

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School  
Board of Education Meeting Room  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
April 5, 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 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. Bettermann, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Peach, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Zwerling, Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. Hample

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

**Absent:** Mr. Wallace

### **II. FLAG SALUTE**

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

- Dr. Kristen Higgins presented the Little Aevium Program at Three Bridges School This program focuses on social awareness, mental health, decision making, goal setting, and to support each other. Mrs. Furka, School Counselor, and 2nd grade students shared lessons they learned during the program, working with Mr. Dubroski, Physical Education/Health Teacher, and Mrs. Furka in physical education class.
- Dr. Hart recognized Philip Kazantsev, 8th grade student at RMS, NJ Association Gifted Distinguish Student of the Year in Middle School. Mrs. Freeman said he was studying college level material and performing exceptionally academically in science and many other subjects. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Tundidor provided kind thoughts.

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

- None

### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

### **VI. BOARD ACTION**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Motion to adopt 1.01

**Motion:** Mrs. Fiore

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

**Roll Call Vote:** Carried 8 Yes

1.01 Motion to accept the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent's decision:

<b>CASE NUMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING</b>
3	RMS	02/17/2022	Yes
4	RMS	03/01/2022	No



STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Katelyn Yard	Rowan University Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant (LDT-C) Externship	Child Study Team Heather Gibbons & Sheri Simonetti	Summer 2022 120 hours
Maria Kurowski	Grand Canyon University Classroom Observation	Three Bridges School Patricia Coleman	Fall Semester 2022 30 hours
Alexis Eades	Brookdale Community College 8 hours Classroom Observation	Holland Brook School Mary Padavano & Olivia Vliet	April 6 - June 2022 8 hours
Camilla Giannattasio	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2022 Student Teaching - Spring 2023	Holland Brook School Meryl Vance Holland Brook School Meryl Vance and Gargi Adhikari	Fall Semester 2022 2 days/week Spring Semester 2023 5 days/week

- 4.03 Motion to ratify and approve Stepping Forward Counseling Center to provide home instruction for student: H-20210 from March 14, 2022 - May 14, 2022 for 5 hours per week at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.
- 4.04 Motion to eliminate the Behavioral Disabilities program at Readington Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 4.05 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Reusable Bags – Leading the Green Scene	Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	Walk A Thon	Field Day
Holland Brook School	Bake Sale	The Giving Hope Network
Holland Brook School	Dancing for a Cause	The Giving Hope Network
Readington Middle School	Readington Athletics Spring Dine Around	Readington Athletic Booster Club

- 4.06 Motion to adopt the following additional field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	FIELD TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
TBS/Grade 1	Bucks County Children's Museum	New Hope, PA	\$10.00
TBS/Grade 1	Patriots STEM Day	Bridgewater, NJ	\$10.00

## E. PERSONNEL

### Committee Report - None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.07  
**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> : Mrs. Wolf**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Caroline Ratanski	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ais	\$56,260 BA Step 1 (prorated)	04/25/2022 - 06/30/2022

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Leigh-Ann Borella	Clerical Aide (RMS) 50-01-D4/amw	\$17.27/hr. Clerical Step 10 (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 06/30/2022
Scott Bennert	LTS Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agf	Substitute rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$56,260 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 05/13/2022

5.03 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control change and designated transfer for the 2021-2022 school year effective April 4, 2022.

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Laura Sposato	Transfer from: to:	50-01-D4/amw 40-03-D4/arb	RMS Clerical Aide TBS Clerical Aide	No Change

5.04 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Colleen Villiano	Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/asw	06/30/2022
Jennelle Barbiche-Dahler	Teacher/Social Studies (RMS) 20-01-D2/aeq	06/30/2022
Colleen DiGregorio	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abr	6/30/2022
Erica Greenwald	Teacher/Kindergarten (TBS) 20-03-D2/abf	06/30/2022

5.05 Motion to approve the following retirements with appreciation for their years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES
Donna Masucci	Confidential Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services (BOE) 50-05-D4/amn	June 30, 2022
Judith Anne Moore	Confidential Secretary to the Office of Curriculum (BOE) 50-05-D4/amu	June 30, 2022
Jayne LaMothe	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alb	June 30, 2022

5.06 Motion to extend Andrea Perez, Leave Replacement Teacher/Grade 2, appointment from an effective date of September 1, 2021 to on or about April 1, 2022 to September 1, 2021 to June 21, 2022.

5.07 Motion to approve the following aides as special education chaperones and substitute chaperones for Track & Field up to 80 hours each at their contractual rate:

Theresa Bruno	Denise Hawkins
Nancy Hill	Daniel Kimple

## F. COMMUNICATION

**Committee Report** - Mrs. Wolf provided minutes of the meeting held on March 30, 2022.

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for second reading:  
(Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment
- Policy 2622 - Student Assessment
- Policy 3233 - Political Activities
- Policy 9560 - Administration of School Surveys

6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading:  
(Attachment 6.02)

- Policy 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- Policy 5541 - Anti-Hazing
- Policy 9465 - Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mrs. Hample and Dr. Hart provided an update that there are conflicts for multiple board members for the June 14th board meeting date. Options are to move the meeting or have 2 meetings in June. Decision was made to move one board meeting to Wednesday June 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Hample highlighted 8th grade graduation at Hunterdon Central on June 20, 2022.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- None

**IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:51 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Peach**

**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 discuss HIB for approximately 30 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall 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.

**XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION - 8:22 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Peach**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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