

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Holland Brook School  
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
January 2, 2024

## **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 7, 2023**

<b>READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM</b>		
	<b>VOTE COUNT</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
Ellen DePinto	2,662	21.28%
Christina M. Napoli	2,632	21.04%
Elizabeth Fiore	2,480	19.83%
Carol Hample	2,477	19.80%
Jodi Bettermann	2,203	17.61%
Write-In Totals	55	0.44%
Write-In Other	8	0.06%
Write-In Sandi Sadate	1	0.01%
Write-In Elizabeth Lowe	1	0.01%
Write-In Charles Scammell	1	0.01%
Write-In Jean Kanokosi	1	0.01%
Not Assigned	43	0.34%
Total Votes Cast	12,509	100.00%

### **III. OATH OF OFFICE**

- Mr. Bohm administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members: Mrs. DePinto, Mrs. Fiore, and Mrs. Napoli.

**Present:** Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. DePinto, Mrs. Fiore, Mrs. Mencer, Mrs. Napoli, 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:** Dr. Cerciello

**By:** Mrs. Podgorski

**Roll Call Vote:** Carried 9 Yes

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

## V. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President. Dr. Cerciello opened nominations.

**Nomination: Mrs. Wolf**

**By: Mrs. Ryan**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

## VI. REORGANIZATION

- Adoption of R-1 – R-5

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

**Second: Mrs. Podgorski**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

R-1 Motion to approve the 2024 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 2024 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2024 legal notices.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart welcomed everyone and congratulated Mrs. DePinto and Mrs. Napoli on their election as new board members, as well as Mrs. Fiore as returning board member. Dr. Hart also congratulated Dr. Cerciello and Mrs. Wolf on their election as President and Vice President respectively for the 2024 calendar year.
- Mrs. Joanne Butler, Board Attorney at Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLC, conducted a code of ethics presentation to the public and board members. This fulfills the annual mandatory ethics training for board members under statute.

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

- None

Mrs. Mencer left meeting at 8:09 P.M.

## IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

## X. BOARD ACTION

### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Committee Report - None**

1. Motion to adopt 1.01  
**Motion: Mrs. Fiore      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Podgorski      Roll Call Vote: Carried 6 Yes**  
(Mrs. DePinto and Mrs. Napoli abstained)

1.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Dr. Cerciello highlighted Bylaw 0155 and asked board members their choices for committees of interest and to let both her and Mrs. Wolf know in the next few days. Committee meetings start in January.

**XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT - 8:16 P.M.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Podgorski      Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jason M. Bohm  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Camille Cerciello  
President, Board of Education