

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School  
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
October 11, 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 6:00 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

**Absent:** Mr. Wallace

### **II. FLAG SALUTE**

### **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Hart highlighted the health curriculum on the board agenda for potential vote this evening. Mrs. Fiore, Education/Technology Committee Chair, shared the steps undertaken by the board and administration since the spring of 2022 through today to understand the new state mandates, evaluate in Education/Technology Committee, gather information through a consultant from Answer at Rutgers University, solicit parent feedback through various means, holding an informational session with the public, among numerous other steps. Dr. Hart shared a communication sent directly to district parents about modifications to the draft health curriculum as a result of feedback received, the ability to opt-out, and other information that remains in the curriculum document.
- Dr. Hart introduced Dr. Stacey Brown, Supervisor of Humanities, Ms. Sarah Pauch, Supervisor of Math, Science and Technology, and Mrs. Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services, to present results of the most recent NJSLA assessment. Subpopulation data, comparison to previous years, among other points of information were provided. Actions taken to help students include intervention programs, tutoring, consultants to help staff, professional development, expanding iReady software for individualized instruction, among other actions. Dr. Higgins, Principal, shared areas of focus for Three Bridges School. Dr. Brown did the same for Whitehouse School on behalf of Dr. DeRosa. Mr. Nigro, Principal, shared action steps for Holland Brook School. Mr. Charleston, Principal, provided an overview of measures planned for Readington Middle School. The board asked numerous questions, including but not limited to, differences in iReady vs. NJSLA data, sending districts and the high school, prior year data, tracking, subpopulations, interventions, among other points. The hard work of administrators and teaching staff was commended to improve scores and show growth despite the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, and collaboration to target interventions to students showing need for assistance.

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

- Many parents and community members asked questions regarding the health curriculum. Concerns shared were as to whether it is age appropriate, should be parent taught instead of in the schools, could cause more harm than good, among others concerns. Dr. Hart answered numerous questions posed.

Mr. Zwerling and Dr. Cerciello left the meeting at 8:52pm for 2 minutes and returned.

### **V. BOARD GOALS 2022-2023 DRAFT**

### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email A.D - Cell Tower
- Email D.F. - Follow Up
- Email D.L. - Candidate Night

- Email R.A. - Health Curriculum
- Email K.D. - Health Curriculum
- Email S.C. - Homework
- Email M.W. - Health Curriculum
- Email D.P. - Thursday's Meeting
- Email L.S. - Curriculum
- Email N.E. - Health Curriculum
- Email A.A. - Health Curriculum
- Email D.W. - Health Curriculum

## VII. BOARD ACTION

### A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02  
**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Podgorski**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 1.01 Enrollment and Drill Reports September 2022  
 (Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 Motion to approve District Goals for the 2022-2023 School year.  
 (Attachment 1.02)

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02  
**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Peach**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022.

### A. FINANCE/FACILITIES

**Committee Report** - Dr. Cerciello provided minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 2022.

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.11  
**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Podgorski**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **September 15, 2022 through October 12, 2022** for a total amount of **\$3,230,119.08**.  
 (Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule October 11, 2022** for a total amount of **\$8,809.91**.  
 (Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **August 2022** for a total amount of **\$951,904.60**.  
 (Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022**.  
 (Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022**.  
 (Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: August 31, 2022 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of August 31, 2022 no budgetary line item

account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:22-8.1.

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Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of August 31, 2022 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. 6A23-2.11(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 August 31, 2022.  
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Readington Township Board of Education as follows:(1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2481 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Board of Education. (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com. (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9. (4) A listing of the surplus property to be sold is attached.  
(Attachment 3.07)

- 3.08 Motion to approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2022-2023 school year.  
(Attachment 3.08)

- 3.09 **WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Board of Education (Board) installed solar arrays at three of its four buildings through a power purchase agreement (PPA) with no impact to the tax levy during the 2017-2018 school year; and
- WHEREAS**, the Board has saved money on utilities as a result of the installation of the existing solar array keeping with its objective of being financially responsible to the taxpayers, provided students and the community with real-life learning opportunities, and reduced its overall carbon footprint; and
- WHEREAS**, the Board desires to expand its existing solar array in conformity with sustainability practices and policies adopted; and
- WHEREAS**, at its board meeting on June 8, 2022, the Board appointed Settembrino Architects as its architect of record under a professional service appointment pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, and is satisfied with prior services rendered relating to construction as part of this annual appointment; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board approves Settembrino Architect to conduct a feasibility study inclusive of a financial analysis for a solar array expansion project through a power purchase agreement based on terms in the attached proposal; and
- FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board approves the withdrawal of at minimum as per attachment to conduct a base feasibility study, but depending on the final scope design, not to exceed as per attachment from capital reserves effective immediately for architectural, engineering and consultant services relating to this feasibility study; and
- FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator with Settembrino Architects to amend the district's long range facility plan as filed with the State of New Jersey to include a solar expansion project for potential future construction and submit all necessary paperwork to the State of New Jersey to effectuate such.



