

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 5, 2021

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.

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

Jason Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 3, 2020

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Carol Hample	7,841	33.52%
Ray Egbert	7,744	33.10%
Elizabeth Fiore	7,808	33.38%
Total	23,393	100%

OATH OF OFFICE

- Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members: Carol Hample, Elizabeth Fiore, Dr. Camille Cerciello (appointed by the board due to Ray Egbert's resignation)

Present: Dr. Camille Cerciello, Anthony Emmons, Elizabeth Fiore, Carolyn Podgorski, Andrew Saunders, Thomas Wallace, Eric Zwerling, Carol Hample, Laura Simon

Absent: None

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board President by Board Secretary

Nomination: Mrs. Simon By: Mr. Zwerling

Motion: Mr. Wallace Second: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

The newly elected Board President assumes position and continues meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President by Board President

Nomination: Mrs. Hample By: Mr. Zwerling

Motion: Mr. Wallace Second: Mrs. Podgorski Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

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Adoption of R-1 – R-5

Motion: Mrs. Hample Second: Mr. Wallace Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

- R-1 Motion to approve the 2021 Board of Education calendar as indicated on attachment.
(Attachment R-1)
- R-2 Motion to create the following delegates and committees for Board President appointment:
- 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 2021 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2021 legal notices.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart welcomed our two (2) new board members - Elizabeth Fiore and Dr. Camille Cerciello, as well as returning member Carol Hample.
- Code of Ethics Presentation - Dr. Hart introduced Stacey Cherry, attorney at Fogarty & Hara, to present code of ethics, governance, and member duties under the School Ethics Act.

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

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

Andrew Saunders left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02

Motion: Mrs. Hample Second: Mr. Wallace Roll Call Vote: Carried 5 Yes
(Dr. Cerciello, Elizabeth Fiore, Mrs. Simon abstained)

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes December 8, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Laura Simon reviewed the process for committees and appointment per bylaw.
- Carol Hample asked to share NJSBA annual workshop webinars with new board members to help with their transition.
- Eric Zwerling asked if any new board member who are interested in participating on the Green Committee to please email Mr. Bohm.

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Draft board agenda formatting revisions were discussed between the board members.
- Ethics form will be mailed out to each board member.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Hample Second: Mr. Wallace Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Laura Simon
President, Board of Education**