

Meeting Agenda

Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board Of Education Organizational Meeting

January 4, 2021

7:00 PM / COMMONS

- A. **Call to Order** – Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- B. **Open Public Meeting Act Statement**

Welcome to a meeting of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) and that advance notice required therein has been provided. Meeting notice was also posted in the Board room of the Upper School Campus; sent to the Courier News, Star Ledger, Express-Times and the Hunterdon County Democrat; and sent to the Clerks of Delaware Township, East Amwell Township, Flemington Borough, Raritan Township and Readington Township. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

- C. **Flag Salute**
- D. **Correspondence**
- E. **Oath of Office**
Bruce Davidson
Lisa Hughes
Dorothea Kellogg

- F. **Roll Call**
Jeffrey Charney
Bruce Davidson
Lisa Hughes
Dorothea Kellogg
Roseann Nguyen
Scott Nicol
Noelle O'Donnell
Vincent Panico
Robert Richard

- G. **Election of Officers**
Nomination and election of Board President
Nomination and election of Board Vice-President

- H. **Board Member Code of Ethics** – Affirmation of New Jersey School Board Association, Code of Ethics Presentation of Board of Ethics Training, as required under N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3, N.J.A.C.6A:30, and Board policy – Isabel Machado, Esq.

MOVE to accept the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education:

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools, which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. I will confine my Board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action, which may compromise the Board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan, political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

I. Organizational Items

1. MOVE to re-adopt all existing bylaws and policies.
2. MOVE to re-establish existing Board standing committees and ad hoc committees pursuant to Policy 0155.
3. The Board President appoints the following committee chairpersons and members:

STUDENT LIFE & PROGRAM

Chairperson:

Members:

OPERATIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Chairperson:

Members:

PERSONNEL

Chairperson:

Members:

RACISM, EQUITY, & DIVERSITY (Ad-hoc)

Chairperson:

Members:

HCAA NEGOTIATIONS (Ad-hoc)

Chairperson:

Members:

STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Ad-hoc)

Chairperson:

Members:

4. MOVE to approve the following group representative appointments:

NJ School Boards Association

Delegate:

Alternate:

Hunterdon County School Boards Association

Delegate:

Alternate:

Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

Representative:

Hunterdon County Polytech

Liaison:

Hunterdon Central School Foundation

Liaison:

District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC)

Representative:

J. Residents' Forum – Agenda Items

The opportunity for public comment on questions will be provided at every regular meeting of the Board of Education and will appear on the agenda as Residents' Forum. Two will appear on each agenda; one near the beginning for questions or comments on agenda items, and one near the end for general comments or questions. A residents' forum will be a maximum of thirty minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances.

Residents were invited to submit written comments on the form that was open and available on the District website up until the start of this Residents' Forum. Residents may also comment live during the meeting if they raise their hand in Zoom, press *9 on their phone, or move to the podium if they are attending in person. Residents will be recognized by the Board President when it is their turn to speak. Comments submitted in writing will be read first, and live comments will be received as the 30-minute time permits. Residents must provide their name and municipality for both written and live comments. Public comments will be reflected in the official minutes.

Those appearing at a residents' forum will be allowed three minutes to speak and no one will be allowed to speak twice at the same forum until all those wishing to speak have had their turn.

The Board may not respond to the speakers at the time of their appearance.

K. Superintendent's Report

- HIB / Suspension Report
MOVE to affirm the Hunterdon Central Regional High School administrative disposition the following HIB cases, reviewed by the Board of Education in closed session on December 21, 2020: (Attachment J)
 - HC2021-004 – Incident reported 10/29/20
 - HC2021-006 – Incident reported 11/17/20

HCRHS 2020-2021 HIB / Suspension Report Summary						
Month / Year Incident Reported	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	# Remediation	# Discipline & Remediation	# Appeals	# Student Suspensions*
Sep 2020	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oct 2020	4	2	0	3	0	1
Nov 2020	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	5	2	0	4	0	2

* Suspensions - Of the total 2 suspensions, 0 students have had prior suspensions

L. Committee Reports

1. STUDENT LIFE & PROGRAM

2. OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

2.1 MOVE to approve the application and acceptance of an Addressing Student Learning Loss grant for \$156,425 for the period April 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

Grant funds will be used to provide supplemental instruction to students.

3. PERSONNEL

3.1 MOVE to approve candidate(s) for Schedule D positions at the contracted salaries for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

SCHEDULE D – COACHES					
#	Name	Season	Position	Stipend	Eff. Date
A	Callahan, Megan*	Winter	Girls Basketball - Assistant Coach	\$7,588	12/22/20

*Interim approval given by Superintendent

3.2 MOVE to approve the following 6th block appointment(s), as recommended by the Superintendent:

6th BLOCK STIPEND				
#	Name	Position	Rate	Eff. Date
A	Mistele, Thomas	Science Teacher	\$10,005.08 prorated	12/8/20-1/8/21

3.3 MOVE to approve the following revision(s), as recommended by the Superintendent:

REVISIONS				
#	Name	Position	Change From	Change To
A	Grasso, Victoria	Science Teacher	.2 FTE \$6,172.54 (prorated) 9/1/20-11/20/20 (9/21/20 3.7 #8)	.2 FTE \$6,172.54 (prorated) 9/1/20-1/15/21
B	Ingram, Walter	Science Teacher	\$6,891.57(prorated) 9/1/20-10/30/20, \$7,071.57(prorated) 11/2/20-11/20/20 (11/16/20 3.11 C)	\$6,891.57(prorated) 9/1/20-10/30/20, \$7,071.57(prorated) 11/2/20-1/15/21
C	Jones, Rachel	Science Teacher	.2 FTE \$6,733.46 (prorated) 9/1/20-11/20/20 (9/21/20 3.7 #10)	.2 FTE \$6,733.46 (prorated) 9/1/20-1/15/21
D	Tenore, Joanne	Science Teacher	.2 FTE \$6,945.57 (prorated) 9/1/20-11/20/20 (9/21/20 3.7 #14)	.2 FTE \$6,945.57 (prorated) 9/1/20-12/7/20
E	Turner, Hollis	Science Teacher	.2 FTE \$6,994.22 (prorated) 9/1/20-11/20/20 (9/21/20 3.7 #15)	.2 FTE \$6,994.22 (prorated) 9/1/20-1/15/21

4. RACISM, EQUITY, & DIVERSITY

M. Additional Business

N. Board Comments

O. Residents’ Forum – General

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P. Executive Session

WHEREAS Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public, or where the personal privacy of or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasions and

WHEREAS the matters about to be presented for discussion clearly meet the “circumstances” test of such Act, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Hunterdon Central Regional High School now adjourns from public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: HIB cases, litigation, negotiations, personnel, school security, student matters, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board will more specifically discuss HIB cases; and be it further

RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed in the minutes to be released at the next regular meeting of the Board, provided the Board's consideration of the subject matter be closed, or that such matter does not adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers, or personnel of the Board, unless such individuals have in writing requested the disclosures of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

Q. Adjourn