4.03 Motion to replace the Three Bridges School Preschool field trip to Melick's Farm to the following:

GROUP GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENT
Preschool	Readington River Buffalo Farm	Flemington, NJ	\$8.00 (same cost)

4.04 Motion to approve and accept Supply Chain Assistance funding for cafeteria program in amount of \$26,784.29 for 2022-2023 school year.

4.05 Motion to adopt the following fundraiser for the 2022-2023 school year:

NAME	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Halloween Bash	Dance/Bake Sale	Student Council State Charity, Grow-a-Row, RMS Student Council

**C. PERSONNEL**

**Committee Report** - Mrs. Podgorski provided minutes of the two meetings held on September 15, 2022 and September 30, 2022.

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.14

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following **Substitute Teachers/Aide/Nurses/Bus Drivers** paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Edward Nagle	Substitute Bus Driver
Michele Brueggeman	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Maureen Garafola	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Noha Aboushanb	Substitute Aide
Dana Cerenak	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Linda Cuccaro	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Paula Obenauer	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Joy Imagie	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Yolanda Charles	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Nicole Lepinski	Substitute Secretary/Clerk
Katie DaQuisto	Substitute Teacher

5.02 Motion to approve an extension for Anthony Tumolo as Acting Principal of Three Bridges School from October 1, 2022 to tentatively October 14, 2022 at a monthly stipend of \$1,100.00, (prorated).

- 5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2022 Fall Teacher Academy Sessions. (Attachment 5.03)
- 5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the stipends for the following staff members to facilitate the following sessions on the Readington Township October 17-18, 2022 In-Service Days:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>STIPEND</b>
Lauren Glick	Writing IEP Goals & Objectives That Are More Measurable	\$120.00
Dawn LoCalio	Supporting ELLs in the Classroom	\$60.00
Nicole Maraventano	Using Reading Assessment Data to Plan Small Group Instruction	\$120.00
Amanda Obiedinski	Specials and Autism Training	\$60.00
Jodi Rehrig	iReady for New K-5 Math Teachers	\$180.00
Sheri Simonetti	Writing IEP Goals & Objectives That Are More Measurable	\$120.00
Melissa VanEck	Specials and Autism Training	\$60.00

- 5.05 Motion to approve the following revised job description: (Attachment 5.05)
  - Gifted and Talented Teacher
- 5.06 Motion to approve the following staff members directed by the Curriculum Department as Inquiry Advocates to attend mandated professional development sessions beyond the hours of the contractual school day compensated at the contractual professional development rate of \$30 an hour for a total of 10 hours:

<b>NAME</b>
Lisa O'Connor
Elizabeth Lewis
Rachel Tomson
Jacqueline Gallagher
Chad Schubert
Janice Razza
Leslie Weintraub
Kelly Neuberger

- 5.07 Motion to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following position control change and designated transfer for the 2022-2023 school year, effective October 3, 2022:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Dawn LoCalio	Transfer From:	20-05-D2/bbj	PT District ESL Teacher	\$43,535.55
	To:	20-05-D2/bbj	FT District ESL Teacher	\$63,095.00

- 5.08 Motion to amend motion 5.13 from the September 13, 2022 agenda for an additional 30 hours and approve Elizabeth Eckel to ride the bus with student #S-020, not to exceed 60 hours, at a rate of \$25 per hour.

- 5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following additional club at Readington Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year at her contractual rate:

ADVISOR	CLUB
Lauryn Ingram	Winter Running Club

- 5.10 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and remove Arlene Schlosser and approve Kevin Grant as the Whitehouse School Green Team Club Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year.

- 5.11 Motion to ratify and approve a change in hours and salary for the following staff members due to change in route assignment for the 2022-2023 school year:

NAME	POSITION	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Linda Rad	Bus Driver	6 hrs./day \$36,109.50	6.25 hrs./day \$37,614.00	September 1, 2022
Joellen Omdal	Bus Driver	7.5 hrs./day \$45,136.88	7.75 hrs./day \$46,641.44	September 1, 2022
Virginia Petzinger	Bus Driver	4.75 hrs./day \$23,428.00	5 hrs./day \$24,661.25	September 1, 2022
John Ryniewicz	Bus Driver	6.25 hrs./day \$27,998.44	3.75 hrs./day \$16,799.00	September 30, 2022

- 5.12 Motion to approve Lori Gabrielson as an additional teacher to provide translation as needed for the 2022-2023 school year not to exceed \$2,000.00.

- 5.13 Motion to amend motion 5.02 from August 23, 2022 and ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kelsey Shebey	LTS Teacher/Science (RMS) 20-01-D2/aeH 20-01-D2/aeK	\$56,985.00 BA Step 1	09/01/2022-06/30/2023



**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jason M. Bohm  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**Carol Hample  
President, Board of Education**