

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School
Board of Education Meeting Room
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
February 8, 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 February 8, 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: <https://meet.google.com/rfe-nskx-xnb> or joining by phone: (US)+1 661-772-9027 PIN: 515 606 001# 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 _____ Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Mr. Wallace _____
Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Vacancy _____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. OATH OF OFFICE

- Board Secretary to administer Oath of Office to new board member, Eric Zwerling

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Budget Presentations: Curriculum, Pupil Services, and Technology Departments
- Start Strong Assessment Results Presentation
- Draft 2022-2023 School Calendar

V. 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.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email J.R. - Quarantine
- Email J.H. - District Links
- Email J.M. - Special Education

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 1.01 Motion to approve Enrollment and Drill Reports January 2022.
(Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 RMS Quarterly Discipline Report Quarter 2/November 17, 2021 - January 28, 2022
(Attachment 1.02)

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B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the two Executive Session Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022.

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wolf _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.07
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **January 20, 2022 through February 9, 2022** for a total amount of **\$2,157,882.43**.
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule February 2022** for a total amount of **\$2,746.70**.
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **December 2021** for a total amount of **\$2,581,168.77**.
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**.
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)

- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.**
(Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: December 31, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of December 31, 2021 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:22-8.1.

Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of December 31, 2021 and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and further, that we approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports subject to audit for the period ending December 31, 2021.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 Motion to approve the corrective action plan for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the district's 2021 program performance.
(Attachment 3.07)

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**D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report**

- 4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.07
Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to approve the following HSA mini-grants for Holland Brook School:

TEACHER	GRANT FOR	AMOUNT
Maria Winter	Whiteboards for Language Arts Poetry	\$963.50
Maryl Vance	QBall, to learn 21st Century Skills in Math/Science	\$272.99

- 4.02 Motion to approve Luray Gross, Poet in Residence, for 4th grade students at Holland Brook School, May 2022 for \$2,275.00, funded by the HSA.
- 4.03 Motion to approve a Neuro-Psychological Evaluation for student: 9358439847. Services to be provided by Dr. Ghilain, Brain Health Neuropsychology, not to exceed \$900.00 to be paid by the district.
- 4.04 Motion to approve the Integrated Preschool Program tuition rate of \$400.00 per child, per month with transportation option for an additional amount of \$100.00 per month/per family or \$50.00 one way per month/per family. These rates reflect no increase for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 4.05 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H202108 from January 27, 2022 through February 16, 2022. Services provided through LearnWell for 5 hours per week, at a rate of \$48.00 per hour.

4.06 Motion to adopt the following fundraiser for the 2021-2022 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Pennies for Pups/Dollars for Dogs	The Seeing Eye

4.07 Motion to adopt the following curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year:

CURRICULUM
Grade 6 Honors Math
7th Grade & Advanced Grade 6 Math
Pre-Algebra (8th Grade & Advanced Grade 7 Math)

(Attachment 4.07-4.07b)

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**E. PERSONNEL
 Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.08
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

NAME	POSITION
Christopher Curran	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Abigail Eyler	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Alice Figueiredo Lobo	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Maria Kurowski	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Carli Stokes	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Connor Dacierno	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.02 Motion to approve the following salary increases in recognition of the following employees' attainment of additional credits for lateral movement per RTEA Guide effective February 1, 2022:

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM STEP	SALARY	TO STEP	REVISED SALARY	INCREASE
Paul Yunos	RMS	BA Step 9/10	\$62,485.00	BA+15 Step 9/10	\$64,085.00 (prorated)	\$1,600.00

Nicole Maraventano	District	MA Step 17	\$79,780.00	MA+30 Step 17	\$82,180.00 (prorated)	\$2,400.00
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5.03 Motion to approve the following teacher to facilitate a Virtual Science Fair at Three Bridges School at the contracted rate:

TEACHER	SCHOOL	HOURS	# DAYS
Lynda Breckinridge	TBS	2 hours	2 days

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Linda Rakowitz	Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/aly	07/01/2022

5.05 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Katherine DeRiso	Assistant to the Business Administrator (BOE) 10-06-D1/aad	03/20/2022

5.06 Motion to approve the following staff members at the contractual rate to monitor transportation routes and coordinate student safety beyond contractual hours due to unusual, extended route times as a result of a bus driver shortage caused by the pandemic and need to consolidate bus routes:

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	AMOUNT
Deborah Sevell	Three Bridges School	Secretary	Not to exceed \$500.00
Natasha Rankin	Three Bridges School	Clerical Aide	Not to exceed \$500.00
Christine Hometchko	Whitehouse School	Secretary	Not to exceed \$500.00
Kathleen McBride	Whitehouse School	Clerical Aide	Not to exceed \$500.00

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2022 Spring Teacher Academy Sessions.
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to approve the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

NEW STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Caroline Ratanski	RMS	LA Teacher (LTS)	Mindy Bennington

Allison Steitz	HBS	SE Teacher (LTS)	Colleen DiGregorio
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F. COMMUNICATION
Committee Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Board Tours - March 7-11, 2022

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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