

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY 07461

BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION AND SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

January 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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This meeting will open for the administration of the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members

I. **CALL TO ORDER by the Board Secretary**

Mrs. Palecek, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

II. **FLAG SALUTE**

III. **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 the 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, and Sussex Post Offices, and notice sent to the New Jersey Herald, the New Jersey Sunday Herald Star Ledger, and the Clerk of the Boroughs of Branchville and Sussex and the townships of Frankford, Lafayette, and Wantage.

IV. **MISSION STATEMENT**

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STAFF, 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.

V. **FINAL ELECTION RESULTS**

Mrs. Palecek will report the Official Election Results as per County Wide Report November 3, 2020:

Frankford Township:	Joseph M. Corazza	2418 Votes
Sussex Boro:	Richard A. Klein	695 Votes
Wantage Township:	Wayne Dunn	4834 Votes

VI. **ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE**

Mrs. Palecek will administer oaths of office to the following:

Joseph M. Corazza
Richard A. Klein
Wayne Dunn

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VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Mrs. Palecek will open the floor for nominations for President.

Nomination that _____
be named as President of the High Point Regional High School Board of
Education.

Mrs. Palecek will call for any other nominations for President. If there
are none then a motion to close the nominations is requested.

Roll Call Vote for President

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

Mrs. Palecek will declare that _____
is President of the High Point Regional School Board of Education and
turn the meeting over to the President.

2. Nomination that _____
be named as Vice President of the High Point Regional High School Board
of Education.

The President will call for any other nominations for Vice President. If
there are none then a motion to close the nominations is requested.

Roll Call Vote for Vice President

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

The President will declare that _____
is named Vice President of the High Point Regional High School Board of
Education.

VIII. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Deborah Anderson	Branchville	Whose Term expires 12/31/2021
Mr. Spencer Arnold	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2022
Mr. Joseph Corazza	Frankford	Whose Term expires 12/31/2023
Mr. Wayne Dunn	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2023
Dr. William Kehoe	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2022

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Mr. Richard Klein	Sussex	Whose Term expires 12/31/2023
Ms. Patricia Nugent	Lafayette	Whose Term expires 12/31/2021
Ms. LeeAnn Smith	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2022
Ms. Gayle Tidona	Frankford	Whose Term expires 12/31/2021

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion will be made that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education enter Executive Session to provide an update on legal items which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act. Any discussions held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session. It is anticipated that no action will be taken. Executive Session is anticipated to last no longer than 20 minutes.

X. MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

All in favor _____ Time: _____ pm

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Name and Address)

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, we will open the public comments (for agenda items only) at this time. Each speaker should state his/her name and address. You will have three (3) minutes to address the Board, which will be timed by the Board President or designee. We will limit this section to no longer than 45 minutes. Please be respectful and mindful that your comments are being recorded.

XII. APPOINTMENTS

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint Tina Palecek as Secretary of the Board of Education effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
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2. It is recommended that the Board appoints Michelle La Starza as Treasurer of School Moneys effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

3. It is recommended that the Board appoints Seamus Campbell as Affirmative Action Chair, with J. Gibson Carter serving as Affirmative Action Officer, effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

4. It is recommended that the Board appoints J. Gibson Carter as 504 Coordinator and Issuing Officer for Working Papers, effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

5. It is recommended that the Board appoints James Rice as Homeless Liaison and HIB Specialist, effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

6. It is recommended that the Board appoints Seamus Campbell as HIB Coordinator effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

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(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
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· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

7. It is recommended that the Board appoint _____
as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

8. It is recommended that the Board appoint _____
as Alternate Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

9. It is recommended that the Board appoint _____
as Delegate to the Sussex County School Boards Association.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

10. It is recommended that the Board appoint _____
as Alternate Delegate to the Sussex County School Boards Association.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

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11. It is recommended that the Board appoint _____
as Representative to the Sussex County Educational Services
Commission.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

