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BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION AND SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA January 2, 2024 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will open with the Oath of Office being administered to the newly elected

Board Members

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. James Minkewicz, Board Secretary, will call the meeting to order.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 Sunday Herald 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

Mr. Minkewicz will report the November 7, 2023 Official Election Results as per County Wide Report November 21, 2023:

Frankford Township: Nancie Wise 211 Votes

Sussex Borough Edward Meyer 31 Votes

(Declined Position)

Wantage Township: Wayne Dunn 2,022 Votes

VI. ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Minkewicz will administer oaths of office to Nancie Wise and Wayne Dunn.

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Ms. Jill Ireland

VII.	ELECTIO	ECTION OF OFFICERS						
	1. M	Ir. Mi	nkewicz will	opei	n the floor for	nomination	s for Pı	resident.
		Nomination that be named as President of the High Point Regional High School Board of Education.						
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Josep	oh Conforth		Wayne Dunn		Jill Ireland	Allison Or	si	Tina Palecek
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	peth Schuma	_	Gayle Tidona		Nancie Wise	Allison Of	SI	Titia PaleCek
	 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. 							
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	oeth Schuma	n	Gayle Tidona		Nancie Wise	7 Amson Or	31	Tilla Falceck
	The President will declare that is named Vice President of the High Point Regional High School Board of Education. Roll Call Vote for Vice President							
Josep	oh Conforth		Wayne Dunn		Jill Ireland	Allison Or	si	Tina Palecek
Elisak	oeth Schuma	n	Gayle Tidona		Nancie Wise			
VIII.	ROLL CA Mr. Jose Mr. Way	ph Co			ayette ntage			Dires 12/31/2024 Dires 12/31/2026

Branchville

Whose Term expires 12/31/2024

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Ms. Allison Orsi	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2025
Ms. Tina Palecek	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2025
Ms. Elisabeth Schuman	Wantage	Whose Term expires 12/31/2025
Ms. Gayle Tidona	Frankford	Whose Term expires 12/31/2024
Ms. Nancie Wise	Frankford	Whose Term expires 12/31/2026

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

If necessary, a motion will be made to have the High Point Regional High School Board of Education enter Executive Session to <u>provide an update on legal, personnel & negotiations items</u> 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. It is anticipated that no action will be taken and Executive Session will last no longer than 20 minutes. The Board will then reconvene in public session.

Χ.	MOT	ION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION		
		(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by	
		All in favor	Time:	_ pn
XI.	In acco at this addres	LIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Nordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, we will open the patime. Each speaker should state his/her name and address. It is the Board, which will be timed by the Board President or dethan 45 minutes. Please be respectful and mindful that your	ublic comments (for agenda items of You will have three (3) minutes to esignee. We will limit this section to	•,
XII.	МОТ	ION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS		
		(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by	
		All in favor	Time:	_ pn
XIII.	APP	DINTMENTS		
	1.	It is recommended that the Board appoints as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards		
		(ACTION) Motion by	seconded by	

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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek		
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise				
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4. It is re	commended that rnate Delegate to	the Board appoir	its ty School Board	S Association		
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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Roll Call Vote Tina Palecek		
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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek		
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise				

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

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> **Buildings/Grounds** Curriculum Finance & Insurance Personnel and Policies **Transportation and Athletics** Negotiations (As Needed) Public Relations (As Needed)

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			Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

7. 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 23, 2024 February 27, 2024 *March 19, 2024 **April 30, 2024 (Public Hearing on Budget) May 28, 2024 June 25, 2024 July 23, 2024 August 27, 2024

> September 24, 2024 *October 15, 2024 (Public Hearing on SSDS)

> > November 26, 2024 *December 17, 2024

January 7, 2025 (Reorganization and Special Mtg. Open in the Cafeteria Annex) *Third Tuesday in October, December and March **Fifth Tuesday in April

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by
	DISCUSSION

				Roll Call Vote
Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

8. 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:

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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.
- 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.
- 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
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Roll Call Vote

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Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

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

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by
	DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

14. It is recommended that the Board approves the following list of Board accounts and their signatories:

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

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Student Activities	2	Board Secretary Principal Assistant Principal
Scholarship Clearing	2	Board Secretary Principal Assistant Principal
H.P.R.H.S. Construction Account	2	Board President Board Secretary Treasurer

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by	
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Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

15. It is recommended that the Board authorizes the use of a signature stamp for the Board President, Superintendent, Board Secretary, and Treasurer.

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by
	DISCUSSION

Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

- 16. It is recommended that the Board authorizes 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 \$17,500, transportation contract threshold \$17,500, all other bids threshold \$44,000;
 - 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
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Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		
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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		
19. It is recommended that the Board approves all Bylaws, Policies and Regulations and that they be hereby continued in force through December 31, 2024, subject to revisions as recommended by the Superintendent. (ACTION) Motion by, seconded by DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote				
Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

20. It is recommended that the Board approves all Job Descriptions, subject to revisions as recommended by the Superintendent, through December 31, 2024.

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by
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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek	
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise			
21. It is recommended that the Board recognizes the following bargaining units and contractual agreements: High Point Education Association High Point Administrators Association					
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				Roll Call Vote	
Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek	
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise			
22. It is recommended that the Board authorizes the Board President or designee to act as Board Secretary as appropriate. (ACTION) Motion by, seconded by DISCUSSION Roll Call Vote					
Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek	
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise			
23. It is recommended that the Board approves 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					
Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek	
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise			
24. It is ret	commended that iform State Memo	the Board approvorandum of Agre	ement between l	Education and	

(ACTION) Motion by __

Roll Call Vote

____, seconded by ___

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Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

25. It is recommended that the Board approves 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, 2024, through December 31, 2024 as follows:

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, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by
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Roll Call Vote

Joseph Conforth	Wayne Dunn	Jill Ireland	Allison Orsi	Tina Palecek
Elisabeth Schuman	Gayle Tidona	Nancie Wise		

- XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Name and Address)
- XV. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

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	(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by	
	All in favor	Time:	pn
XVI. OTHER BUSINESS			
XVII. ADJOURNMENT	(ACTION) Motion by	, seconded by	
SDR:lk 12/28/23	All in favor	Time:	p.m.