NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop Meeting **November 9, 2026**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Board President will call the meeting to order.

2. FLAG SALUTE and **PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance 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 Secretary has transmitted notice of this meeting by having the date, time, and place published in The Record and The Ridgewood News on January 16, 2026, sent to the Boroughs of Allendale and Upper Saddle River, and posted in the Board of Education Office at Northern Highlands Regional High School. Our agenda allows two opportunities for public comments: at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only, and at the conclusion of our meeting for general comments. We ask members of the public to state their name and limit their comments to a five-minute time period.

3. ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT		ABSENT
Mrs. Christine Ferrarie			
Mrs. Lisa Halperin			
Mrs. Jennifer Lenkowsky			
Mrs. Maggie Liljegren			
Ms. Jennifer Mario			
Mrs. Lynn McCarthy			
Mrs. Rachel Milston			
Mr. James Mulvey			
Dr. Andrew Prince			
Mrs. Suzanne Warzala			
Dr. Doug Holden (Saddle River Liaison)			
Dr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent			
Ms. Sue Anne Mather, Business Admin/Board Secretary			
Nicholas Mesuk, Student Representative			
Brooke Reissman, Student Representative			

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Mr. Michael Novak: 2026 New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA-A)
Access for ELLS assessment results

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

6. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

9. ACTION ITEMS FOR the *Business Agenda* for *November 9, 2026*, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____ moved, and _____seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves/accepts the following business item(s) **B-1** through **B-10** in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6, et. sec., including N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 reporting no over-expenditure of funds and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Administrator:

B-1. Approve the current bills list (check register) for the period October 12, 2026, through November 4, 2026, per the attachment.

B-2. Approve the Minutes for the October 12, 2026, Board of Education Regular and Executive Sessions, per the attachment.

B-3. Approve the Board Secretary, Treasurer, and Transfer Reports for the period ending September 30, 2026.

B-4. Approve the following staff travel (accommodations note room rate only; occupancy taxes & fees associated therein and other costs on trips presently unknown, meals for overnight trips, and mileage, tolls, and parking will be reimbursed in accordance with policy and law).

Name	Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Detail	Cost
Sue Anne Mather	NJSBA Workshop, 2026, co-sponsored by NJASA & NJASBO, Atlantic City, NJ	10/19/26-10/21/26	Registration Lodging Mileage Tolls Parking M & IE	$550 $285.52 $130.25 $18.01 $20 $170
Shawna Lagan	SUPA Forensic Science Fall Seminar, sponsored by Syracuse University Project Advance, Saddle Brook, NJ	11/13/26	Mileage	$5.64
Brandon Rajkovich	School Counselor Reception, sponsored by William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ	11/23/26	No Cost to District	No Cost to District
Jillian Scheschuk	AP in Practice Series, sponsored by College Board, *virtual*	11/23/26	Registration	$55
Tiffany Cohen	NJSELA Winter Roundtable, sponsored by Rutgers and NJSELA, New Brunswick, NJ	12/4/26	Mileage	24.44

Michel Novak	The NJ AI Literacy Summit, sponsored by Northern Valley Regional High School District, Old Tappan, NJ	12/7/26	No Cost to District	No Cost to District
Kristen Schumacher	The NJ AI Literacy Summit, sponsored by Northern Valley Regional High School District, Old Tappan, NJ	12/7/26	No Cost to District	No Cost to District
Lauren Shub	The NJ AI Literacy Summit, sponsored by Northern Valley Regional High School District, Old Tappan, NJ	12/7/26	Mileage	$4.70
Alexandra Howe	North Jersey AP Statistics Round Table, sponsored by Mahwah High School, Mahwah, NJ	12/11/26	Sub Cost	$150
Purvik Patel	Options for Advanced Academic Achievement, sponsored by NJIT - Center for Pre-College Programs, Newark, NJ	4/7/27	Mileage Tolls Sub Cost	$14.57 $8.40 $150

B-5. Approve the following **2026-2027** school year placements, per attachments.

	Student	**Provider**	**Type**	**Duration**	**Cost**
a.	27417	Ramsey High School STEP Program, Ramsey, NJ	ESY Tuition	7/6/26-7/31/26	$2,807.57
b.	27417	Ramsey High School STEP Program, Ramsey, NJ	Tuition	9/1/26-6/30/27	$44,571.97
c.	27795	Ramsey High School STEP Program, Ramsey, NJ	Tuition	9/1/26-6/30/27	$53,332.16

B-6. Accept, with regret, the resignation of YOVANA SORIANO, 12-month Custodian, effective end of day on November 27, 2026, per attachment.

B-7. RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Board of Education accepts the report of the mandatory School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills performed during October and organized and conducted by Assistant Principal Mr. Michael Koth, with the assistance of Dr. Tony LaRocca, Mr. Joe Occhino, and school bus drivers. Allendale and Upper Saddle River Police Departments were made aware of the drill and invited to observe.

