



BOARD BRIEFS

APRIL 24, 2012

The following contains highlights from the April 24, 2012 Readington Board of Education reorganization and regular business meeting. For complete minutes from this meeting, check the district website (www.readington.k12.nj.us) on or about May 23, 2012.

Election Results, Oath of Office and Election of President and Vice President

- ◆ It was reported that 2012-2013 budget was defeated in the April 17, 2012 election.
- ◆ Vincent Panico, Joanne Sekella and Eric Zwerling took the Oath of Office.
- ◆ David Livingston was elected Board of Education President.
- ◆ Rick Finn was re-elected Board of Education Vice President.

Reorganization

- ◆ District appointments were approved for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ◆ A resolution to award contracts for professional services for the 2012-2013 school year was approved.
- ◆ Curricula/programs, textbooks and instructional resources were approved.
- ◆ Board representatives were appointed.
- ◆ Current Board policies and the Code of Ethics were adopted.

Superintendent's Report

Barbara Sargent shared the district's Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) results issued by the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent. The district passed this evaluation and is considered a high-performing district by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Green Committee Report

Eric Zwerling reported that the Green Committee would like the Board to consider funding an energy management program should savings be achieved through breakage in the 2012-13 budget. This program would focus on changing behaviors in the schools to reduce energy consumption. The Board members agreed to pursue this program pending availability of financing in the budget. The Committee members would also like to include other stakeholders on the Green Committee.

Finance/Facilities

- ◆ The district's Long Range Facility Plan was amended to include repairing the Whitehouse School parking lot.
- ◆ A Resolution was approved authorizing the district to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with HCESC for the purchase of work, materials and supplies for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ◆ Camp Invention, a non-profit science camp, was approved to be held at Holland Brook School from July 9 through July 13, 2012.
- ◆ The YMCA School Age Child Care Programs for the 2012-2013 school year were approved.

Education/Technology

- ◆ The adoption and purchase of Larson Algebra I 2011 edition textbooks for 7th and 8th Grade Algebra I and 8th Grade Integrated Algebra classes were accepted.
- ◆ Six grant awards from the Readington Education Foundation were accepted.
- ◆ The Holland Brook School Grade 5 Splash Out scheduled for June 4 was approved.
- ◆ A fundraiser at Readington Middle School was approved to benefit 8th Grade students' end-of-year events.
- ◆ A field trip for two classes at Whitehouse School to Liberty Science Center was approved, admission costs to be donated by Merck and transportation to be paid by parents.
- ◆ Music was added to the district's 2012 summer enrichment program.

Personnel

- ◆ The retirements of Gwendolyn Sue Blanton (Whitehouse School Intervention Teacher) and Denise Anthony (Readington Middle School Intervention Teacher) were acknowledged.
- ◆ The eliminations of the Holland Brook School Science Teacher position and the district Teacher-Instructional Coach position were accepted.

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The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 7:30 PM in the Board meeting room at Holland Brook School. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, May 4, and consider attending.