

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 4, 2023
AGENDA

Mission Statement: We empower members of our community to lead purposeful lives with integrity, to cultivate a spirit of discovery, and to embrace connections in our diverse, global society.

The Board of Education will be meeting in-person on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. If members of the public wish to attend the meeting virtually, meetings are streamed Live over Youtube via the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Nqnrwk_J-sFlxSaFkuVaA/live

The agenda and all materials for the Board meeting appear on the Board web page.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21) and is open to the media and public. Notices were duly posted, and the meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News. Formal action may be taken.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mr. Peach_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____
Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____ Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. Hample_____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Recognition: Abigail Washuta
- Recognition: HC Librarian's Association Enthusiastic Reader Award
- Recognition: Destination Imagination
- Retention Recruitment Task Force Update

IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

In accordance with Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2020-21, public comments can be submitted before remote public meetings through electronic mail or by written letter. Please email the Board Secretary at jbohm@readington.k12.nj.us by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the board meeting. Comments shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting.

For members of the Readington Township School District Community who may be joining a Meeting for the first time or would like to provide comments tonight, we're sharing the Board Policy pertaining to public comments. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts as per the District's Policy.

0167 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public comment at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer. No participant may address or question Board members individually unless directed by the presiding officer.
2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate; Web participants will type the information in as a preface to their comments.
3. If the Board of Education is webcasting the public meeting, the "chat" feature will be on during the public comment sessions only.
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard and time permits.
5. In order to provide sufficient opportunity for the public to be heard, a time limit of three minutes for each participant may be observed. Webcast participants making comments via chat may only enter one 256 character comment, excluding the announcement of his/her name and place of residence, unless the presiding officer asks for clarification or further information. The President may, at his/her discretion, limit discussion on any topic. The portion of the meeting during which the public is invited shall be limited to sixty minutes.
6. The presiding officer may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The presiding officer may take other steps, including but not limited to adjourning the meeting or waiving any of the rules of the Residents' Forum, to respond to a lack of public decorum, or to otherwise protect privacy or the efficient completion of the Board's business.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email L.S. - Policy

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 1.01 Motion to accept the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent’s decision:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
8	RMS	02/13/2023	Yes

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____
 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023.

- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes March 14, 2023.

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report:

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.02
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 16, 2023 through April 5, 2023** for a total amount of **\$2,118,897.16**.
 (Attachment 3.01)

- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule April 4, 2023** for a total amount of **\$789.41**.
 (Attachment 3.02)

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report

4. Motion to adopt 4.01
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Holland Brook School	Dancing For A Cause Bake Sale	The Giving Hope Network
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Three Bridges School	Sorella's Family Dinners	TBS Student Activity Account

Roll Call:

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**E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.08
Motion_____ 2nd_____

5.01 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Samantha D'Antuono	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D4/anx	\$28.25/hr. 5 hrs./day Bus Driver Step 8	03/22/2023 - 06/30/2023
	Aide/Special Education (TBS) New Position 30-03-D3/bbw	\$21.84/hr. 4 hrs./day Aide NC Step 14	
Thomas Treney	Bus Driver (Transp) New Position 80-06-D6/bbv	\$28.25/hr. Bus Driver Step 8	03/23/2023 - 06/30/2023

5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATES
Janet Schierloh Howard	LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/acz	\$62,585.00 MA Step 1 (prorated)	05/15/2023 - 6/30/2023
Michele Admitis	LTS Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/aiy	\$56,985.00 BA Step 1 (prorated)	04/17/2023 - 06/30/2023
Kathleen Suchorsky	LTS Teacher/Interv (TBS) 20-03-D2/afw	Substitute rate for the first 20 days, \$62,585.00 MA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	04/17/2023 - 06/02/2023

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve Kelsey Shebey as Boys B Lacrosse Coach for the 2022-2023 school year at her contractual rate.

5.04 Motion to approve the following retirement with appreciation for her years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Susan Johnson	Teacher/Grade 4 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abw	06/30/2023

5.05 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mary Padavano	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abt	On or before 05/16/2023
David Ward	Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/aiy	On or before 04/06/2023

5.06 **WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) took action to withhold the employment and adjustment increments of a teacher whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s Office for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, the teacher has requested that the salary increment be restored prospectively beginning with the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has reviewed the teacher’s performance and has recommended that the teacher’s salary increment be restored prospectively only beginning with the 2023-2024 school year based on the teacher’s demonstrated improvement in the performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s recommendation to restore the teacher’s salary increment prospectively only beginning with the 2023-2024 school year for the reasons set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby requests that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary provide the teacher with written notice that the salary increment have been restored prospectively only beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

5.07 Motion to ratify and approve a change in hours and salary for the following bus driver due to athletic trips for the 2022-2023 school year:

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Virginia Petzinger	5 hrs./day \$24,661.25	6.4 hrs./day \$31,566.40 (prorated)	04/03/2023 - 06/30/2023

5.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following Substitute Teachers/Aide/Nurses/Bus Drivers paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Danielle Grasso	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Celeste Amann	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Linda Rakowitz	Substitute Teacher/Aide

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

**F. COMMUNICATION
 Committee Report**

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for second reading:
 (Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 5200 - Attendance
- Policy 5512 - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Policy 8140 - Student Enrollments
- Policy 8330 – Student Records

6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and abolish the following policy:

- Policy 0155.01 - Board Member Participation Using Electronic Devices

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Green Committee Minutes

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss RTEA negotiations approximately 30 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall not be taken. The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ **2nd** _____

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____
Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____
Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____