

# READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
November 15, 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 Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. If members of the public wish to attend the meeting virtually, they are encouraged to do so by going to Meeting ID: meet.google.com/wdo-ncji-krv or joining by phone: (US)+1 785-251-0131 PIN: 832 747 973# 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\_\_\_\_\_ Vacancy\_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Wolf\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample\_\_\_\_\_

### II. FLAG SALUTE

### III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Highlight: Recognition of Sustainable Jersey Achievement
- Highlight: Teachers Publish Their Inquiry Projects
- Highlight: RMS Girls Volleyball Team Wins CJJSVL
- Recognition of Tom Wallace

### IV. 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](mailto: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.

**V. RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER**

- Resignation of Thomas Wallace, effective October 28, 2022.

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

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email M.M. - Health Curriculum
- Email E.D. - Health Curriculum
- Email J.F. - Health Curriculum
- Email J.D - Request

**VII. BOARD ACTION**

**A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.03  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.01 Enrollment and Drill Reports October 2022  
(Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 Motion to approve Board Goals for the 2022-2023 school year.  
(Attachment 1.02)
- 1.03 Motion to approve the Bus Drill Evacuation Reports for Readington Township School District for the 2022-2023 school year.  
(Attachment 1.03)

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022.

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_

**A. FINANCE/FACILITIES  
Committee Report**

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.10  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **October 13, 2022 through November 16, 2022** for a total amount of **\$3,433,435.21**.  
(Attachment 3.01)

- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule November 15, 2022** for a total amount of **\$10,012.64.**  
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **September 2022** for a total amount of **\$2,607,907.70.**  
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.**  
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.**  
(Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: September 30, 2022 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of September 30, 2022 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.

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Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of September 30, 2022 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 September 30, 2022.  
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 Motion to approve a one year extension to the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and Republic Services of New Jersey LLC for refuse disposal and recycling collection at the cost of \$65,883.46 (increase of 3%) at all schools for the 2023 calendar year.
- 3.08 Motion to approve a Shared Services Agreement with High Bridge Board of Education for \$5,000.00 for curriculum development and writing for the 2022-2023 school year.  
(Attachment 3.08)
- 3.09 Motion to approve the following resolution:  
  

**WHEREAS**, The Readington Township Board of Education ("Board") seeks to upgrade the controls and associated software for it sewer pumping station that serves Holland Brook and Readington Middle Schools, for operation and monitoring purposes; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board has funding in its General Fund for this control and software upgrade; and  
**WHEREAS**, the use of a different vendor and/or software would unnecessarily escalate the costs and lose the interconnectability with internal systems and devices that rely on this proprietary software installed, thereby defeating the purpose of public contracting laws;  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the property upgrade of controls and software not to exceed \$7,898.00 from an authorized vender Pumping Services, Inc. to install the controls and software to effectuate this means.
- 3.10 Motion to approve David S. Goldstein, Psy.D. of Gold Psychological Services, to be added to our Consultant List, to provide psychological evaluations at a rate of \$750 per evaluation, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call:

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**B. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY  
Committee Report**

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.09  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

4.01 Motion to approve the following additional field trips for the 2022-2023 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
RMS/Student Council	Great Kindness Challenge	HBS	- 0 -
RMS/Civics Class	Food Pantry	Flemington	- 0 -
TBS/Grade 3	Green Initiatives/Trout Observation	RMS	- 0 -
WHS/Grade 3	Green Initiatives/Trout Observation	RMS	- 0 -

4.02 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Readington Middle School	Empty Bowls	Food Pantry, RT Sustainability
Readington Middle School	Toys for Tots	Individualized students grades K-8

4.03 Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Nursing Service Plan.  
(Attachment 4.03)

4.04 Motion to approve Aequor to provide nursing services to student #S-035 for up to 30 hours per week, at a rate of \$85/hour.

4.05 Motion to approve Soliant Health to provide nursing service, RN/LPN up to \$85.00/hour for the 2022-2023 school year.  
(Attachment 4.05)

4.06 Motion to accept a \$2,500.00 donation from Investors Bank Foundation to enhance Three Bridges School detention basin to transform to rain garden bioswale.

4.07 Motion to apply for and accept a NJDA Farm to School grant in the amount of \$4,733.00 for Readington Township Schools to be used to implement the Farm To School Program or related projects in the district.

4.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placement in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATE
Hannah Cohen	Rider University Observation	Whitehouse School Kelly Petersen	Nov 16, 2022

4.09 Motion to approve student, S-299, to attend Montgomery Academy at a rate of \$85,932.00 with the extended school year tuition of \$9,548.00 for a total of \$95,480.00 per year. Requested start date of November 14, 2022.

