

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 2, 2024

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, January 2, 2024 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/UC6Nqnwk_J-sFlxSaFkuVaA/live

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.

II. FLAG SALUTE

REORGANIZATION

Election Results – November 7, 2023

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Ellen DePinto	2,662	21.28%
Christina M. Napoli	2,632	21.04%
Elizabeth Fiore	2480	19.83%
Carol Hample	2477	19.80%
Jodi Bettermann	2,203	17.61%
Write-In Totals	55	0.44%
Write-In Other	8	0.06%
Write-In Sandi Sadate	1	0.01%
Write-In Elizabeth Lowe	1	0.01%
Write-In Charles Scammell	1	0.01%
Write-In Jean Kanokosi	1	0.01%
Not Assigned	43	0.34%
Total Votes Cast	12,509	100.00%

III. OATH OF OFFICE

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

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. DePinto _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mrs. Napoli _____
Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____

IV. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board President. Board Secretary will open nominations.

Nomination:

By:

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. DePinto _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mrs. Napoli _____
Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____

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

V. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President. Board President will open nominations.

Nomination:

By:

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. DePinto _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mrs. Napoli _____
Mr. Peach _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____

VI. REORGANIZATION

- Adoption of R-1 – R-5

Motion: _____ Second: _____

R-1 Motion to approve the 2024 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

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 2024 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2024 legal notices.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mrs. Napoli_____
Mr. Peach_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Code of Ethics Presentation - Joanne Butler, Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLC

VIII. 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.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

X. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Report

- 1. Motion to adopt 1.01
Motion_____ 2nd_____

- 1.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mrs. Napoli_____
Mr. Peach_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Committee Selections/Bylaw 0155

XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion_____ 2nd_____

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mrs. Napoli_____

Mr. Peach_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____