



# BOARD BRIEFS AUGUST 20 2013

The following information contains highlights from the August 20, 2013 Readington Board of Education 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 September 25, 2013.

## **Superintendent's Report/Presentations**

- ◆ District Energy Efficiency Coordinator Victoria Tarentino updated the Board on the district's energy initiatives and resultant cost savings.
- ◆ Superintendent Barbara Sargent reported on the following:
  - \* Newly hired teachers are attending New Staff Orientation this week.
  - \* Student placement information for Grades K-5 students is now available through the Genesis student information system. Middle school schedules will be ready on Monday, August 26.
  - \* Staff returns on Tuesday, September 3; open houses will be held on Friday, September 6.
  - \* Construction at TBS and WHS is concluding; all schools will be ready for students on September 9. Window replacement at RMS will begin later this month.
  - \* Positive feedback was shared about the work done by the six student technicians this summer.

## **Finance/Facilities**

- ◆ The donation of a composter from Envirocycle was accepted for TBS.
- ◆ A resolution for the disposal of two surplus school buses via online auction was authorized.
- ◆ An inter-local agreement with the Township of Readington was approved to provide security services from September 1 through December 31, 2013.
- ◆ Bus routes were approved for the 2013-14 school year.

## **Education/Technology**

- ◆ Field trips were approved for the 2013-14 school year.
- ◆ Novels were approved for various grade levels.
- ◆ Curricula were approved for Writer's Workshop (Gr. K-8), Mandarin (Gr. 6-7), and Ethics/Leadership/Finance Cycle (Gr. 6-8).
- ◆ Submission of the FY2014 NCLB grant application was approved.

## **Personnel**

- ◆ Substitutes were approved for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ◆ Lisa DeTommaso was appointed Secretary to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective August 1.
- ◆ Resignations were accepted from Steven Van Bochoven (Network Administrator), Maria Sfondouris (Instructional Aide), and Jennifer Testa (Long-Term Replacement Teacher).
- ◆ Mentors were approved for new staff members.
- ◆ Teacher appointments were approved for Kristen Frohn (Gr. 2/WHS), Amy Kokoszka (Gr. 2/TBS), Arlene Schlosser (.5 Intervention/WHS), Paul Yunos (.4 Physical Education/Health/TBS and WHS), and Jaime Ericson (Long-Term Replacement Teacher/HBS)
- ◆ Bus driver appointments for 2013-2014 were approved.

## **Communications**

- ◆ Amendments to Policy 5112 Entrance Age were rescinded to establish the entrance age for kindergarten as 5 years old on or before October 1 of the school year pursuant to NJSA 18A:38-6.
- ◆ The Board acknowledged the achievements of Jonathan Reed Hadley and Matthew Eugene Parrella, who have completed the requirements for their Eagle Scout Awards.

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There will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 5:30 PM (Board Goals). The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM at Holland Brook School. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, September 6, 2013 and consider attending.