

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
February 23, 2021

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 remotely on February 23, 2021 at its regularly scheduled time. Due to the current public health pandemic, the members of the public who wish to attend the meeting are encouraged to do so virtually by going to Meeting ID meet.google.com/bsq-xnku-ynu or joining by phone: (US)+1 315-801-9430 PIN: 908 116 331# . 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:

Dr. Cerciello_____ Mr. Emmons_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____ Vacancy_____
Mr. Wallace_____ Mr. Zwerling_____ Mrs. Hample_____ Mrs. Simon_____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Budget Presentations: Transportation, Facilities; Administration and Personnel/Benefits
- Reopening Update
- District Calendar 2021-2022 School Year
- Recognition of Andrew Saunders

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

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.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01- 1.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____

1.01 Andrew Saunders resignation effective February 11, 2021.

1.02 RMS Discipline Report Quarter 2/November 12, 2020 - January 27, 2021.
(Attachment 1.02)

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021.

2.02 Motion to approve the Meeting Executive Session Minutes February 9, 2021.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

3. Motion to adopt 3.01
Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **February 11, 2021 through February 24, 2021** for a total amount of **\$166,245.92..**
(Attachment 3.01)

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.04
Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to approve the following books for the 2020-2021 school year:

| BOOK TITLE | GRADE |
|--|--------------|
| Becoming Muhammad Ali | Grade 6 |
| Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space | Grade 6 |
| Brotherhood | Grade 8 |
| Crispus Attucks & African American Patriots of the American Revolution | Grade 8 |
| Never Caught, The Story of Ona Judge | Grade 8 |

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| Trouble Maker for Justice | Grade 8 |
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- 4.02 Motion to accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Readington HSA Fine and Performing Arts Committee to be used in all schools for the purchase of library books that showcase the fine and performing arts.
- 4.03 Motion to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$512.00 from the Readington Township Home and School Association, to be used for fourth and fifth grade math intervention (Maria Winter) at Holland Brook School.
(Attachment 4.03)
- 4.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placement request for school year 2020-2021 in the Readington Township School District as follows:

| STUDENT | SCHOOL/PROGRAM | COOPERATING TEACHER/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATES |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Jennifer Snyder | TCNJ/Independent Study: 5 Teaching Lessons | Marybeth Schwarz RMS | Spring 2021 Lessons to occur during periods that do not conflict or overlap with scheduled responsibilities |

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**E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.03
Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 5.01 Motion to approve the following appointment:

| NAME | POSITION | SALARY/STEP | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Jennifer Fischl | LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/afa | Substitute rate for first 20 days, BA, Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate thereafter (prorated) | 02/24/2021 - 06/18/2021 |

- 5.02 Motion to accept the following resignation:

| NAME | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| Lisa Canale | Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/aax | February 12, 2021 |

- 5.03 Motion to approve Doug Radzewicz as Musical Director of the School Musical (virtual) at Readington Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

**F. COMMUNICATION
Committee Report**

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

- 6.01 Motion to approve the following policies for second reading:
(Attachment 6.01)
- Policy 2361 - Acceptable Use
 - Policy 5350 - Student Suicide Prevention
 - Policy 6440 - Cooperative Purchasing
 - Policy 6470.01 - Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification
 - Policy 7440 - School District Security
 - Policy 7450 - Property Inventory
 - Policy 8561 - Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the District Calendar and School Hours for 2021-2022 school year.
(Attachment 6.02)

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Self Evaluation

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Board Member Vacancy Process
- Green Committee Meeting Report

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 personnel/benefits budget for 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.

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XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:
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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____