



# Board Briefs

## June 8, 2021

The following information contains highlights from the June 8, 2021, Readington Board of Education meeting. For complete minutes, please check the district website on or about July 21, 2021.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hart was proud to recognize some of our outstanding students for the following achievements: SEL Parent Night Student Presenters; Student Artists, and Student Logo Submissions. Dr. Hart introduced Hunterdon Behavioral Health for a presentation on the district's new mental health partnership. Dr. Hart shared an update on the NJDOE Safe Return Plan that each district will need to develop for the return to school in September.

### **Finance/Facilities**

- The district bill list was approved.
- Signatures were authorized for various district accounts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Various appointments were approved for the 2021-2022 school year as part of staff members regular job duties.
- Petty cash accounts were authorized for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Business Administrator was designated as School Funds Investors.
- The Business Administrator was authorized to remit 2021-2022 payments between board meetings.
- The Business Administrator was authorized to make 2021-2022 account transfers between board meetings.
- Participation in joint transportation services with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- Participation in joint transportation services with Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- The agreement to provide joint transportation services between Readington Township Board of Education and Branchburg Township Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- The school security grant funding in the amount of \$78,551 for district-wide security upgrades was accepted.
- The awarding of contracts for professional services for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- The educational/medical professional services providers and rates for the 2021-2022 school year were approved.
- The professional services and rates from Hunterdon County ESC for the 2021-2022 school year were approved.

- Hunterdon Behavioral Health was approved as a professional service to provide School Based Services to Readington Middle School at a cost of \$100,000 for a contract period of August 23, 2021 through June 30, 2023.
- The HorizonMyWay/Further as the third party Administrator for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- CBIZ Insurance Services was appointed a broker of record for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The 403b and 457 third party services agreement with The Omni Group for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 was approved.
- The renewal of the contract with Pritchard Industries Inc. for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 was approved.
- The resolution urging relief from increased costs to school districts resulting from the implementation of "Chapter 44", the 2020 School Employees Health Benefits Reform Law was approved.

### **Education/Technology**

- The board approved the submission of the ARP ESSER III Mandatory Subgrant Award application and acceptance of funds.
- The board approved student placements for Advance Field Practicum, Classroom Observation/Teacher Interview, and virtual job shadow.
- Life Skills trips were approved during the summer of 2021 Extended School Year Program.
- A student home instruction extension was approved.

### **Personnel**

- The Readington Township Administrators' Association collective negotiations agreement for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 was approved.
- The appointment of tenured administrators with revised salaries was approved.
- The appointment of non-tenured administrators with revised salaries was approved.
- The following staff members were approved as technology summer support: Allison Lovering and Jose Fernandez.
- Summer Enrichment facilitator stipends were approved.
- Summer Enrichment substitutes were approved.
- Position control changes were approved for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Christopher Kober was approved as the Athletic Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The officials rates for the 2021-2022 school year for Readington Middle School were approved.
- Substitutes were re-appointed for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Substitute rates and a one-time stipend for the 2021-2022 school year were approved.
- The following appointments were approved: Kerry Bonci/RMS-LA Teacher; Ryan Dec/District-Computer Technician; Elizabeth Lewis/WHS-Kindergarten Teacher; Timothy Hochrun/BOE-Custodian; Evan Gulino/LTS RMS-SS Teacher; Jennifer Prior/District-Behaviorist; and Anna Shinn/PT TBS WHS-Math Intervention Teacher.
- The following retirement was accepted with appreciation for years of service: Nancy Garrison/Transportation-Bus Driver.
- The following resignations were accepted: Christina Spring/PT TBS WHS-Math Intervention Teacher; Wesley Santo/RMS-Head Custodian; and Andrea Aronow/BOE-Purchasing Specialist.

- The Superintendent was authorized to hire new staff, with the approval of the Personnel Committee, after the June 8, 2021 board meeting through its September 14, 2021 board meeting.
- The Superintendent was authorized to hire substitutes, aides, bus drivers, and bus aides, with the approval of the Personnel Committee for the entire 2021-2022 school year.
- Special Education Teachers were approved to teach the district's Extended School Year Program during the summer of 2021.
- Instructional Aides were approved to provide support to the district's Extended School Year Program during the summer of 2021.
- Bus Drivers were approved for the 2021 Extended School Year Program.
- Branchburg bus drivers were approved to substitute in Readington for the 2021 Extended School Year Program.
- The following Speech and Language Specialists were approved to provide speech and language services during the Extended School Year Program: Courtney D'Onofrio and Amy Langston.
- The following Speech and Language Specialists were approved to attend child study team meetings between July 1 - August 31, 2021: Denise Cathro, Amy Langston, Courtney D'Onofrio, and Beth Luque.
- The following Speech and Language Specialists were approved to conduct speech and language evaluations between July 1 - August 31, 2021.
- Teachers were approved to attend Special Education Planning, Eligibility and IEP meetings between July 1 - August 31, 2021.
- The following School Nurses were approved to complete sports physicals during the summer: Maureen Sjonell and Diane Krasovec.
- Betsy Freeman was approved as Coordinator of Green Initiatives & Sustainability for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The following School Counselors were approved for a maximum of 5 days work during the summer of 2021: Adam Connelly, Ellen Goodfellow, Barbara Pauley, and Paul Smith.
- Stipend payments for teachers facilitating 2021 Summer Teacher Academy sessions were approved.
- Stipend payments for teachers participating in the 2021 Summer Teacher Academy sessions were approved.
- Teachers were approved to teach the Accelerate Learning Virtual Home Instruction Program for (4) weeks during the summer of 2021.
- The following teachers were approved as substitute teachers for the Accelerate Learning Virtual Home Program during the summer of 2021: Mary Padavano and Jenna Nagel.
- The following teacher was approved to facilitate a course during the Summer Enrichment Program: Catherine Way.
- The Superintendent of Schools was awarded a merit bonus for the 2020-2021 school year based on successful goal completion.

### **Communication**

- Two policies were approved for second reading.

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for **July 20, 2021**, to be held virtually via the following link:

Meeting ID  
[meet.google.com/wqs-nxta-dui](https://meet.google.com/wqs-nxta-dui)

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Please review the agenda that will be posted on July 15, 2021.

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