12. It is recommended that the Board declares its committee structure as follows:

Buildings/Grounds
Curriculum
Finance & Insurance
Personnel and Policies
Security (IT) and Health
Transportation and Athletics

Negotiations (As Needed)
Public Relations (As Needed)
Long Term Planning (As Needed)

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

13. Whereas, Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires certain public bodies to comply with the provisions of Section 1 of said act, our proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

*January 26, 2021
February 16, 2021
March 16, 2021
**April 27, 2021
May 18, 2021
June 15, 2021
July 20, 2021

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August 17, 2021

September 21, 2021

October 19, 2021 (Public Hearing on SSDS)

November 16, 2021

December 21, 2021

January 4, 2022 (Reorganization and Special Mtg. *Open in the Cafeteria Annex*)

*Fourth Tuesday in January

**Fourth Tuesday in April - Public Hearing on Budget

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

14. It is recommended that the Board approves the Code of Ethics for School Board, Robert's Rules of Order, and Parliamentary Procedures for all meetings as follows (**Will be read by Board Secretary**):

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

School Ethics Act, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001

18a:12-24.1 CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS -
INCLUDING DISCUSSION

A school Board Member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. *I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.*
- b. *I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.*
- c. *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.*
- d. *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.*
- e. *I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.*

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- f. *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.*
- g. *I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. 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 school.*
- h. *I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendations of the chief administrative officer.*
- i. *I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.*
- j. *I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

15. It is recommended that the Board designate the New Jersey Herald and the New Jersey Sunday Herald Advertiser North as the official newspapers.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

16. It is recommended that the Board designates Provident Bank as the official depository.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

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17. It is recommended that the Board approve the Principal's Petty Cash Fund for \$500 and the Superintendent's Petty Cash Fund for \$150. Individual warrants eligible for reimbursement may not exceed \$75 per receipt. Sales tax will not be approved for reimbursement.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

18. It is recommended that the Board approve the fee schedule for photocopies as follows:

- Letter or smaller \$0.05 per page;
- Legal or larger \$0.07 per page;
- Electronic no charge;
- CD/DVD actual cost.
- Delivery/postage service fees additional based on delivery type.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

19. It is recommended that the Board approve a \$3.00 transcript fee for alumni requests.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

20. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of Board accounts and their signatories:

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Name	# of Signatures Required	Authorized Signatures
H.P.R.H.S. School Store	2	Coordinator Assistant Principal Board Secretary Superintendent
H.P.R.H.S. General Fund	3	Board President Treasurer Board Secretary Superintendent
H.P.R.H.S Agency Account	1	Treasurer Board Secretary
H.P.R.H.S. Cafeteria Fund	2	Board Secretary Board Treasurer Superintendent
H.P.R.H.S. Athletic Account	2	Principal Athletic Director Assistant Principal Superintendent
H.P.R.H.S. Adult School	2	Director of Curr. & Inst. Board Secretary Superintendent
H.P.R.H.S. Salary Account Net Pay	1	Treasurer Board Secretary
H.P.R.H.S. SUI Account	1	Treasurer Board Secretary
H.P.R.H.S. Petty Cash	2	Principal Assistant Principal Board Secretary
Student Activities	2	Principal Assistant Principal Board Secretary
Scholarship Clearing	2	Board Secretary Principal Assistant Principal
H.P.R.H.S. Construction Account	2	Board Secretary Board Treasurer Board President

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

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21. It is recommended that the Board authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary as:

- Custodian of Board of Education Records for OPRA compliance;
- Chief Financial Officer and Investment Officer with approved depositories;
- Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO in purchasing compliance);
- Purchasing Agent - quote threshold \$4,350, transportation contract threshold \$18,800, all other bids threshold \$29,000;
- Maintain appropriate bonding as required by State statutes;
- Make telephone, wire, and electronic transactions of board funds;
- Invest Board funds at the most advantageous rate in compliance with all state laws and regulations.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

22. It is recommended that the Board authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation and agreement with the Superintendent, to process line item transfers in compliance with required approvals per S1701 and A3680 between Board meetings through December 31, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

23. It is recommended that the Board approve the bylaws, policies, and regulations codified in the comprehensive document entitled Bylaws and Policies of the High Point Regional High School Board of Education.

