolger				
Erin Delgado				
Karyn Gove				
Robert Imhoff				
Colleen Poles				
Cynthia Sharkey				

8. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- **8.1.** Board President's Report
 - **8.1.1.** Virtual Participation at BOE Meetings
 - **8.1.2.** Hunterdon County School Boards Association Meeting Update Robert Imhoff

9. HIB REPORTS

9.1. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(e) requires that at the next board of education meeting following its receipt of a HIB report, the board shall issue a decision, in writing, to affirm, reject, or modify the superintendent's decision.

The Superintendent shall inform the parties of the Board's determination in writing, as well as their right to appeal the determination to the Commissioner of Education, in accordance with the procedures set forth in law and regulation, no later than 90 days after the issuance of the board's decision; or to file a complaint with the Division on Civil Rights within 180 days of the occurrence of any incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on membership in a protected group as enumerated in the "Law Against Discrimination," P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-1 et seq.).

Board President calls for a motion and a second to affirm, reject, or modify, by voice vote, the superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Report 2021-22 (*Attachment: 2022-23 ES01 Redacted*).

10. ACTION ITEMS

- 10.1. Student Achievement Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Policy
 - **10.1.1. Motion to approve** the submission of the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment: HIB Self Assessment ES 2022, HIB Self Assessment MS 2022)
 - **10.1.2. Motion to approve** the following class trips and transportation:

Location	Grade	Cost	Cost Incurred By
Mayo Performing Arts Center	5th	\$18.00	Parents / Guardians
West Portal Pumpkin Patch, West Portal, NJ	K	\$26.00	Parents / Guardians
Veterans Memorial Park, High Bridge, NJ	4th	N/A	N/A - Walking Trip

- **10.2. Human Resources** Personnel, Management & Community Relations
 - **10.2.1. Motion to approve** Andrew Ziray for hours above their contracted time necessary to attend scheduled inservice days on 9/23, 10/10, 11/16, 12/14, 1/20, and 2/22 at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour not to exceed 4 hours per inservice day.
 - **10.2.2. Motion to approve** the retirement of Steven Weber as Facilities Director, effective November 25, 2022. (Attachment: Weber S Retirement)
 - **10.2.3. Motion to approve** Caryn Rinehart as Acting Board Secretary, to serve on an emergency basis only, from July 1, 2022 until the next reorganization meeting in January 2023 at an hourly rate of \$26.73.
 - **10.2.4. Motion to approve** Marisa Monaco and Lisa Kerr as homebound instructors at the contracted rate of \$35.42 per hour.
 - **10.2.5. Motion to approve** Marilyn (Micki) Wechsler as a mentor to Centenary University student, Julia Monge, in the Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant Field Experience Program.
 - **Motion to approve** Samantha Richards and Caryn Rinehart as co-advisors for Elementary School Homework Assistance at the contracted rate of \$32.00 per hour for 50 hours each for a total not to exceed \$1,600.00.
 - **Motion to approve** Katie Franks and Megan Gulevski as co-advisors for the emPOWERing Girls pilot program for girls grades 6-8, at the contracted hourly rate of \$32.00 for a total of ten (10) hours per advisor, not to exceed \$320.00 to be funded by Title 4 grant monies.
 - **10.2.8. Motion to approve** Christina Harding to return from family leave as of November 1, 2022.
 - **10.2.9. Motion to approve** Bhavna Sharma as Non-Instructional Paraprofessional Aide for Elementary School Video Club in accordance with student's IEP at a rate of \$19.00 per hour not to exceed eight (8) hours.

10.3. Educational Resources - Finance and Facilities

10.3.1. Payment of Bills

Audit of Invoices

Approve October 11, 2022 bill list: (Attachment: 10 11 22 bill list)

 Check Register
 September 20 - October 11
 \$ 276,989.68

 Payroll
 September 30
 \$ 245,453.81

 Total
 \$ 522,443.49

10.3.2. Financial Reports (Attachment: August 2022 Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report - Signed)

Report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Report for August 2022

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Financial Reports for the month of August 2022 as per the procedure instituted by the State Department of Education, wherein the required certification by the Board Secretary is adhered to in the attachment.

Certification of Fund Balances

Resolved, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b), the Board of Education certify for the months of August 2022, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, shall certify in the minutes of the Board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16:10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Business Administrator

- **10.3.3. Line Item Transfers** August 2022 (Attachment: August 2022 Transfer Report) **Resolved**, that the Board of Education approve the budget transfers as listed in the attachment.
- **10.3.4. Motion to approve** the acceptance of the 2022-2023 Unified Champion Schools Grant awarded to High Bridge Middle School by Special Olympics in the amount of \$1,000. (Attachment: SONJ UCS Award 22-23)
- **10.3.5. Motion to approve** soft drink and coffee sales to district staff from the Pre-Vocational Autistic and Behavioral Disabilities Programs at the Elementary and Middle Schools. Profits will go back into the program to replenish the drinks, maintain Coverp Cafe, and supply additional items to be made and sold to provide student behavioral incentives and to further enhance Life Skills while expanding the program pre-vocational activities, in preparation for Pre-Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Field Experience.

Board President calls for a motion and a second to approve 10.1-10.3.5.:

Motion:	Second:

Name:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Benjamin Bolger				
Erin Delgado				
Karyn Gove				
Robert Imhoff				
Colleen Poles				
Cynthia Sharkey				

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This period of time provides an opportunity for the public to speak on any topic related to the High Bridge Public Schools. It is the policy of the Board of Education (Policy #0164) that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to High Bridge Public Schools. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. Comments should be addressed to the Board.

12.	EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION		
	Board President calls for a motion	and a second	, in
	accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 3	321, P.L. 1975, to discuss:	

- Executive Session Minutes
- Personnel

The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

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Board President calls for a motion	and a second	to
reconvene public session.		

14. ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve the Executive Minutes

- **14.1.1.** September 12, 2022 (Attachment: 9 12 22 Executive Session Minutes)
- **14.1.2.** September 19, 2022 (Attachment: 9 19 22 Executive Session Minutes)

Board President calls for a motion and a second to approve 14.1.1 and 14.1.2:

Motion:		Second:									
Name:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent							
Benjamin Bolger											
Erin Delgado											
Karyn Gove											
Robert Imhoff											
Colleen Poles											
Cynthia Sharkey											

15. ADJOURNMENT

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Board President calls for a motion _____ and a second ____ to adjourn the meeting.