The drills were conducted for Bus Routes: Upper Saddle River NH1-NH9 & NH11, Ho-Ho-Kus NH10 & NH12-14, and Saddle River SRNH & SRN2. The drills occurred at 8:05, 9:05, 10:05, 11:05, 11:35, 12:45, and 13:45 at the entrance to the Northern Highlands Regional High School Student Parking Lot on October 13, October 14, and October 23, 2026, per attachment.

B-8. Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Northern Highlands Regional High School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northern Highlands Regional High School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Northern Highlands Regional High School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

B-9. Approval of the Use Agreement with the Wyckoff Family YMCA for the 2026-2027 Swim Season, totaling $12,250, per attachment.

B-10. Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education ("Board") is the owner of certain surplus books and textbooks which are no longer needed for public use in the educational program; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of disposing of said surplus property by one or more of the following:

- Posting on the NJDOE textbook sharing site
- Selling or donating books in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.
- Disposal of books that are outdated or beyond their useful life

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northern Highlands Board of Education in Allendale, NJ, County of Bergen, that the "Board" sells, donates, or discards, as applicable, the textbooks listed on the attachment.

Roll Call:

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR the *Education Agenda* for *November 9, 2026*, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

_____moved and _____seconded:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve/accept the following Education items, **E-1** through **E-7,** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, effective immediately following the completion of required certification and documentation:

E-1. Accept and affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Investigation report, per attachment.

E-2. Accept and affirm the Monthly Student Suspension report, per attachment.

E-3. Approve and adopt the new student activity club, "Real Estate and Development Club", operated on a volunteer / non-financial support basis, effective for the 2026-2027 school year

E-4. Approve the following Athletic/Co-Curricular assignments for the 2026-2027 school year.

- CHRISTOPHER LOVERMI as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (Group 2a, $7,724)
- PURVIK PATEL as Assistant Fencing Coach (Group 4a, $7,309)

- MAXX GRAINGER as Paraprofessional Aid/ Coach for Swim Team
- NATALIE MOLION as Volunteer Advisor for Real Estate and Development Club

E-5. Approve the following field trip/overnight field trip for the 2026-2027 school year.

1. Forensics classes: Mind of a Serial Killer: The Experience - Interactive exhibit: 10/29/26 Revised date due to shorter run time of the exhibit (previously approved on 10/12/26)
   - 526 6th Avenue, NYC
2. Forensics classes: Bergen County Crime Scene Unit: Real-World Concepts and Evidence-Based Investigations: 11/19/26
   - NHRHS, Auditorium
3. Athletic Department - NHRHS Student-Athletes: Big North Conference Sportsmanship Summit: Leadership event for student-athletes: 12/2/26
   - Hackensack High School, Hackensack, NJ
4. AP Art History Classes: Art Exhibit: 12/14/26 and 12/21/26
   - Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC
5. Quiz Bowl: Competition: 1/23/27
   - Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, NJ
6. STEM League: Competition: 2/1/27 (Snow date: 2/8/27- Please note if the snow date is used, the league will still attend even though students have a delayed opening that morning)

E-6. Approve the following list of advisors/chaperones/school nurse, for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed below.

NAME	EVENT	DATE(S)	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
CARLA GOODWIN Chaperone change (Field trip previously approved 9/15/26)	Business of Sports and Honors Management classes	10/21/26	Substitute cost
JOHN BEATTY	Forensics classes	10/29/26	Substitute cost
ELIZABETH ZUSHMA	Forensics classes	10/29/26	Substitute cost
SARA MAGRETTO	Forensics classes	10/29/26	Substitute cost
JOHN BEATTY	Forensics classes	11/19/26	No substitute cost
ELIZABETH ZUSHMA	Forensics classes	11/19/26	No substitute cost
MICHAEL KOTH	Athletic Department	12/2/26	No cost to district
KRISTA CARPINO	AP Art History Classes	12/14/26 & 12/21/26	Substitute cost
LAUREN SHUB	AP Art History Classes	12/14/26 & 12/21/26	No substitute cost
DANIELLE WALSH	AP Art History Classes	12/14/26	Substitute cost
MICHELE ZUNGOLI	AP Art History Classes	12/14/26	No substitute cost
JENNIFER FERENTZ	AP Art History Classes	12/14/26	No substitute cost
MARY LARDIERE	AP Art History Classes	12/21/26	Substitute cost
CATHY BEBERIAN	AP Art History Classes	12/21/26	No substitute cost
KIMBERLY HAYES	AP Art History Classes	12/21/26	No substitute cost
JOHN GORNELL	Quiz Bowl	1/23/27	No substitute cost
TIFFANY COHEN	STEM League	2/1/27 2/8/27 (Snow date)	No substitute cost

E-7. Approve KIMBERLY DeGOOYER and INNA MOOR as substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year, per attachments.

Roll Call:

11. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Northern Highlands Regional High School Board of Education shall go into executive session to discuss the following matters:

- **No Session Scheduled**

The minutes of this executive session will be released when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. There are some topics (such as student matters) for which the need for confidentiality may never cease to exist.

_____moved, and _____seconded that the Board move into executive session.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

_____moved, and _____seconded that the Board moves into public session.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

16. ADJOURNMENT

_____moved, and _____seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

TIME: All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____