

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School  
Board of Education Meeting Room  
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
January 4, 2022

## **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/in-person on January 4, 2022 at its regularly scheduled time. Due to the current public health pandemic, the members of the public who wish to attend the meeting virtually are encouraged to do so by going to Meeting ID: meet.google.com/eua-ytvc-evk or joining by phone: (US)+1 859-567-9608 PIN: 364 344 340#. The agenda and all materials for the Board meeting appear on the Board web page.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY – 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.

There are two open public comment sessions on the agenda. The first, which follows the Superintendent Report, is only for questions or statements pertaining to items on this agenda. Should you have any other question or statement, these must wait until the second and final open public session at the end of the meeting. These sessions are for the sole purpose of the community to express their comments in a public forum and the Superintendent and/or board is under no obligation to respond during the meeting.

### **II. FLAG SALUTE**

### **III. REORGANIZATION**

#### **Election Results – November 2, 2021**

<b>READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM</b>		
	<b>VOTE COUNT</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
<b>Randall J. Peach</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>20.05%</b>
<b>Jennifer Wolf</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>25.27%</b>
<b>Camille Cerciello</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>22.85%</b>
<b>Anthony Emmons</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>13.33%</b>
<b>Eric Zwerling</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>17.49%</b>
<b>Write-In (Various)</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1.01%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,382</b>	<b>100%</b>

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 2 YR. UNEXPIRED TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Jodi Bettermann	211	33.55%
Write-In (Various)	418	66.45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>100%</b>

**IV. OATH OF OFFICE**

- Board Secretary administers the Oath of Office to new Board Members

**V. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board President by Board Secretary

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_

**The newly elected Board President assumes the position and continues meeting.**

**VII. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President by Board President

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. REORGANIZATION**

R. Motion to adopt R-1 – R-5

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

R-1 Motion to approve the 2022 Board of Education calendar as indicated on attachment.  
 (Attachment R-1)

R-2 Motion to create the following delegates and committees for Board President appointment:

- NJ School Boards Association Delegate
- NJ School Boards Association Alternate Delegate
- Hunterdon County ESC Representative
- Garden State Coalition of Schools Trustee
- Home School Association
- Home School Association Alternate

- Board of Education Sick Bank Trustees – Personnel Committee Members (when assigned)
- Committee Chairs and Committee Assignments:
  - Communications Committee
  - Finance/Facilities Committee
  - Education/Technology Committee
  - Personnel Committee
  - Negotiations Committee
  - Green Committee
  - District Technology Committee

R-3 Motion to adopt current Board bylaws, policies, and regulations.

R-4 Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics.  
(Attachment R-4)

R-5 Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News as the primary official weekly newspapers for 2022 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2022 legal notices.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Code of Ethics Presentation - Robert Lorfink, Board Attorney

**X. 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 [jbohms@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jbohms@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.

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XII. BOARD ACTION**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to adopt 1.01  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

1.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Committee Selections / Bylaw 0155
- Vacant Board Position Interview / Appointment Process

**XV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at:**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bettermann \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Fiore \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Peach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Podgorski \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Wallace \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy \_\_\_\_\_