

# READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
May 14, 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 PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Dr. Cerciello 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. DePinto, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Lopes, Mr. Peach, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Wolf, Dr. Cerciello

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Mencer

### II. FLAG SALUTE

### III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart welcomed everyone to celebrate the 2023-2024 Governor's Educator of the Year honorees and retiring staff members.
- Mr. Charleston, Readington Middle School Principal, shared kind thoughts on the following staff members:
  - Will Daly, Social Studies Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Ann Roarty, Learning Consultant (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Beth McGivney, Special Education Teacher (Retiree)
  - Spring LaFevre-Zuegner, English Language Arts Teacher (Retiree)
- Mr Nigro, Holland Brook School Principal, highlighted the following staff members:
  - Olivia Orłowski, Special Education Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Michael Cooney, Behaviorist (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Cathy Patrick, Grade 5 Teacher (Retiree)
  - Kelly Patterson, Grade 4 Teacher (Retiree)
  - Debra Vasnelis, Clerical Aide (Retiree)
- Dr. Higgins, Three Bridges School Principal, provided good-hearted words on the following staff members:
  - Jessica Hegarty, Special Education Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Annette Dambach, Paraprofessional (Retiree)
  - Sharon Nilsen, Intervention Teacher (Retiree)
  - Jeannie Stepner, Secretary (Retiree)
- Dr. DeRosa, Whitehouse School Principal, conveyed warmhearted reflections on the following staff members:
  - Amanda Obiedzinski, Special Education Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
  - Jennifer Heppner, Paraprofessional (Governor's Educator of the Year)
- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, shared kind thoughts on the following staff member:
  - Paul Nigro, Holland Brook School Principal (Retiree)
- Ms. Cole, Supervisor of Transportation, provided kind hearted words on the following staff members:
  - Ruby DeStefano, School Bus Driver (Retiree)
  - Linda Giorgianni, School Bus Driver (Retiree)
  - Linda Rad, School Bus Driver (Retiree)

The Board of Education, Dr. Hart, Mr. Bohm and public returned to BOE conference room at 8:00 p.m.  
Dr. Cerciello congratulated all the recipients





English as a Second Language	Preschool
Gifted and Talented	School Counseling
Informational Literacy	Science
Intervention Program	Social Studies
Language Arts	Technology
Life Skills	Visual and Performing Arts
Mathematics	World Languages

- 4.03 Motion to approve the attached list of textbooks, instructional resources, and publishers to be used to implement the curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year. (Attachment 4.03)
- 4.04 Motion to accept a donation from Lowe's Home Improvement for building ten raised beds at Three Bridges School garden.
- 4.05 Motion to apply for and accept a Child Assault Prevention Grant in the amount of \$3,535.70 for programs and workshops at all Readington Township schools.
- 4.06 Motion to approve a new Special Education LLD Program at Three Bridges School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 4.07 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Three Bridges School	Sorella's Family Dinners	TBS Student Activity Account
HSA Fundraiser	Kids Night Out	All Schools
Readington Middle School	Kickball Tournament	American Heart Association

- 4.08 Motion to adopt the following field trips for the Summer 2024 ESY Program:

GROUP	FIELD TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
Life Skills	Aldi	Flemington NJ	- 0 -
Life Skills	Sorella's and Rita's	Whitehouse Station NJ	- 0 -
Life Skills	Charburger and Creamery	Branchburg NJ	- 0 -
Life Skills	Hillsborough Cinemas	Hillsborough NJ	- 0 -
Life Skills	Polar Cub	Whitehouse Station NJ	- 0 -

- 4.09 Motion to adopt the following additional field trip for the 2023-2024 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
Three Bridges School/K-3	Nex Level Gym	Flemington	- 0 -
Stanton Learning Center/PS	Berry Patch Learning Center/PS	Three Bridges	-0-
Stanton Learning Center/PS	Three Bridges School/K	Three Bridges	-0-
Berry Patch Learning Center/PS	Three Bridges School/K	Three Bridges	-0-
Whitehouse Prep/PS	Whitehouse School/K	Whitehouse Sta.	-0-

- 4.10 Motion to approve Judith Wilson for a Board Retreat during the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$1,500.

**E. PERSONNEL**

**Committee Report:** None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.11

**Motion:** Mrs. Wolf

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mrs. Podgorski

**Roll Call Vote:** Carried 8 Yes

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Evan Sapirman	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ahu	\$125.00/day Substitute Rate	06/01/2024 - 06/21/2024
Nicole Lepinski	Clerical Aide (RMS) 50-01-D4/amw	\$18.89/hr. Clerical Step 11	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Aidan Harris	Aide/Kindergarten (TBS) 30-03-D3/azd	\$19.49/hr. Aide NC Step 1	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Zoe Zimmerman	Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/aew	\$78,205.00 MA Step 14-15 (14)	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

5.02 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Michele Valian	Cafeteria Aide (RMS) 40-02-D3/bad	\$16.00/hr. Step 1	05/06/2024 - 06/30/2024

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and ratify 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
Eddie Heussler	Substitute Bus Driver
Zoe Zimmerman	Substitute Teacher
John Broton	Substitute Bus Driver
Delaina Wallace	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Meredith Loew	Substitute Aide

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alyssa Totoro	Secretary/CST (BOE) 50-05-D4/amv	06/04/2024

John Hylkema	Teacher/Music (RMS) 20-01-D2/apw	06/30/2024
Patricia Coleman	Teacher/Kindergarten (TBS) 20-03-D2/axg	06/30/2024
Maria Kurowski	Teacher/Preschool (WHS) 20-04-D2/bch	06/30/2024

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control changes and designated transfers for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Samantha LeStrange	Transfer From: To:	20-02-D2/axs 20-01-D2/apw	HBS Teacher/Music RMS Teacher/Music	No Change
Amy Majowka	Transfer From: To:	20-04-D2/adm	WHS Teacher/3rd Grade HBS Teacher/4th Grade	No Change
Jennifer Mooney	Transfer From: To:	20-04-D2/bci 10-01-D1/aaf	BOE Teacher/Preschool Relief RMS Assistant Principal	\$106,000.00

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2024 Summer Teacher Academy sessions.  
(Attachment 5.06)

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of staff for curriculum writing/development effective July 1 - August 31, 2024, at the contractual rate.  
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to accept the following Resolution:  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Readington Township Board of Education approves a Side Bar Agreement with the Readington Township Administrators' Association regarding the newly hired Assistant Principal position at Readington Middle School;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Side Bar Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate same.  
(Attachment 5.08)

5.09 Motion to ratify and approve Nancy Kelly to provide nursing services for student #843631 to participate in extracurricular activities during May, not to exceed 6 hours at her contractual rate.

5.10 Motion to ratify and approve Jill Komosinski to provide nursing services for student #843631, to participate in extracurricular activities during May, not to exceed 6 hours at her contractual rate.

5.11 Motion to amend the February 20, 2024 Board Motion 5.13 for the following staff members for the 2024 Summer Spark curriculum writing.

FACILITATOR	SESSION	PRIOR STIPEND	NEW STIPEND
April Berkin	Innovative Explorers	\$120	\$240.00
Leslie Martinez	Junior Innovative Explorers	\$120	\$240.00
Christine Parolise	Innovative Explorers	\$120	\$0.00



**Dr. Camille Cerciello**  
**President, Board of Education**