



# BOARD BRIEFS

## JANUARY 24, 2012

The first Board of Education meeting each month is a work session; the second is an action meeting. The following information contains highlights from the January 24, 2012 Readington Board of Education action meeting. For complete minutes from this meeting, please check the district website ([www.readington.k12.nj.us](http://www.readington.k12.nj.us)) on or about February 29, 2012.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Hunterdon Central's Acting Superintendent Christina Steffner, Manager of Instructional Technology Don Ginty, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carol Kelley presented an overview of the HCRHS Strategic Plan. This included strategies for teaching 21st Century Skills and new instructional initiatives.

### **Finance/Facilities**

- ◆ A donation of ten Dell laptop computers from Merck was accepted.
- ◆ The Long Range Facilities Plan 2011-2012 was approved.
- ◆ A \$4,000 grant from Merck was accepted, which will support two teachers' attendance at the National Science Teachers Association Conference.

### **Education/Technology**

- ◆ The Family Science Program at Holland Brook School was approved to be held in March 2012.
- ◆ The Kean University's Women's Softball Team was approved to conduct a clinic on April 1 for the Readington Middle School softball team.

### **Communications**

Three policies and one regulation were approved and adopted: Policy and Regulation 5519—Dating Violence at School; Policy 6424—Emergency Contracts; and Policy 8505—School Nutrition.

### **Unfinished Business**

- ◆ There was a discussion concerning new legislation regarding moving school elections from April to November. Since several Board members were not at the meeting, this discussion will be continued at the first Board meeting in February.
- ◆ The Board discussed proposed legislation concerning retention of staff decisions. A resolution concerning this legislation needs completion.
- ◆ The Board also discussed proposals for tenure reform in schools. A resolution in support of tenure reform also needs to be completed.

### **New Business**

- ◆ Mr. Livingston announced that the Education/Technology Committee will meet on February 7.
- ◆ Mrs. Simon reported that the Communications Committee had initial discussions regarding website advertising, which will be discussed further at their next meeting. They are also reviewing use of personal technology at school and video recording of Board meetings.
- ◆ Dr. Sargent reported on an incidence of bullying/harassment at Holland Brook School.

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The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Board meeting room at Holland Brook School. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, February 10, and consider attending.