

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 3, 2023

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 SECRETARY – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Bohm 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.

II. FLAG SALUTE

REORGANIZATION

Election Results – November 8, 2022

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Justina C. Ryan	2,663	15.25%
Michele Mencer	2,443	13.99%
Carolyn Podgorski	2,433	13.93%
Christina M. Napoli	2,257	12.92%
Lisa Santangelo	2,075	11.88%
David P. Nader	1,898	10.87%
Tiffany Bishop	1,858	10.64%
David Rizza	1,781	10.20%
Write-Ins (various)	56	0.32%
Total	17,464	100%

III. OATH OF OFFICE

- Mr. Bohm administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members: Mrs. Mencer, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Ryan

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

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent, Mr. Jason M. Bohm, Business Administrator. Board Secretary

Absent: None

IV. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board President. Mr. Bohm opened nominations.

Nomination: Mrs. Hample

By: Mrs. Fiore

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

The newly elected Board President assumed the position and continued the meeting.

V. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President. Mrs. Hample opened nominations.

Nomination: Mr. Peach

By: Mrs. Wolf

Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes 6 No

Nomination: Dr. Cerciello

By: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 3 No

Dr. Cerciello was elected Vice President.

VI. REORGANIZATION

- Adoption of R-1 – R-5

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

Second: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

(Mrs. Ryan abstained R-3)

- R-1 Motion to approve the 2023 Board of Education calendar as indicated on attachment.
(Attachment R-1)
- R-2 Motion to create the following delegates and committees for Board President appointment:
- NJ School Boards Association Delegate
 - NJ School Boards Association Alternate Delegate
 - Hunterdon County ESC Representative
 - Garden State Coalition of Schools Trustee
 - Home School Association
 - Home School Association Alternate
 - Board of Education Sick Bank Trustees – Personnel Committee Members
(when assigned)
 - Committee Chairs and Committee Assignments:
 - Communications Committee
 - Finance/Facilities Committee
 - Education/Technology Committee
 - Personnel Committee
 - Negotiations Committee
 - Green Committee
- R-3 Motion to adopt current Board bylaws, policies, and regulations.
- R-4 Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics.
(Attachment R-4)
- R-5 Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News as the primary official weekly newspapers for 2023 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2023 legal notices.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart introduced Stacey Cherry, Fogarty & Hara, who shared an ethics presentation for board training.

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

- None

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

X. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02
Motion: Mrs. Fiore 2nd: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes
(Mrs. Mencer and Mrs. Ryan abstained)
- 1.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022.
- 1.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes December 13, 2022.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Mrs. Hample highlighted bylaw 0155 relating to the structure of board committees, and asked board members to share their preferences on committees they want to serve on be sent to her before she appoints and disseminates the list of committees and members. Mrs. Hample shared that committee meetings start next week.
- Mrs. Bettermann highlighted an upcoming NJSBA County meeting being held on January 19, 2023 via a virtual format in the evening surrounding communication best practices.

XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT - 8:06 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Fiore 2nd: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Carol Hample
President, Board of Education**