



Board Briefs

June 9, 2020

The following information contains highlights from the June 9, 2020, Readington Board of Education meeting. For complete minutes, please check the district website on or about July 22, 2020.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hart announced that we were honoring our 2019-2020 Governor's Educator of the Year recipients and retiring staff members. The principals recognized the following staff members: WHS-Dr. Ann DeRosa/GEOY: Jennifer Kostelansky, Sara Grzenda and retiree: Karen Kozal; TBS-Mrs. Kristen Higgins/GEOY: Christine Lewis, Stephanie Armstrong, and retirees: Vera Shashkewych and Angela Lott; HBS-Mr. Paul Nigro/GEOY: Michael Roosen, Nicole Maraventano, and retiree: Lillian Liskovec; RMS-Mrs. Sharon Moffat/GEOY: Bruno Somma, Adam Connelly, and retirees: Wendy Baer, Michele Castagna, Geraldine Fiori, and Brant Switzler; District-Dr. Hart recognized retiree: Karen Tucker. Dr. Hart announced we had a special recognition of HBS Special Education Teacher, Mrs. Gargi Adhikari for two achievements. Mrs. Adhikari was selected to present at the National Science Teacher Association Conference in Boston, MA and she was also selected to teach on NJTV. Mrs. Janice Razza, Mrs. Adhikari's co-teacher, shared kind words as well. In addition, many parents and students commented on Mrs. Adhikari being such a wonderful teacher and how thrilled they were to see her being honored at the meeting.

Finance/Facilities

- The district bill list was approved.
- The district travel schedule was approved.
- Participation in joint transportation services with The Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2020-2021 school year was approved.
- .Participation in joint transportation services with The Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2020-2021 school year was approved.
- Shared Services Agreement for transportation services with Branchburg Township School District serving as host district for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 was approved.
- Professional contracts for the 2020-2021 school year were approved.
- The awarding of the renewal of services contracts for the 2020-2021 school year were approved.
- The educational/medical professional services providers and rates for the 2020-2021 school year were approved.
- The HorizonMyWay/Further as the third party administrator for the 2020-2021 school year for the Readington Flexible Spending Plan was approved.
- The Business Administrator was authorized, with the approval of the Finance Committee, to approve changes orders for HBS roofing and TBS boiler projects though its September 15, 2020 board meeting.
- CBIZ Insurance Services was appointed the broker of record for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The IDEA, ESSA, and CARES grant applications and acceptance of funds for the 2020-2021 school year were approved.
- The 403b and 457 third party services agreement with the OMNI Group for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 was approved.

Education/Technology

- The board adopted Spanish/Grade 7, Spanish/Grade 8, and Science/Grades 6-8 curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The board approved the elimination of the Behavioral Disabilities Class Program at HBS effective June 22, 2020.
- The board approved the establishment of a Behavioral Disabilities Class Program at RMS for the 2020-2021 school year.

Personnel

- The following retirements were accepted with appreciation for their years of service: Angela Lott/TBS-Kindergarten Instructional Aide, and Lillian Liskovec/HBS-Intervention Teacher.
- The following resignation was accepted: Rebecca Coburn/RMS-Instructional Aide.
- The following appointments were approved: Melinda Schlehlein/RMS-French Teacher; Brendan Lenox/RMS-Social Studies Teacher; Kaitlyn Wagner/RMS-SE Teacher; Anavi Sharma/RMS-Social Worker; Jeanne May/RMS-SE Teacher; and Christina Spring/Part-time Intervention Teacher.
- The appointment of Kaitlyn Wagner/RMS-SE Teacher/SE Aide for the period of 4/29-6/30/2020 was approved.
- The transfer of Carey-Anne Hendershot to RMS-PT Math Teacher/PT Math Coach was approved.
- The RTAA agreement was approved effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Substitutes were re-appointed for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Substitute rates were approved for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Superintendent was authorized to hire new staff, with the approval of the Personnel Committee, through the September 15, 2020 board meeting.
- The Superintendent was authorized to hire substitutes, aides, bus drivers, and bus aides for the entire 2020-2021 school year upon verbal approval of the BOE President and Personnel Committee.
- ESY teacher stipends were approved for the summer of 2020.
- ESY Instructional Aide hours were approved for the summer of 2020.
- ESY Speech Specialist rates and hours were approved for the summer of 2020.
- Teachers were approved to attend IEP meetings during the summer, if needed.
- June and July Teacher Academy facilitator stipends were approved.
- Stipends for teachers participating in the July 2020 Teacher Academy sessions were approved.
- Maureen Sjonell and Diane Krasovec were approved to complete fall sports physicals during the summer of 2020.
- Curriculum Development stipends were approved.
- Allison Lovering and Jose Fernandez were approved as technology support staff.
- Nicole Maraventano/Literacy Coach and Jodi Rehrig/Math Coach were approved to work a maximum of five days during the summer of 2020.
- Betsy Freeman was appointed as Coordinator of Green Initiatives & Sustainability for the 2020-2021 school year.

Communications

- Five policies and two regulations were approved for first reading.

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for **July 21, 2020**, at 5:00 p.m. Details on how this meeting will be held will be posted on the district website with the agenda. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, July 17, 2020.