

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 13, 2022

MINUTES

Mission Statement: We empower members of our community to lead purposeful lives with integrity, to cultivate a spirit of discovery, and to embrace connections in our diverse, global society.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mrs. Hample called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21) and was open to the media and public. Notices were duly posted, and the meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News. Formal action was taken.

Present: Mrs. Bettermann, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Peach, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Wolf, Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. Hample

Absent: Mr. Wallace, Mr. Zwerling

Mr. Wallace and Mr. Zwerling arrived at 7:01 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart presented the mission statement and district strategic goals for the 2022-2023 school year including partnerships, inquisitive learning, and social awareness. Action steps to further these three strategic goals were shared. Other goals conveyed are staff recruitment and retention, along with a focus on academic achievement as the district continues its work to narrow learning gaps due to COVID.
 - Questions from the board include but were not limited to Aavidum curriculum, Start Strong assessments, Sustainable Jersey work, staff recruitment, student achievement, academic and social emotional learning work.
- Dr. Hart highlighted details from the opening week of the 2022-2023 school year, and welcomed staff and students back from summer break. Dr. Hart thanked the HSA for the delicious food for the teachers on September 1, 2022, sharing the great and uplifting welcome back address to staff where gifts to staff achieving certain milestones were provided. Transportation, cafeteria, student activities from the first days of school were provided.

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

- A resident and teacher, thanked the board and mentioned how the first day back was like a pep rally to get the staff ready for students to return. She said that she appreciates Dr. Hart's actions and improvements. She also mentioned morale is high compared to prior years and she is looking forward to a positive year!

V. BOARD GOALS - Gwen Thornton, NJSBA

- NJSBA, worked with the board to evaluate 2021-2022 board goals, and create new goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Hample reflected on the past year providing examples of successes. Potential board goals to be reviewed again on October 11, 2022 board meeting to include:
 - Settle an agreement with the RTEA before the end of the school year.
 - Engage in activities that advocate for our community's needs.
 - To continue to improve communications and expand community engagement with all stakeholders. Our efforts will continue our focus on transparency, broadening our efforts beyond our locality, highlighting and celebrating district accomplishments with an emphasis on our sustainability/greening initiatives and developing collaborations with our local governmental entities.
 - To set budget parameters that effectively plan for enrollment growth, maintain the depth, breadth and quality of the educational and co-curricular program that are both sustainable and fiscally accountable to the community; Evaluating and assessing our redistricting plan to accommodate shifts in student population.
 - To continue to upgrade and refine safety and security measures to ensure student and staff safety.

- Create the supports and structures for a sharp, clear focus on academic achievement (i.e., remove barriers that take focus away from education) while continuing the integration of Social Emotional Learning across the curriculum and providing equitable access to mental health supports as needed for our students and staff.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email J.F. - Health Curriculum
- Email J.R. - Cell Tower

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01
Motion: Mr. Wallace **2nd: Dr. Cerciello** **Vote: Carried 9 Yes**
- 1.01 Health Related Closure Plan 2022-2023
 (Attachment 1.01)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion: Mr. Peach **2nd: Mr. Wallace** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes**
 (Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Hample abstained 2.01-2.02)
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022.

A. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report - None

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.06
Motion: Mr. Peach **2nd: Mr. Wallace** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **August 25, 2022 through September 14, 2022** for a total amount of **\$1,355,904.50**
 (Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule September 13, 2022** for a total amount of **\$3,709.81**.
 (Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **July 2022** for a total amount of **\$1,241,571.77**.
 (Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022**.
 (Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022**.
 (Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: July 31, 2022 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of July 31, 2022 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:22-8.1.

Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of July 31, 2022 and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and further, that we approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports subject to audit for the period ending July 31, 2022.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

B. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report - Mrs. Fiore provided minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2022.

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.07

Motion: Mr. Wallace

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

Board members asked about opportunities to revise the health curriculum following the parent meeting on September 29, 2022 in person, field trips and costs among other thoughts.

