

# READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 5, 2021

## 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 January 5, 2021 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/kro-fjxs-ifc](https://meet.google.com/kro-fjxs-ifc) or joining by phone: (US)+1 520-395-9101 PIN: 956 706 046#. The agenda and all materials for the Board meeting appear on the Board web page.

### Call to Order by Board Secretary – 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 Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News. Formal action may be taken.

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## REORGANIZATION

### Election Results – November 3, 2020

READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM		
	VOTE COUNT	PERCENT
Carol Hample	7,841	33.52%
Ray Egbert	7,744	33.10%
Elizabeth Fiore	7,808	33.38%
Total	23,393	100%

## OATH OF OFFICE

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

**ROLL CALL**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Carol Hample		Laura Simon	

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board President by Board Secretary

**Nomination:****By:****Motion:****Second:****Roll Call Vote:****ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Carol Hample		Laura Simon	

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

**ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President by Board President

**Nomination:****By:****Motion:****Second:****Roll Call Vote:****ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Carol Hample		Laura Simon	

**REORGANIZATION**

Adoption of R-1 – R-5

**Motion:****Second:****Roll Call Vote:****ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
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- R-1 Motion to approve the 2021 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.
- R-5 Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News as the primary official weekly newspapers for 2021 legal notices and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspaper for 2021 legal notices.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Code of Ethics Presentation - Stacey Cherry, Board Attorney

### **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**

### **MINUTES**

Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Carol Hample		Laura Simon	

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes December 8, 2020.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Draft board agenda formatting revisions (attachment)

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at**

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Emmons		Elizabeth Fiore		Vacancy	
Carolyn Podgorski		Andrew Saunders		Thomas Wallace	
Eric Zwerling		Carol Hample		Laura Simon	