

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District was held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. at the High Point Regional High School Board of Education Conference Room on Pigeon Hill Road, Wantage, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Thomas Case, President
 Mr. Ron Bassani
 Mr. Joseph Hoffmann
 Mr. Joseph Luna
 Mr. Scott Mearkle
 Mr. Harold Rowan III
 Mr. Robert Shevlin
 Mr. Walter W. Stumpf Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT Mr. Edward Vander Berg,

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

Mr. Case 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, the Times Herald-Record 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Bassani was sworn in as a member of the Board of Education representing Wantage, his term in office expires April, 2007.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting, December 18, 2006
Executive Session, December 18, 2006

APPROVE MINUTES

The motion carried by a voice vote, with Mr. Bassani abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were heard.

PRESENTATIONS:

Student Council Report

Mike Mina, Speaker of the House, updated the Board on the current Student Council activities.

HPEA Report:

Ms. Debbie Anderson updated the Board on HPEA items.

Concerns were expressed regarding the replacement of the English Department Supervisor.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Gregory Youngman, Principal, updated the Board on high school items.

Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Janice Mezier, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, updated the Board of Education on curriculum items:

- 2006 HSPA Results
- Local Mentor Plan for 2006-2008 (Attachment A-4)

Athletics:

Mr. John Carter, Athletic Director, updated the Board on athletic activities.

ACTION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Faculty Attendance rate for December 2006 was 94.0%. (Attachment A-1)

The Student Attendance rate for December 2006 was 96.2%. (Attachment A-2)

A copy of the suspension report for the month of December 2006 was distributed. (Attachment A-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, duly seconded by Mr. Mearkle, that the Board approve the Local Mentor Plan for 2006-2008 and approve the submission of the plan to the Sussex County Office of Education. (Attachment A-4) The motion unanimously carried with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, duly seconded by Mr. Mearkle, that the Board approve an 11:55 dismissal for mid-term exams on : January 18, 19, 22, 23, 2007. The motion unanimously carried with a voice vote.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Mearkle, duly seconded by Mr. Hoffmann, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the appointment of Michael Blahut as a Home Instruction Tutor for the remainder

Policy 5535 Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Attachment D-2
Device

Policy 8335 Family Educational Rights and Attachment D-3
Privacy Act

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Mearkle, duly seconded by Mr. Shevlin, that the Board approve the first reading of the following revised policy:

Policy 8860 Transportation by Private Vehicle Attachment D-9

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Mearkle updated the Board of Education on the progress of the negotiations process.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Hap Rowan shared information from the most recent Board of Education Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the Report of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator for the month of December 2006. (Attachment G-1) The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month of December 2006. (Attachment G-2) The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

Secretary's Certification:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)3, I certify that, as of December 31, 2006, no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(a).

Steven A. Kepnes

Date

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the Report of Transfers for the month of December 2006. (Attachment G-3) The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE, cont.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A2.3(e)1, I certify that, as of December 31, 2006, no budgetary transfers exceed the statutory limits.

Steven A. Kepnes

Date

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve for payment the attached schedule of audited bills, dated January 15, 2007. (Attachment G-4) The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board certified that, after review of the Secretary's financial report for the month of December 2006, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the Student Account, Athletic Account and Cafeteria Account reconciliations for December 2006, (Attachment G-5). The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the following Quoted Contracts for Field Trips for the 2006-2007 school year:

Aristocrat **QFT- 72**

Aristocrat transported DECA to CCM in Randolph on January 3, 2007 on one 49-passenger Coach Bus. They left at 7:00 a.m. and returned at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the bus was \$575.00.

QFT-74

Aristocrat will transport FBLA to the PNC Bank Arena on February 6, 2007 on one 49-passenger Coach Bus. They will leave at 4:00 p.m. and return by 10:00 p.m. The cost of the bus is \$625.00.

Decker Transportation **QFT-66**

Decker transported one Walkkill student to the Gallaria Mall on December 8, 2006 on a Lift Vehicle. They left at 8:15 a.m. and returned at 1:15 p.m. The cost of the vehicle was \$375.00 to be paid by Walkkill.

Dunns Bus Service **QFT-57**

Dunns transported the Student Council to College of New Jersey on January 10, 2007 on one 54-passenger school bus. They left at 7:00 a.m. and returned at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the bus was \$700.00.

TRANSPORTATION, cont.

QFT-60

Dunns transported the Art class to the Guggenheim Museum & the Metropolitan Museum in NYC on December 8, 2006 on two 54-passenger school busses. They left at 8:45 a.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m. The cost for the two busses was \$950.00 per bus plus tolls and parking.