4.01 Motion to adopt the following curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year:

CURRICULUM
Computer Science Grades K-2
Computer Science Grades 3-5
Coding I Grades 7-8
Coding II Grade 8
Information Literacy Grades K-8
Spanish Grades K-5
Spanish Grade 6
Spanish Grade 7
Spanish Grade 8
Chinese Grade 6
Chinese Grade 7
Chinese Grade 8
French Grade 6
French Grade 7
French Grade 8

(Attachment 4.01)

4.02 Motion to amend the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) grant as follows:

From: 200-300 Professional & Technical Services - \$20,902.00

To: 100-600 Supplies, Textbooks, Instructional Materials and Instruments - \$15,338.00
 200-300 Professional & Technical Services - \$2,000.00
 200-500 Travel and Workshops - \$3,564.00

4.03 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Readington Middle School	Pura Vida Bracelet Sale	RMS Student Council, NJASC State Charity, Food Pantry, America's Grow-A-Row
Readington Middle School	Apparel Sales	RMS Student Council, NJASC State Charity, Food Pantry, America's Grow-A-Row
Readington Middle School	Bake Sales	RMS Student Council, NJASC State Charity, Food Pantry, America's Grow-A-Row
Readington Middle School	Smencil Sale	RMS Student Council, NJASC State Charity, Food Pantry, America's Grow-A-Row
Readington Middle School	Barnes & Noble Book Fair	RMS Library Media Center
Readington Middle School	Thanksgiving Food Drive Winter Food Drive Souper-Bowl-Food Drive	Flemington Food Pantry Readington Starfish
Readington Middle School	Car Wash	RABC – Readington Athletic Booster Club

4.04 Motion to adopt the attached list of field trips for the 2022-2023 school year.
(Attachment 4.04)

4.05 Motion to approve the participation in the Temple University study titled “Connections, Fractions Knowledge, and Algebra: Impacts of Learning During Covid” where students and parents may voluntarily participate in a survey.

4.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placement in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Amy Eisenhart	The College of New Jersey Observation	Three Bridges School Jaime Kindervatter	Sept 14 - Dec 2, 2022

4.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the New Jersey Association of School Librarians from Rutgers University to observe the Readington Middle School Library on October 19-20, 2022.

C. PERSONNEL

Committee Report - None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.14

Motion: Mr. Wallace

2nd: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

5.01 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ryan Dec	Computer Technician (BOE) 15-05-D3/avn	September 29, 2022
Timothy Hochrun	Custodian (RMS) 70-01-D5/aot	September 14, 2022
Elizabeth Duque	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D6/anz Cafeteria Aide (RMS) 40-01-D3/akq	August 31, 2022

5.02 Motion to approve the following retirement with appreciation of his years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jack Kimple	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/ayr	September 30, 2022

5.03 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Leandro Jimenez-Rojas	Custodian (BOE) 70-05-D5/apl	\$40,490.00 Custodian Step 4 (prorated)	September 6, 2022 - June 30, 2022

5.04 Motion to approve Tyler Tregoning, Nurse, for extra pay at the rate of \$30 per hour, not to exceed 350 hours, to ride the bus with out of district students.

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendents' s recommendation and approve the following Readington Middle School coaching assignments for the 2022-2023 school year at their contractual rate:

STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND POSITION
Kelsey Shebey	Field Hockey B
Caroline Ratanski	Softball B

5.06 Motion to approve the following teachers as sports homework room advisors at Readington Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year at their contractual rate:

STAFF MEMBER
Philip McGinty
Stevie Ader

- 5.07 Motion to approve a change in hours for Jennifer Peist from 6.5 hrs./day to 6.25 hrs./day for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 5.08 Motion to ratify and approve Jill Komosinski and Maureen Sjonell, an additional 20 hours collectively, of summer work to complete sports forms at their summer rate.
- 5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of chaperones for the 2022-2023 school year.
(Attachment 5.09)
- 5.10 Motion to approve the following salary increases in recognition of the employees' attainment of additional credits for lateral movement on the RTEA guide, effective September 1, 2022:

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM STEP	SALARY	TO STEP	REVISED SALARY	INCREASE
Anne Romano	TBS	BA+15 Step 7	\$61,795.00	MA Step 7	\$65,795.00	\$4,000.00
Kristi Dauernheim	TBS	BA Step 19	\$79,670.00	BA+15 Step 19	\$81,270.00	\$1,600.00

- 5.11 Motion to approve the following teachers to provide translations as needed for the 2022-2023 school year at their contractual rate not to exceed \$2,000.00:

STAFF MEMBER
Emily Bengels
Yolanda Campuzano
Kelly Parks
Maria De Los Santos
Yolanda Lima
Colleen Caballero
Jose Fernandez
Lilien Drew
Melinda Schlehlein
Dawn LoCalio

- 5.12 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of club advisors for the 2022-2023 school year at their contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.12)
- 5.13 Motion to approve Elizabeth Eckel to ride the bus with student #S-020, not to exceed 20 hours, at a rate of \$25 per hour.
- 5.14 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve staff for the preparation and presentation of the NJ Student Learning Standards for comprehensive health and physical education in the 2022-2023 school year at the September 29, 2022 parent information session:

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	HOURS	AMOUNT
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Respectfully submitted,

**Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**Carol Hample
President, Board of Education**