

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sussex, New Jersey 07461

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

ADDENDUM

January 26, 2021

V. ROLL CALL

Please note that immediately following Roll Call, a representative from New Jersey School Boards Association will commence training.

VIII. G. FINANCE

11. Be it resolved that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education accept the **Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act School Security Grant**, from the NJDOE, which provides funding for compliance with Alyssa's Law and proposed other school security projects, in the amount of \$57,350.00.

(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	

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the High Point Regional High School Board of Education recognize January as New Jersey School Board Recognition Month;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to all code provisions, with the goal of

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providing an outstanding education to prepare all students for college and the workplace and to enable them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the contributions of our state's local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
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Roll Call Vote

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2. WHEREAS, the annual election for the High Point Regional High School Board of Education (“Board”) has been conducted in November simultaneously with the general election since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the municipalities of Branchville, Lafayette, Sussex, and Wantage, each passed resolutions seeking to move the Board’s election from November 2021 to April 2021; and

WHEREAS, although the Board did not receive formal notice from Frankford Township of their action, it is believed that the Frankford Township Committee adopted a resolution at its budget meeting of January 22, 2021 seeking to move the Board’s election from November 2021 to April 2021; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the combined resolutions passed by the municipalities constituting the High Point Regional High School District (“District”), the Board’s annual school election for 2021 will take place on the third Tuesday of April 2021, unless action is taken by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the effect of moving the Board’s election from November to April will be to increase costs associated with holding the election, which costs will ultimately be borne by the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, April school elections have historically and consistently had significantly lower voter turnout than the November elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1 to move the election from the third Tuesday in April to the date of the general election in November by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the students and taxpayers of the District to hold the annual school election in November; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the date of the annual school election for the Board shall be moved from the third Tuesday of April 2021 to the date of the November 2021 general election; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately for the 2021 annual school election and for all future annual school elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's Business Administrator is hereby directed to provide certified copies of this resolution to the Sussex County Clerk, the Sussex County Board of Elections, and the governing bodies and boards of education of Branchville, Frankford, Lafayette, Sussex, and Wantage.

(ACTION) Motion by _____, seconded by _____
DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

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