QFT-69

Dunns transported the "Pass it Along" group to the Avon Avenue School & House of Mercy Mission in Newark, New Jersey, on December 19, 2006 on one 54-passenger school bus. They left at 9:00 a.m. and returned at 3:00 p.m.

The cost for the bus was \$425.00.

QFT-71

Dunns transported the Science Olympiad group to Princeton University on January 9, 2007 on a 54-passenger bus. They left at 6:30 a.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m. The cost of the bus was \$980.00.

First Student - Newton

QFT-56

First Student Newton transported the Engineering Class to Middlesex County College on December 18, 2006 on a 54-passenger bus. They left at 7:00 a.m. and returned at 4:00 p.m. The cost of the bus was \$549.00.

QFT-62

First Student Newton transported the Model Congress group to the NJ State House Annex in Trenton on December 8, 2006 on a 54-passenger school bus. They left at 6:30 a.m. and returned at 4:00 p.m. The cost of the bus was \$539.99.

QFT-63

First Student Newton will transport the Model Congress group to the New Jersey State House Annex in Trenton on March 2, 2007 on a 54-passenger school bus. They will leave at 6:30 a.m. and are anticipated back by 4:00 p.m. The cost of the bus will be \$539.00

QFT-64

First Student Newton transported the History Class to West Point Military Academy in New York on November 16, 2006 on three 54-passenger school busses. They left at 8:15 a.m. and returned at 3:45 p.m. The cost of each bus was \$425.00.

QFT-68

First Student Newton will transport the Model Congress to the College of New Jersey on a 54-passenger school bus on March 15, 2007, departing at 6:30 a.m. They will pick the students up at 3:30 p.m. on March 16 to return to High Point by 6:00 p.m. The cost of the bus is \$825.00.

QFT-70

First Student Newton transported the FBLA to Mercer County Comm. College on January 4, 2007 on one 54-passenger bus. They left at 6:30 a.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m. The cost for the bus was \$675.00.

TRANSPORTATION, cont.

Passaic Valley Coach

QFT-65

Passaic Valley Coach will transport the Science classes to Cape Cod, Massachusetts on May 4, 2007 departing at 6:00 a.m. Passaic Valley Coach will stay with the group. They will depart on May 6 at 1:00 p.m. to return to High Point by 9:00 p.m. The group will be going on two 47-passenger Coach Busses. The cost for two Coach busses is \$5,430.00.

QFT-66

Passaic Valley Coach will transport the Chamber Singers to the Hotel Marriot in Toronto, Canada on May 11, 2007

on a 47-passenger Coach Bus. They will depart at 7:00 a.m. on the 11 to go to Toronto, and be picked up on Monday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. to return to High Point. The cost of the 47-passenger Coach Bus is \$3,280.00.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by r. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board approve the following Joint Agreement for 2006 - 2007:

Host - High Point

Joiner - Walkkill

Route QFT-66

High Point transported one Walkkill student to the Gallaria Mall on December 8, 2006 on a lift vehicle. They left at 8:15 a.m. and returned at 1:15 p.m. The cost of the vehicle was \$375.00.

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by r. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Rowan, that the Board Mrs. Greulich's request to attend the 42nd Annual New Jersey Pupil Transportation Conference on March 26-28, 2007 at the Trump Marina Hotel.

Mrs. Greulich is the Treasurer of the State association. Costs are estimated to be the following:

\$135	Approximately 300 Miles
\$270	Lodging
<u>\$345</u>	Registration
\$750	Total

The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

LITIGATION/LEGAL

The Board of Education was updated on legal matters in Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter was sent to Mr. Rhea Fountain regarding a potential partnership with the fairgrounds and High Point Regional High School to offer an Agriscience studies program. (Attachment X-1)

CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

- Mrs. Janice Mezier expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve in the interim capacity as the Athletic Director and Supervisor of Health and Physical Education. (Attachment X-2)

MISCELLANEOUS

The following letters were presented to the Board:

- Mr. Gregory Youngman extended an invitation to attend an academic recognition ceremony to the parents of the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar recipients.
- An updated Board of Education Directory is available to all Board of Education members.
- Mike Beltran presented information related to the hockey team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Luna, duly seconded by Mr. Bassani, that the Board enter into executive session to discuss matters at 9:35 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Luna, that the Board adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to regular session at 10:45 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffmann, duly seconded by Mr. Mearkle, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:46 pm. The motion unanimously carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Kepnes
Board Secretary