

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
July 18, 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 PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Dr. Cerciello called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Mrs. Mencer, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Wolf, Dr. Cerciello

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

Absent: Mr. Peach, Mrs. Hample

Mr. Peach arrived at 5:04 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Tumolo, Supervisor, provided an overview of the HIB Self Assessment, an annual state report required by the State of New Jersey where the district evaluates eight core elements of HIB such as programming, training, policy, curriculum and instruction, personnel, reporting, investigation and reporting. Climate teams, school counselors, staff and administration performed the self evaluation leading to the scoring shared with the Board of Education. Areas of focus for next school year were shared such as NJ School Climate Survey, training, curriculum, reviewing policies with students on HIB, among others. A reflection of the history of HIB cases and trends were provided.
- Dr. Hart presented an opportunity to apply for Preschool Education Aid, with Mr. Bohm and Mrs. Beegle assisting. Preschool Education Aid is a funding mechanism that would increase the district's state aid on a per pupil basis to fund preschool programs for general education students, eventually for 90% or more of age-eligible children over a 5-year period of time. Partnerships with local providers would help the district's application if submitted, and active reach out to local schools is occurring. Requirements for application were shared for which the deadline to submit is August 11, 2023. A decision would be made by the State of New Jersey by September 8, 2023 with a requirement to open preschool in a limited capacity in January of 2024, should the district apply and be selected for funding. Various questions and clarifying points were asked by the board with answers being provided by administrators. A general straw poll of the board showed majority support for an application.

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

- A Whitehouse Station Resident asked about state funding for preschool students. Dr. Hart provided an understanding that the rates are preloaded by the State of New Jersey based on county location and determinations made at the state-level. For existing students, the current funding for preschool students is driven by tuition paid by parents, state-funding, and other sources. If the district were to expand to cover all preschool in-house to some capacity, building expansion and other measures would likely be required.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email E.R. - Juneteenth

VI. BOARD ACTION

Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we certify that as of May 31, 2023 and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and further, that we approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports subject to audit for the period ending May 31, 2023.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 Motion to approve the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and Maschio's Trucking, LLC for temperature controlled delivery service to the Readington School District for the 2023-2024 school year.
(Attachment 3.07)

3.08 Motion to submit the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grant application and acceptance of funds for the 2023 - 2024 year:

ESSA:

Title I - A: \$44,479.00

Title II - A: \$20,900.00

Title III Consortium: \$20,406.00 with \$5,881.00 designated for Readington funds

Title IV Part A: \$10,000.00

IDEA:

Basic: \$392,414.00

Preschool: \$15,014.00

3.09 Motion to approve a Professional Services Contract and fees with Settembrino Architects for the following projects relating to the Whitehouse School toilet expansion project:

Asbestos management services \$19,500.00

Ancillary fees/reimbursables \$500.00

WHEREAS, it was necessary to incur costs for professional architectural services during the current year in preparation for construction in the summer of 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Board of Education approves the withdrawal of the above amounts from capital reserve effective immediately.

(Attachment 3.09)

3.10 Motion to approve the Membership Renewal and the Indemnity and Trust Renewal with SAIF (School Alliance Insurance Fund) for general liability, workers compensation, automobile, professional liability, and other insurances at an increase of 3.1% for a premium of \$485,313.00 for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

3.11 Motion to approve the Apple Direct Contract Agreement between Apple, Inc. and the Readington Township Board of Education for the purpose of purchasing Apple products per attached.
(Attachment 3.11)

3.12 Motion to approve alternative method of compliance in conformity with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 that the district is completing a construction project to add a toilet to Three Bridges School for a Kindergarten classroom this summer, and should construction be completed timely, this alternative facilities use shall not be necessary for the 2023-2024 school year.

3.13 Motion to approve the following resolution: Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as-is" condition without express or implied Warranties;

Alexa Smith	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/bbc	06/21/2023
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5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following retirement with appreciation for her years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cynthia Carlucci	Secretary/Pupil Services	08/31/2023

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the attached list of Readington Middle School coaching assignments for the 2023-2024 school year at their contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to approve the attached list of teachers as Central Office Detention and Homework Room Advisors at Readington Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year at their contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.05)

5.06 Motion to amend motion 5.01 on the June 13, 2023 agenda with the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP CHANGE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jacqueline Ganguzza	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abw	\$59,680.00 BA+15 Step 1-2 (1)	09/01/2023 - 06/30/2024

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control changes and designated transfers for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION
Amy Langston	Transfer From:	20-04-D2/akj	WHS Speech Specialist
	To:	20-03-D2/aki	TBS Speech Specialist
Denise Cathro	Transfer From:	20-01-D2/akg	RMS Speech Specialist
	To:	20-04-D2/akj	WHS Speech Specialist
Courtney D'Onofrio	Transfer From:	20-03-D2/aki	TBS Speech Specialist
	To:	20-01-D2/akg	RMS Speech Specialist
Jeannie Stepner	Transfer From:	50-05-D4/amv	BOE Secretary/Pupil Services
	To:	40-03-D4/arb	TBS Secretary/Clerical Aide

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP CHANGE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alyssa Totoro	Secretary (Pupil Services) 50-05-D4/amv	\$51,140.00 Step 13-14 (14)	08/07/2023 - 06/30/2024

