

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Holland Brook School Board of Education Meeting Room
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 7, 2020

MINUTES

Call to Order by Board Secretary – Open Public Meetings Act – Roll Call

Jason 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.

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REORGANIZATION

Election Results – November 5, 2019

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Carolyn Podgorski	1,955	24.52%
Jared Beatrice	1,921	24.10%
Thomas Wallace	2,027	25.43%
Laura Simon	2,014	25.26%
Write-In	55	0.69%
Total	7,972	100%

OATH OF OFFICE

Present: Ray Egbert, Carol Hample, Carolyn Podgorski, Andrew Saunders, Thomas Wallace, Eric Zwerling, Laura Simon

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

Absent: Robyn Mikaelian, Anna Shinn

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion: Mr. Wallace

Second: Mrs. Hample

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

Nomination: Mr. Bohm called for nominations for President and Mrs. Simon was nominated by Thomas Wallace and unanimously elected President with all members present in favor. Mrs. Simon then assumed the chair and continued the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Motion: Mr. Zwerling

Second: Mr. Wallace

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

Nomination: Mrs. Simon called for nominations for Vice President and Mrs. Shinn was nominated by Eric Zwerling and unanimously elected Vice-President with all members present voting in favor.

REORGANIZATION

Adoption of R-1 – R-5

Motion: Mr. Egbert

Second: Mr. Wallace

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

R-1 Motion to approve the 2020 Board of Education calendar as indicated on attachment. (Attachment R-1)

Laura Simon asked board members to review positions and send requests to her for consideration. Appointments are by Board President.

R-2 Board President Appointments:

- 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
 - District Technology Committee

R-3 Motion to adopt current Board bylaws, policies, and regulations.

R-4 Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics.

R-5 Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News as the primary official weekly newspapers for 2020 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2020 legal notices.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Code of Ethics Presentation - Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney, provided a presentation on ethics, roles and responsibilities, the school Ethics Commission and recent case law.
- Dr. Hart welcomed new board member, Carolyn Podgorski.
- Dr. Hart gave an update regarding Readington Middle School well water highlighting the NJDEP is in control of the remediation process and we have not yet obtained approval to address issues identified. Further testing and clearance will be required by NJDEP in order to reopen the well following remediation.

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

- Mr. Wayne Doran, resident, asked about 1). Readington Middle School 6th grade band attendance, 2). requested committee members assigned by Board President be reflected in the minutes, 3). requested the Policy Committee consider protocols to allow board member to participate remotely, and 4). he also wished good luck to the district with negotiations with RTEA and RTAA

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

MINUTES

Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02

Motion: Mr. Wallace Second: Mr. Egbert Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes December 10, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- January 13, 2020 Food Advisory Meeting at Readington Middle School at 2:30 p.m.
- Policy Committee Meeting rescheduled

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Wallace Second: Mr. Egbert Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Laura Simon
President, Board of Education**