







4.03 Motion to approve the out of district contracts for the 2023-2024 school year:

STUDENT #	SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL YEAR TUITION
S-223	Shepard School	\$54,526.14
520733	East Amwell	\$18,900.02
483235	East Amwell	\$18,900.02

4.04 Motion to apply for and accept a grant from the Readington Township Home and School Association in the amount of \$950.00 to be used for the Screenagers film.

4.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placement in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/ PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Jenny Schneider	Warren County Community College	Three Bridges School/ Jenna Nagel	10/20/2023 - 11/24/2023

4.06 Motion to adopt the following additional field trip for the 2023-2024 school year.

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
HBS/Music	RMS – Chorus Day	Readington	- 0 -

4.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and adopt following curricula for the 2023-2024 school year:  
(Attachment 4.07)

CURRICULA
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies & Civics
Visual and Performing Arts
World Language

**E. PERSONNEL**

**Committee Report:** Mrs. Podgorski provided minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2023.

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.13

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following Substitute Teachers/Aides/Nurses/Bus Drivers paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements for the 2023-2024 school year.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Barbara Friedhoff	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Susan Sacco	Substitute Nurse
Krista Pachuta	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Toby Hill	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Danielle Grasso	Substitute Teacher/Aide

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SALARY/STEP</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Marc Florio	Bus Driver (Transportation) 80-06-P6/bbc (New Position)	\$26.73/hr. Step 1	09/20/2023 - 06/30/2024
	Cafeteria Aide (TBS) 40-03-D3/akq	\$18.00/hr. Step 5	09/28/2023 - 06/30/2024
Alexis Ulloa	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/awk	\$21.51/hr. Aide C Step 4-5 (4)	10/02/2023 - 06/30/2024
Janet Schierloh Howard	Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agk	Sub rate for the first 20 days, \$77,155.00 MA Step 15 per diem rate thereafter	10/04/2023 - 10/31/2023
	Teacher/Enrichment (RMS) 20-01-D2/abb		11/01/2023 - 12/22/2023

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2023 Fall Teacher Academy Sessions.  
(Attachment 5.03)

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Renee Whitman	Transfer From: To:	30-02-D3/azh 30-04-D3/azh	HBS Aide/Special Education WHS Aide/Special Education



- Policy 4212 - Attendance

6.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and abolish the following policies :

- Policy 3432 - Sick Leave
- Policy 4432 - Sick Leave

6.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following resolution:

### **SAFE AND SECURE HOMES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

**WHEREAS**, Every year, roughly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That's roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 70% of these incidents take place inside a home;

**WHEREAS**, Another 1,200 children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

**WHEREAS**, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85% reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

**WHEREAS**, In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, up to 80% of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends;

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons;

**WHEREAS**, Across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns that encourage secure gun storage practices and highlight the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

**WHEREAS**, School districts across the country have begun to proactively send materials home to parents and guardians informing them of applicable firearm storage laws and firearm secure storage best practices;

**WHEREAS**, Keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

**WHEREAS**, State law imposes penalties on adults when a child gains unsupervised access to improperly stored firearms;

**WHEREAS**, In the interest of student health and safety, it is imperative that local boards of education inform the school community of the importance of gun safety and secure firearm storage;

**WHEREAS**, School- and community-based programs that provide counseling and mental health support, reduce conflict and promote a healthy school climate contribute to the well-being of our students.

**WHEREAS**, the third week of October is Safe Schools Week and the fourth week of October is National Red Ribbon Week and the Readington Township School District has planned school safety activities in coordination with our partners at the Readington Township Police;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Readington Township School District will continue to address gun safety, including how students should respond if they come across a firearm, where such instruction is appropriate in the educational program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Board and Superintendent will continue to support school-based and community-wide programs and services that promote a healthy school climate and help to reduce conflict, including counseling and mental health services for students and families along with social-emotional learning, and partnership with our local police force.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Mrs. Bettermann provided minutes of the Green Committee meeting held on September 26, 2023. She reviewed the strategic plan developed by the Green Committee for the 2023-2024 school year with the full board.

**X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:25 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 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 interview Attorneys for approximately 90 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action will not 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.

**XII. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - 10:31 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 10:32 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Carol Hample**  
**President, Board of Education**