

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting

Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.

July 28, 2020

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 July 28, 2020 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 meet.google.com/ekf-dshn-sye or joining by phone: (US)+1 252-922-0069 PIN: 395 353 884# . The agenda and all materials for the Board meeting appear on the Board web page.

Call to Order by Board President – Open Public Meetings Act – Roll Call

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 Courier News and Star Ledger. Formal action may be taken.

ROLL CALL:

Ray Egbert		Carol Hample		Robyn Mikaelian	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Anna Shinn		Laura Simon	

Flag Salute

Superintendent's Report

- Plan for Reopening Schools
- Hybrid Learning Demo

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- K.R. Email - Upcoming School Year

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MINUTES

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

Motion to adopt 3.01- 3.03

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

ROLL CALL:

Ray Egbert		Carol Hample		Robyn Mikaelian	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Anna Shinn		Laura Simon	

3.01 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Readington Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of a student #273345, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education (the “Board”) has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-31 in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which is subject to an annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the Board may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project in the Readington Township School District’s (“District”) Long Range Facility Plan (“LRFP”) as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board may, by resolution, transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of a school facilities project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes an emergent project necessitating an expedited review and approval is required in order to alleviate a condition that impacts health and safety of students and staff pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes potable and sanitary water in all of Readington Middle School is critical due to COVID-19 so that students and staff can wash hands, access fully functional bathrooms, reduce sharing and usage of common surfaces, promote social distancing, and for other safety and health reasons; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has instituted a strict deadline for completion of remediation of the well impacted by E.Coli and Chloroform not to exceed 120 days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1 The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit an emergent project for review and approval to the County Superintendent of Schools and Commissioner of Education pursuant to 6A:26-3.14(f); and

2 The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the following other capital project not eligible for state funding and as an amendment to the district's long range facility plan: E. Coli and Chloroform remediation and filtration at Readington Middle School; and

3 The Board hereby authorizes the use of capital reserve to fund the capital project and approves the total transfer up to \$400,000 from the capital reserve account to the capital outlay/major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs; and

4 The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to include in the 2020-2021 budget to effectuate the terms of this resolution and to advertise and solicit bids as necessary to complete this capital project, or if emergency contract is required per N.J.S.A 40A:11-6, obtain approval by the Finance Committee to proceed, with ratification by the Board at the next available board meeting. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

3.03 Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, the State of New Jersey provided the Readington Township Board of Education (herein referred to as "Board") with a state aid notice in the amount of \$1,859,626; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2020, the State of New Jersey revised the state aid to the Board to the amount of \$1,757,020, a reduction of \$102,606; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, the State of New Jersey mandated the Board implement a plan for the reduction of state aid through action at a public board meeting before August 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d), the Board may withdraw from maintenance reserve to cover budgeted required maintenance costs, not to exceed the required maintenance costs budgeted on the sum of lines 48580 and 68365, and also in this instance, not to exceed the reduction in state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Board has \$172,179 in maintenance reserves, which is greater than the amount of reduction in state aid; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the withdrawal of \$102,606 from maintenance reserve pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) to cover the shortfall by the reduction in state aid for the 2020-2021 school year budget, thereby keeping the original advertised budget appropriations passed at its April 28, 2020 board meeting with no reduction. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator to take any procedures necessary to implement this budget adjustment plan and file documents required by the State of New Jersey prior to their imposed August 14, 2020 deadline.

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report

PERSONNEL

Committee Report

COMMUNICATION

Committee Report

Motion to adopt 6.01

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

ROLL CALL:

Ray Egbert		Carol Hample		Robyn Mikaelian	
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Eric Zwerling		Anna Shinn		Laura Simon	

6.01 Motion to approve the following policies and regulation for second reading:
(Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 3421.13 - Postnatal Accommodations
- Policy 4421.1 - Postnatal Accommodations
- Policy 5330 - Administration of Medications
- Regulation 5330 - Administration of Medications

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

ROLL CALL:

Ray Egbert		Carol Hample		Robyn Mikaelian	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Anna Shinn		Laura Simon	