READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School Board of Education Meeting Room Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 5, 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, Mr. Zwerling, Dr. Cerciello, Mrs.

Hample

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

Absent: Mr. Wallace

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Kristen Higgins presented the Little Aevidum Program at Three Bridges School This program focuses on social awareness, mental health, decision making, goal setting, and to support each other. Mrs. Furka, School Counselor, and 2nd grade students shared lessons they learned during the program, working with Mr. Dubroski, Physical Education/Health Teacher, and Mrs. Furka in physical education class.
- Dr. Hart recognized Philip Kazantsev, 8th grade student at RMS, NJ Association Gifted Distinguish Student of the Year in Middle School. Mrs. Freeman said he was studying college level material and performing exceptionally academically in science and many other subjects. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Tundidor provided kind thoughts.

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

• None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Motion to adopt 1.01

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

1.01 Motion to accept the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent's decision:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
3	RMS	02/17/2022	Yes
4	RMS	03/01/2022	No

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02

Motion: Mrs. Fiore 2nd: Mr. Peach Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report - Dr. Cerciello provided minutes of the meeting held on March 29, 2022.

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.05

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

- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 17, 2022 through April 6, 2022** for a total amount of **\$732,365.86**(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule April 5, 2022** for a total amount of **\$859.00**. (Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to approve an agreement between InquirED, LLC and Readington Township Board of Education to provide social studies textbooks for grades K-5 at a cost of \$78,715.00, effective July 1, 2022 June 30, 2027.

 (Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 **WHEREAS**, The Readington Township Board of Education has contracted with Pritchard Industries, Inc., with offices located at 147 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932 for the period of July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023 and

WHEREAS, said contract provides that the parties, may, at their option agree to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 18A-42, which requires that the terms and conditions of the extensions shall remain substantially the same in the original contract, and

WHEREAS, The Readington Township Board of Education finds that the services provided by Pritchard Industries, Inc are being performed in an effective and efficient manner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Board of Education hereby renews its contract with Pritchard Industries Inc., for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the amount of \$761,436.60, a 4.5% increase which does not exceed the change in index rate of 7.5% as of March 2022, as defined by N.J.S.A 18A: 18A-2(bb)

3.05 Motion to engage in a project with Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program for the bioswale project at Three Bridges School for engineering and surveying work for \$3,500.00 funded by grants and donations.

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report - Mrs. Fiore provided minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2022.

Mr. Wallace arrived at 7:39 p.m.

Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.06

Motion: Mrs. Fiore 2^{nd:} Dr. Cerciello Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

- 4.01 Motion to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from the Whitehouse Rotary Club and a \$1,000.00 donation from Mr. David Livingston to help fund the bioswale project for the detention basin at Three Bridges School.
- 4.02 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	SCHOOL/	EFFECTIVE DATES
	PLACEMENT REQUEST	COOPERATING TEACHER	
Katelyn Yard	Rowan University	Child Study Team	Summer 2022
	Learning Disability Teacher-	Heather Gibbons & Sheri	120 hours
	Consultant (LDT-C) Externship	Simonetti	
Maria Kurowski	Grand Canyon University	Three Bridges School	Fall Semester 2022
	Classroom Observation	Patricia Coleman	30 hours
Alexis Eades	Brookdale Community College	Holland Brook School	April 6 - June 2022
	8 hours Classroom Observation	Mary Padavano & Olivia Vliet	8 hours
Camilla Giannattasio	Centenary University	Holland Brook School	Fall Semester 2022
	Clinical Experience - Fall 2022	Meryl Vance	2 days/week
	Student Teaching - Spring 2023	Holland Brook School	Spring Semester
		Meryl Vance and	2023
		Gargi Adhikari	5 days/week

- 4.03 Motion to ratify and approve Stepping Forward Counseling Center to provide home instruction for student: H-20210 from March 14, 2022 May 14, 2022 for 5 hours per week at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.
- 4.04 Motion to eliminate the Behavioral Disabilities program at Readington Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 4.05 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Reusable Bags – Leading the Green Scene	Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	Walk A Thon	Field Day
Holland Brook School	Bake Sale	The Giving Hope Network
Holland Brook School	Dancing for a Cause	The Giving Hope Network
Readington Middle School	Readington Athletics Spring Dine Around	Readington Athletic Booster Club

4.06 Motion to adopt the following additional field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	FIELD TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
TBS/Grade 1	Bucks County Children's Museum	New Hope, PA	\$10.00
TBS/Grade 1	Patriots STEM Day	Bridgewater, NJ	\$10.00

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report - None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.07

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

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Caroline Ratanski	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ais	\$56,260 BA Step 1 (prorated)	04/25/2022 - 06/30/2022

5.02 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Leigh-Ann Borella	Clerical Aide (RMS) 50-01-D4/amw	\$17.27/hr. Clerical Step 10 (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 06/30/2022
Scott Bennert	LTS Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agf	Substitute rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$56,260 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 05/13/2022

5.03 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control change and designated transfer for the 2021-2022 school year effective April 4, 2022.

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Laura Sposato	Transfer from: to:	50-01-D4/amw 40-03-D4/arb	RMS Clerical Aide TBS Clerical Aide	No Change

5.04 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Colleen Villiano	Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/asw	06/30/2022
Jennelle Barbiche-Dahler	Teacher/Social Studies (RMS) 20-01-D2/aeq	06/30/2022
Colleen DiGregorio	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abr	6/30/2022
Erica Greenwald	Teacher/Kindergarten (TBS) 20-03-D2/abf	06/30/2022

5.05 Motion to approve the following retirements with appreciation for their years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES
Donna Masucci	Confidential Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services (BOE) 50-05-D4/amn	June 30, 2022
Judith Anne Moore	Confidential Secretary to the Office of Curriculum (BOE) 50-05-D4/amu	June 30, 2022
Jayne LaMothe	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alb	June 30, 2022

- 5.06 Motion to extend Andreia Perez, Leave Replacement Teacher/Grade 2, appointment from an effective date of September 1, 2021 to on or about April 1, 2022 to September 1, 2021 to June 21, 2022.
- 5.07 Motion to approve the following aides as special education chaperones and substitute chaperones for Track & Field up to 80 hours each at their contractual rate:

Theresa Bruno	Denise Hawkins
Nancy Hill	Daniel Kimple

F. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report - Mrs. Wolf provided minutes of the meeting held on March 30, 2022.

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for second reading:

(Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment
- Policy 2622 Student Assessment
- Policy 3233 Political Activities
- Policy 9560 Administration of School Surveys
- 6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading: (Attachment 6.02)
 - Policy 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
 - Policy 5541 Anti-Hazing
 - Policy 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mrs. Hample and Dr. Hart provided an update that there are conflicts for multiple board members for the June 14th board meeting date. Options are to move the meeting or have 2 meetings in June. Decision was made to move one board meeting to Wednesday June 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Hample highlighted 8th grade graduation at Hunterdon Central on June 20, 2022.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

None

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:51 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Fiore 2nd: Mr. Peach 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 HIB for approximately 30 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.

XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - 8:22 p.m.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Bohm Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Carol Hample President, Board of Education