



Board Briefs

March 16, 2021

The following information contains highlights from the March 16, 2021, Readington Board of Education meeting. For complete minutes, please check the district website on or about April 14, 2021.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hart was proud to introduce Mrs. Freeman (RMS-G&T Teacher) as she recognized the following team of RMS students and alumni that presented their work titled *Climate Change, COVID-19, and Creating Community: Growing Food and Resilience in the Garden State* at the Columbia University Climate Education Youth Summit (Olivia Davis, Bronwyn Downey, Riya Gupta, Tatiana Hlinka, Eddie Lou, Christopher Serrao, and Callum Suggitt). Dr. Hart and Mr. Bohm presented the district's final proposed 2021-2022 budget. The budget represents a tax impact of a 1.5% increase.

Administrative Reports

- The February Enrollment and Drill Reports were accepted.

Finance/Facilities

- The district bill list was approved.
- The district travel schedule was approved.
- The corrective action plan for Special Education Medicaid Initiative for the district's 2020 program performance was approved.
- The district was authorized to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Professional Services Contract with Settembrino Architects was approved for the following projects: Holland Brook roofing project, Readington Middle School bleacher replacement project, and ancillary fees/reimbursables.
- The district was approved to apply and accept the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) / Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funding.
- The tentative budget was approved for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The board acknowledged the amounts needing to be raised in local taxes to support the funds in the tentative budget.
- The board authorized the advertisement of the tentative budget in the Hunterdon Democrat and that the public hearing is being held on April 27, 2021, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The board approved a capital reserve account to implement a capital project in the Readington Township School District's Long Range Facility Plan.
- The board approved a maintenance reserve account to implement required maintenance activities.

- The board approved the funds budgeted for travel and conferences for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The board acknowledged the funds budgeted for travel and conferences through the use of local and state funds approved for the 2020-2021 school year and the 2021-2022 school year.
- The board approved an agreement with Prevention Resources, Inc. to implement an employee assistance program for the calendar year 2021 paid through ESSER II funds.

Education/Technology

- Home instruction was ratified and approved for services to be provided by LearnWell.
- The board approved an amendment to motion 4.05 from the January 19, 2021, BOE agenda to provide an additional 19 hours to the Extended School Year program to occur Monday through Thursday from July 6, 2021 - August 5, 2021, one hour per day for COVID-19 recovery services.
- The board approved an amendment to motion 4.04 from the January 19, 2021, BOE agenda to state the PreSchool Disabled Extended School Year class will occur Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am from July 6, 2021 - August 5, 2021.
- A donation of books was accepted for Holland Brook School, Readington Middle School, and Whitehouse School.
- A donation of canopies from the HSA was accepted to be used to expand outdoor educational opportunities.
- A grant was accepted from the HSA to be used to sponsor a fourth-grade virtual poet program for Holland Brook School.
- Books were approved for Readington Middle School students in Grades 6-8 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The participation in a research project by Dr. Linda Pleyvak of the University of Cincinnati titled, "Environmental Schools: Transforming K-12 Education through Sustainable Practices" was approved.

Personnel

- The following appointment was approved: Jennifer Fischl/RMS-Leave Replacement LA Teacher.
- The board accepted the resignation of the following staff member: Lisa Canale (Instructional Aide/TBS).
- The following club appointment was approved: Ed Dubroski (Garden Club/TBS).
- The 2021-2022 holiday schedules for custodians/maintenance, secretaries, administrators, and technology staff were approved.
- The following appointments were approved: Amy Langston/WHS-Speech Therapist, Louis Orth/RMS-Custodian, Katherine DeRiso/Assistant Business Administrator, and Ray Egbert/Payroll-Benefits Specialist.
- The following resignation was accepted: Diane Hart/RMS-Aide.
- Kenneth Cubillas amended salary was approved.
- Facilitator stipends were approved for the March 22, 2021 In-Service Day.
- Readington Middle School Spring coaching assignments were approved.

Communication

- Two by-laws and two policies were approved for first reading.

Unfinished Business

- The board self-evaluation was reviewed. Dr. Hart is coordinating training for board members this summer.
- The board member vacancy is going to be advertised through April 5, 2021 and interviews will be conducted at the next meeting on April 13, 2021.

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for **April 13, 2021**, with a time to be announced based on the number of applicants received for the BOE member vacancy. The meeting will be held virtually via the following link:

Meeting ID
meet.google.com/rxt-jchr-xus

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Please review the agenda that will be posted on April 9, 2021.

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