

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
February 11, 2025

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

Mr. Rizza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announce 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. Cassidy, Mrs. Fiore, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Rad, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Rizza

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

Absent: Mr. Lopes, Mrs. Mencer

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart provided an overview of the 2025-2026 budget development process and welcomed administration to present their department budgets:
 - Dr. Brown and Ms. Pauch, Supervisors, presented the Curriculum Department budget.
 - Mr. Belske, Technology Coordinator, presented the IT Department budget.
 - Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services, and Mr. Tumolo, Supervisor, presented the Pupil Services Department budget.
 - Mr. Race, Facilities Manager, presented the Facilities Department budget.
 - Ms. Cole, Transportation Supervisor, presented the Transportation Department budget.
 - Mr. Bohm, Business Administrator, presented the Central Administration budget and shared a brief overview of the Personnel and Benefits budget, which shall be discussed in more detail in executive session due to nature of matter. Public information on personnel and benefits shall be shared with the public at the March 11, 2025 board meeting.

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

- None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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| 1. | Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.03 | | |
| | Motion: Mrs. DePinto | 2nd: Mrs. Ryan | Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes |
| | Motion to adopt 1.04 | | |
| | Motion: Mrs. DePinto | 2nd: Mrs. Ryan | Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes |
| 1.01 | Motion to approve the Enrollment and Drill Reports January 2025.
(Attachment 1.01) | | |
| 1.02 | RMS Quarterly Discipline Report Quarter 2/November 15, 2024 - January 31, 2025
(Attachment 1.02) | | |

	(HBS) 20-02-D2/ahf	
Beth Luque	Speech/Language Specialist (HBS) 20-02-D2/aur	09/30/2025
Richard Hopkins	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/ain	02/05/2025

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following resignation:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christina Lilly	LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/afc	02/05/2025

5.05 Motion to approve the following salary increase in recognition of the following employee attainment of additional credits for lateral movement per RTEA Guide effective February 1, 2025:

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM STEP	SALARY	TO STEP	REVISED SALARY	INCREASE
Meagan-Ashley Sarao	RMS	MA Step 9	\$70,350.00	MA+30 Step 9	\$72,750.00	\$2,400.00
Jennifer Sabo	RMS	MA Step 19	\$87,505.00	MA+30 Step 19	\$89,905.00	\$2,400.00
Krista Gras	RMS	MA Step 12-13 (12)	\$76,105.00	MA+30 Step 12-13 (12)	\$78,505.00	\$2,400.00
Kaitlyn Jones	TBS	BA+15 Step 10	\$68,175.00	MA Step 10	\$72,175.00	\$4,000.00
Kristen Frohn	WHS	BA+15 Step 12-13 (12)	\$72,105.00	MA Step 12-13 (12)	\$76,105.00	\$4,000.00

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2025 Spring Teacher Academy sessions.
(Attachment 5.06)

5.07 Motion to approve Michele Adamitis, as a chaperone for student S-065, to participate in Drama Club, from 2/18/2025 through 2/28/2025, not to exceed 28 hours at the contractual rate.

5.08 Motion to ratify and approve Sheryl Ottenstroer, as a chaperone for student S-065, to participate in Drama Club, from 2/3/2025 through 2/13/2025, not to exceed 25 hours at the contractual rate.

5.09 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve special skills stipend change of assignment from Maryann Schultz to Maria Durka of \$1,000.00 (prorated) who is assigned to self-contained autism or BD programs, or who provide extraordinary services as defined by the RTEA agreement set forth in an IEP for the 2024-2025 school year, effective February 10, 2025.

5.10 Motion to approve the following mentor for the 2024-2025 school year:

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Emma Weger	Readington Middle School	LTS LA Teacher	Lindsay Solano

D. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report: Mrs. DePinto provided minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2025.

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02

Motion: Mrs. Ryan

2nd: Mrs. DePinto

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading: (Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
- Policy 5533 - Student Smoking
- Policy 5710 - Student Grievance
- Policy 7441 - Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and On School Grounds
- Policy 9320 - Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

6.02 Motion to approve the revised 2024-2025 district calendar. (Attachment 6.02)

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Mr. Rizza announced the Special Board Meeting February 25, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. for the referendum.
- Delegate Reports - None

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:43 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Ryan

2nd: Mrs. Rad

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 discuss student matter, HIB, and personnel and benefits budget for approximately 45 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall 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 - 9:16 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Ryan

2nd: Mrs. DePinto

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 9.19 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. DePinto

2nd: Mrs. Ryan

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. David Rizza
President, Board of Education