



# BOARD BRIEFS

## FEBRUARY 28, 2017

The following information contains highlights from the February 28, 2017 Readington Board of Education meeting. For complete minutes from this meeting, please check the district website on or about March 28, 2017.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- ◆ The preliminary 2017-2018 budgets for Transportation, Facilities, Administration and Personnel/Benefits were reviewed.
- ◆ Dr. Sargent reported the following:
  - Shrek the Musical is being presented at RMS this week.
  - The fifth annual Parent Enrichment Evening will be held on Tuesday, March 21.
  - The Readington teachers will compete against the Readington Police in a friendly basketball game on March 31 to benefit the Mark Cleere Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- ◆ TBS Principal Kristen Higgins, Enrichment Teacher Dr. Joyce McGibbon, and Media Specialist Bridget Hartman delivered a presentation on Three Bridges School's MakerSpace.
- ◆ Mary Lyons of Phoenix Advisors made a presentation on proposed bond refunding.

### **Finance/Facilities**

- ◆ An Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance \$500 grant was accepted for Holland Brook School, and an Exxon Mobil Volunteer \$2,000 grant was accepted for Holland Brook School.
- ◆ An expansion of the Readington Recreation Summer Camp 2017 program to include 6th-8th graders was approved.
- ◆ The board adopted a resolution on first reading that would authorize the refunding of a portion of outstanding debt that is estimated to save approximately \$100,000 per year in debt payments through the life of the bonds in 2026. A public hearing will be held at the March 28 board meeting to give residents an opportunity to comment or ask questions on the refunding proposal. The board would then be required to adopt the refunding ordinance on final reading at the March 28 meeting to authorize the refunding.
- ◆ Interim Business Administrator Thomas M. Venanzi was appointed District Qualified Purchasing Agent for the 2016-2017 school year.
- ◆ A donation of 25 diabetic test kits to RMS was accepted from Boy Scout Ben DiGiovanni as part of his Eagle Scout project.

### **Education/Technology**

- ◆ A Spring Car Wash fundraiser was approved for the Readington Athletic Booster Club.
- ◆ An updated list of textbooks, instructional resources and publishers was approved for the 2016-2017 school year.
- ◆ Field trips to the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ for TBS Grade 2 students and to the Oakwood Bowling Alley in Washington, NJ for Life Skills students were approved.
- ◆ A community service project mural at RMS from the Destination Imagination team was accepted.

### **Personnel**

- ◆ 2017-2018 Holiday Schedules for Custodians/Maintenance, Secretaries, Administrators, and Technology Staff were approved.
- ◆ A Spring Sports Club at HBS and club advisors Jonathan Nakonechy and Carrie Sivo were approved.
- ◆ Lisa Fuchs was approved as a Special Education Teacher at RMS.
- ◆ Jonathan Jardine was approved as a district Custodian.
- ◆ Linda Rakowitz and Deanna Simonetti were approved as Summer 2017 Enrichment Coordinators.
- ◆ Lori Yukniewicz and Paul Yunos were approved as Summer 2017 Sports Camp Co-Coordinators.

**Communications**

Four policies and five regulations were approved for first reading.

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The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Board meeting room at Holland Brook School. Please review the agenda that will be posted on Friday, March 10, and consider attending.