Roll Call:

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 Mrs. Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_

**C. PERSONNEL  
 Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.14  
 Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME	POSITION
Anna Prosch	Substitute Aide
Danielle Sullivan	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Dawn Solari	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Jennifer Ulloa	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Amanda Mancusi	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Maureen Garafola	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Eden Risat	Substitute Teacher/Aide
John Langer	Substitute Bus Driver
Michael Dimsey	Substitute Bus Driver

5.02 Motion to approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Eric Petrushun	Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/aeY	December 11, 2022
Tyler Tregoning	Nurse (BOE) 20-05-D2/bbm	December 2, 2022
Anavi Sharma	Social Worker (RMS) 20-01-D2/akc	December 22, 2022
Adam Connelly	School Counselor (RMS) 20-01-D2/ajf	December 23, 2022

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointments:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SALARY/STEP</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Angela Hendricks	Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/aey	\$57,485.00 BA Step 2 (prorated)	On or before 12/12/2022 - 06/30/2023
Michele Adamitis	LTS Teacher/Science (RMS) 20-01-D2/aek	\$164.56/day for the first 20 consecutive days, \$56,985.00 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	11/14/2022 - 01/30/2023
John Langer	Bus Driver (Transp.) 80-06-D6/bap	\$27.25/hr. Bus Driver Step 7	On or about 11/21/2022 - 06/30/2023
Eve Campeau	LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/aey	Substitute rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$56,985.00 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	On or about 02/01/2023 - 06/30/2023
Robert Pycior	Social Worker (RMS) 20-01-D2/akc	\$68,353.88 MA CST Step 3-4 (4) (prorated)	On or before 01/16/2023 - 06/30/2023

5.04 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointments:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SALARY/STEP</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Katie DaQuisto	LTS .5 Teacher/Special Education PSD (TBS) 20-02-D2/azc LTS .5 Teacher/Special Education (TBS) 20-03-D2/ayz	Substitute rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$62,585.00 MA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	11/03/2022 - 06/30/2023
Sheryl Ottenstroer	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 03-03-d3/alp	\$19.65/hr. Aide NC Step 7	11/03/2022 - 06/30/2023
Raymond Hatton	Bus Driver (Transportation) 80-06-D6/anz	\$28.25/hr. Bus Driver Step 8	11/03/2022 - 06/30/2023

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control changes and designated transfers for the following school year:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Leandro Jimenez-Rojas	Transfer From: To:	70-05/D5/apl 70-01-D5/aot	BOE Custodian RMS Custodian	No Change

Roman Khrunyk	Transfer From: To:	70-04-D5/aot 70-05-D5/apl	RMS Custodian BOE Custodian	No Change
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5.06 Motion to amend motion 5.02 from August 23, 2022 agenda and ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Angela Hendricks	LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/afb	\$56,985.00 BA Step 1	09/01/2022 - 12/11/2022

5.07 Motion to approve all staff as virtual homework help, for accelerated learning tutoring funded by ARP ESSER for the 2022-2023 school year.

5.08 Motion to approve the officials rate for the 2022-2023 school year for Readington Middle School athletics (Attachment 5.08)

5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following additional club advisors at their contractual rate for the 2022-2023 school year:

SCHOOL	ADVISOR	CLUB
RMS	Yolanda Lima	Cooking Club
HBS	Melissa VanEck	Improvisation Nation
HBS	Colleen Ogden	Bits & Pieces

5.10 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following coaching assignment for the 2022-2023 school year, replacing Adam Connelly:

STIPEND POSITION	STAFF MEMBER
Track Head Coach - Spring	Coron Short

5.11 Motion to approve the cancellation of the Holland Brook School's Samba Club and the club advisors, Jessica Ritcher and Samantha Lestrage, for the 2022-2023 school year.

5.12 Motion to approve Elizabeth Eckel to ride the bus with student S-020 for an additional 60 hours, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

5.13 Motion to approve Winter Chaperones, Nancy Hill, Denise Hawkins and Dan Kimple to attend Wrestling for student S-326, not to exceed 120 hours collectively at their contractual rate.

5.14 Motion to amend motion 5.02 from August 23, 2022 agenda on the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jolene Mizzak	LTS Speech Language Specialist (TBS) 20-03-D2/aki	Sub rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$62,585.00 MA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter	8/15/2022 - on or about 10/26/2022

Roll Call:

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**D. COMMUNICATION**  
**Committee Report**

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.03  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for second reading:  
(Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 1511 - Board of Education Website Accessibility
- Policy 3270 - Professional Responsibilities
- Policy 5513 - Care of School Property
- Policy 5517 - School District Issued Student Identification Cards

6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading:  
(Attachment 6.02)

- Policy 2425 - Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
- Policy 5722 - Student Journalism

6.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve to abolish the following policy:

- Policy 2432 - School Sponsored Publications

Roll Call:

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**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- School Boards Annual Workshop

**IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Governor Murphy Mental Health Plan
- Tentative Board Meeting Dates 2023
- Green Committee Meeting

**X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 HIB and security for approximately 30 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action may 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.

Roll Call:

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**XII. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wolf\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample\_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at:**

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

Roll Call:

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