

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 13, 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 April 13, 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 Meeting ID: meet.google.com/rxt-jchr-xus or joining by phone: (us) +1 929-266-3465 PIN: 712 972 679#. 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:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____ **2nd** _____

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to interview board member candidates for approximately 1 hour 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.

APPLICANT NAME	INTERVIEW TIME
Julie Flores	6:05 p.m.
Adam Perper	6:25 p.m.
Michael Stillwagon	6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

IV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ **2nd** _____

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

Nomination and appointment of a Board Member for vacant position

Motion: **2nd:**

Nomination: **By:** **Second:**

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello_____ Mr. Emmons_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____ Vacancy_____
Mr. Wallace_____ Mr. Zwerling_____ Mrs. Hample_____ Mrs. Simon_____

V. OATH OF OFFICE

- Board Secretary to administer Oath of Office to new board member

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Highlight: Three Bridges School
- Mid-Year Math and ELA Data Presentation

VII. 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.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email L.G. - Corrective Action Plan
- Email J.B. - Canopies

IX. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01
Motion_____ 2nd_____

- 1.01 Motion to approve the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent's decision on the following case:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
2	RMS	02/19/2021	Yes

3	RMS	02/26/2021	Yes
4	RMS	03/01/2021	No

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
 Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
 Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.03
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 18, 2021 through April 14, 2021** for a total amount of **\$929,740.43**.
 (Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule April 13, 2021** for a total amount of **\$2,895.00**
 (Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to approve a Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the Readington Township Board of Education and CDW Government LLC for district wide chromebooks for the 2021-2022 school year.
 (Attachment 3.03)

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
 Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.03
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H-202104 from March 30, 2021 through May 30, 2021. Home instruction to be provided by Brookfield Educational Services Program at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, 5 hours a week.

4.02 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H-202105 from March 18, 2021 through April 1, 2021 not to exceed 25 hours.

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

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PROGRAM	SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Samantha Fazekas	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2021 Clinical Internship - Spring 2022	Three Bridges School Denise Duncan & Carrie Squire	Fall Semester 2021 Spring Semester 2022
Olivia Scharnikow	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2021 Clinical Internship - Spring 2022	Holland Brook School Meryl Vance & Gargi Adhikari	Fall Semester 2021 Spring Semester 2022
Melaina Squicciarini	Rutgers University Field Experience - School Library/Media Center	Readington Middle School Stephanie Singer	Fall Semester 2021 - 150 hours

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

**E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.06
Motion _____ 2nd _____

5.01 Motion to accept the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Joshua Eberts	Maintenance Mechanic (BOE) 70-05-D5/aop	April 16, 2021
Sam Kohn	Bus Driver (Trans.) 80-06-D6/aoa	April 1, 2021
Roslin Staats	Custodian (BOE) 70-05D5/apl	April 27, 2021

5.02 Motion to accept the following retirement with appreciation for her years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Tracy Fitzgerald	Teacher/Art (RMS) 20-01-D2/afn	April 1, 2021

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

NAME	POSITION
Eleri Trego	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.04 Motion to approve the following advisors and clubs for the 2020-2021 school year at tier 10 stipend per the RTEA contract:

NAME	CLUB	SCHOOL
Bruce Wild	Spring Tennis Club	Readington Middle School
Michael Roosen	Junior Running Team - Boys	Holland Brook School
Mary Padavano	Junior Running Team - Girls	Holland Brook School

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the additional Readington Middle School Spring coaching assignments for the 2020-2021 school year, stipend per RTEA contract:

NAME	SPORT
Brendan Lenox	Boys Lacrosse A
Jose Fernandez	Boys Lacrosse B

5.06 Motion to ratify and approve Jillian Neitheimer, Jen Heller & Jeannie May to provide home instruction for student H-202105 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed \$750.00 collectively.

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

**F. COMMUNICATION
Committee Report**

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

- Bylaw 0145 - Board Member Resignation and Removal
- Bylaw 0164.6 - Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency
- Policy 5330.01 - Administration of Medical Cannabis
- Policy 7425 - Lead Testing of Water in Schools

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

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 a HIB, personnel matter/employee #4026, and RTAA negotiations for approximately 45 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall not 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:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

XIV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

Dr. Cerciello _____ Mr. Emmons _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____ Vacancy _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____