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(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
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· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

24. It is recommended that the Board recognize the following bargaining units and contractual agreements:

High Point Education Association
High Point Administrators Association

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

25. It is recommended that the Board authorize the Board President or designee to act as Board Secretary as appropriate.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

26. It is recommended that the Board authorize the use of a signature stamp for the Board President, Treasurer and Board Secretary.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
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27. It is recommended that the Board approve the appropriate bonding of the School Business Administrator (\$290,000) and the Treasurer of School Monies (\$290,000) as required by statute.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

28. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution, for School Alliance Fund Commissioner effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021:

WHEREAS, The High Point Regional High School Board of Education, hereafter referred to as the “Educational Facility” is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the School Alliance Fund requires a Fund Commissioner to be appointed for each “Educational Facility”;

BE IT RESOLVED that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education appoints the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the Fund Commissioner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the “Educational Facility’s” Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute such documents as are required by the Funds’ bylaws.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

29. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Approved State Contract Vendors for Boards of Education Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-10a effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021 as follows:

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WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education, has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education, intends to enter into contracts with the Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education School Business Administrator shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the High Point Regional High School Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendor shall be effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session Minutes Part 1 - December 15, 2020
Executive Session Minutes Part 2 - December 15, 2020
(Negotiations-Non-Conflicted Members)

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
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· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the following **sixth period assignments** listed below, beginning January 27, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020/2021 School Year:

Teacher	Course	Period
Mr. Brian Feuer	Personal Finance CP-A	1
Ms. Jacqueline McCarthy	Personal Finance CP-A	2
Mr. Kevin Fenlon	Computer Concepts CP-B	3
Mr. Brian Emma	Personal Finance CP-A	5
Mr. Jahn Tiger	Principles of Marketing CP-A	6

(Payment for this sixth period assignment will be based on half of 18% of BA Step 1 on the 2020-2021 Teacher Salary Guide for the second semester.)

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

- ~~2. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves an extended sick/FMLA leave of absence to Employee #1207, effective January 13, 2021, until such time employee is released to return to work during the 2020-2021 School Year.~~

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
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•Richard Klein	•Patricia Nugent	•LeeAnn Smith	•Gayle Tidona	

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION OF THE HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION TO JOIN IN THE FILING OF AN OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST WITH, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATED LITIGATION AGAINST, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING THE CALCULATION AND ALLOCATION OF STATE AID

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA), N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, reflects the current New Jersey law that governs State Aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (State) has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, it appears the State may arbitrarily determine how much State Aid is allocated to each school district, without regard to district need or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School District is receiving substantially less State Aid than it otherwise should receive; and

WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither “equal” nor “equitable” and is without any known rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the State should be transparent in how it calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, to protect the interests of its students, and community, each school district is entitled to obtain data and records from the State as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of its residents, taxpayers, and

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students to file an Open Public Records Act request with, and if needed, related litigation against, the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education (and such other parties as may be appropriate) for data and records as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education hereby approves the filing, or joining in the filing, of the attached Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request at no cost to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the OPRA request is denied, the Board shall hereinafter consider instituting, or joining in, litigation against the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education to obtain data and records from the State of New Jersey and its various Departments as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district (OPRA Litigation); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education approves instituting, or joining in, OPRA Litigation, the Administration is hereby directed and authorized to provide whatever assistance is reasonably required in order to pursue such OPRA Litigation.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

· Deborah Anderson	· Spencer Arnold	· Joseph Corazza	· Wayne Dunn	· Dr. William Kehoe
· Richard Klein	· Patricia Nugent	· LeeAnn Smith	· Gayle Tidona	

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____

All in favor _____ Time: _____ p.m.

SDR:lk
12/30/20