

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 13, 2021

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

Laura Simon called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. Fiore, Mrs. Podgorski, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Zwerling, Mrs. Hample, Mrs. Simon

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

Absent: Mr. Emmons

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:02 PM

Motion: Mrs. Podgorski **2nd:** Mr. Wallace **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 7 Yes

Motion to adopt the following resolution:
Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to interview board member candidates for approximately 1 hour at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action may be taken. The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

APPLICANT NAME	INTERVIEW TIME
Julie Flores	6:05 p.m.
Adam Perper	6:25 p.m.
Michael Stillwagon	6:35 p.m.

Mr. Emmons joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

IV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Hample **2nd:** Mrs. Podgorski **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 8 Yes

Nomination and appointment of a Board Member for vacant position

Motion: Mr. Wallace **2nd:** Dr. Cerciello **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 8 Yes

Nomination: Julie Flores **By:** Mrs. Hample **Second:** Mrs. Podgorski

V. OATH OF OFFICE

- Jason Bohm swore in Mrs. Flores as new board member.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Higgins, Three Bridges School Principal, highlighted inquiry learning and partnership projects occurring at the school which tie into the district's strategic plan. Three Bridges' third grade students Noelle Palumbo and David Wiegand presented their passion projects surrounding animal shelters needs and video game design, respectively. Experts in related fields were identified to meet with students to help gather information on the passion project topics with staff members facilitating. This helped grow the knowledge of the students by asking essential, challenging questions as part of their passion projects.
- Dr. Brown and Ms. Pauch presented results of the district in-house winter assessments. The assessment data is a baseline to identify student needs particularly for upcoming summer and fall intervention programs designed to help accelerate learning due to the impact of the pandemic. Further, the State of New Jersey is not administering state exams this year; however, the State of New Jersey is requiring each district to upload local assessment and related student data in lieu. The local assessment data reviewed this evening shall meet that mandate.

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

- Valerie Pitts, parent, commented that the TBS Students gave a great presentation.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email L.G. - Corrective Action Plan
- Email J.B. - Canopies

IX. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01
Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Hample Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 1.01)

- 1.01 Motion to approve the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent's decision on the following cases:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
2	RMS	02/19/2021	Yes
3	RMS	02/26/2021	Yes
4	RMS	03/01/2021	No

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion: Mrs. Hample 2nd: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 2.01 - 2.02)

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report - None

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.03
Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Hample Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 3.01 - 3.03)

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 18, 2021 through April 14, 2021** for a total amount of **\$929,740.43**.
 (Attachment 3.01)

- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule April 13, 2021** for a total amount of **\$2,895.00** (Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to approve a Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the Readington Township Board of Education and CDW Government LLC for district wide chromebooks for the 2021-2022 school year. (Attachment 3.03)

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report- None

- 4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.03
Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 4.01 - 4.03)
- 4.01 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H-202104 from March 30, 2021 through May 30, 2021. Home instruction to be provided by Brookfield Educational Services Program at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, 5 hours a week.
- 4.02 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H-202105 from March 18, 2021 through April 1, 2021 not to exceed 25 hours.
- 4.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placements in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PROGRAM	SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Samantha Fazekas	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2021 Clinical Internship - Spring 2022	Three Bridges School Denise Duncan & Carrie Squire	Fall Semester 2021 Spring Semester 2022
Olivia Scharnikow	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2021 Clinical Internship - Spring 2022	Holland Brook School Meryl Vance & Gargi Adhikari	Fall Semester 2021 Spring Semester 2022
Melaina Squicciarini	Rutgers University Field Experience - School Library/Media Center	Readington Middle School Stephanie Singer	Fall Semester 2021 - 150 hours

E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report - None

- 5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.06
Motion: Mrs. Hample 2nd: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 5.01 - 5.06)
- 5.01 Motion to accept the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Joshua Eberts	Maintenance Mechanic (BOE) 70-05-D5/aop	April 16, 2021
Sam Kohn	Bus Driver (Trans.) 80-06-D6/aoa	April 1, 2021
Roslin Staats	Custodian	April 27, 2021

	(BOE) 70-05D5/apl	
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5.02 Motion to accept the following retirement with appreciation for her years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Tracy Fitzgerald	Teacher/Art (RMS) 20-01-D2/afn	April 1, 2021

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following **Substitute Teacher/Aide/Nurse/Bus Driver** paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Eleri Trego	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.04 Motion to approve the following advisors and clubs for the 2020-2021 school year at tier 10 stipend per the RTEA contract:

NAME	CLUB	SCHOOL
Bruce Wild	Spring Tennis Club	Readington Middle School
Michael Roosen	Junior Running Team - Boys	Holland Brook School
Mary Padavano	Junior Running Team - Girls	Holland Brook School

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the additional Readington Middle School Spring coaching assignments for the 2020-2021 school year, stipend per RTEA contract:

NAME	SPORT
Brendan Lenox	Boys Lacrosse A
Jose Fernandez	Boys Lacrosse B

5.06 Motion to ratify and approve Jillian Neitheimer, Jen Heller & Jeannie May to provide home instruction for student H-202105 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed \$750.00 collectively.

F. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report - None

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Hample Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
 (Mrs. Flores abstained 6.01)

6.01 Motion to approve the following bylaws and policies for second reading:
 (Attachment 6.01)

- Bylaw 0145 - Board Member Resignation and Removal
- Bylaw 0164.6 - Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency
- Policy 5330.01 - Administration of Medical Cannabis
- Policy 7425 - Lead Testing of Water in Schools

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

XI. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- None

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Hample Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss a HIB, personnel matter/employee #4026, and RTAA negotiations for approximately 45 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall not be taken. The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

XIV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - 9:16 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Wallace 2nd: Mrs. Hample Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
(Mr. Zwerling abstained)

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 9:17 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Hample 2nd: Mr. Wallace Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
(Mr. Zwerling abstained)

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Laura Simon
President, Board of Education