

# READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School  
Board of Education Meeting Room  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
April 5, 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 April 5, 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/awy-oztx-iat> or joining by phone: (US)+1 984-212-5995 PIN: 778 340 591# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Zwerling \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Cerciello \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hample \_\_\_\_\_

### II. FLAG SALUTE

### III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- TBS School Highlight
- Student Recognition: Philip Kazantsev

### 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.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Motion to adopt 1.01  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

1.01 Motion to accept the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent’s decision:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDINGS OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
3	RMS	02/17/2022	Yes
4	RMS	03/01/2022	No

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 March 15, 2022.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022.

Roll Call:

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C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.05  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 17, 2022 through April 6, 2022** for a total amount of **\$732,365.86**  
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule April 5, 2022** for a total amount of **\$859.00**.  
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to approve an agreement between InquirED, LLC and Readington Township Board of Education to provide social studies textbooks for grades K-5 at a cost of \$78,715.00, effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2027.  
(Attachment 3.03)

3.04 **WHEREAS**, The Readington Township Board of Education has contracted with Pritchard Industries, Inc., with offices located at 147 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932 for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 and

**WHEREAS**, said contract provides that the parties, may, at their option agree to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 18A-42, which requires that the terms and conditions of the extensions shall remain substantially the same in the original contract, and

**WHEREAS**, The Readington Township Board of Education finds that the services provided by Pritchard Industries, Inc are being performed in an effective and efficient manner,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Readington Township Board of Education hereby renews its contract with Pritchard Industries Inc., for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the amount of \$761,436.60, a 4.5% increase which does not exceed the change in index rate of 7.5% as of March 2022, as defined by N.J.S.A 18A: 18A-2(bb)

- 3.05 Motion to engage in a project with Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program for the bioswale project at Three Bridges School for engineering and surveying work for \$3,500.00 funded by grants and donations.

Roll Call:

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**D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY  
Committee Report**

Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.06  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

- 4.01 Motion to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from the Whitehouse Rotary Club and a \$1,000.00 donation from Mr. David Livingston to help fund the bioswale project for the detention basin at Three Bridges School.
- 4.02 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 PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Katelyn Yard	Rowan University Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant (LDT-C) Externship	Child Study Team Heather Gibbons & Sheri Simonetti	Summer 2022 120 hours
Maria Kurowski	Grand Canyon University Classroom Observation	Three Bridges School Patricia Coleman	Fall Semester 2022 30 hours
Alexis Eades	Brookdale Community College 8 hours Classroom Observation	Holland Brook School Mary Padavano & Olivia Vliet	April 6 - June 2022 8 hours
Camilla Giannattasio	Centenary University Clinical Experience - Fall 2022 Student Teaching - Spring 2023	Holland Brook School Meryl Vance Holland Brook School Meryl Vance and Gargi Adhikari	Fall Semester 2022 2 days/week Spring Semester 2023 5 days/week

- 4.03 Motion to ratify and approve Stepping Forward Counseling Center to provide home instruction for student: H-20210 from March 14, 2022 - May 14, 2022 for 5 hours per week at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

4.04 Motion to eliminate the Behavioral Disabilities program at Readington Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

4.05 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Reusable Bags – Leading the Green Scene	Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	Walk A Thon	Field Day
Holland Brook School	Bake Sale	The Giving Hope Network
Holland Brook School	Dancing for a Cause	The Giving Hope Network
Readington Middle School	Readington Athletics Spring Dine Around	Readington Athletic Booster Club

4.06 Motion to adopt the following additional field trips for the 2021-2022 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	FIELD TRIP	LOCATION	COST TO PARENT
TBS/Grade 1	Bucks County Children’s Museum	New Hope, PA	\$10.00
TBS/Grade 1	Patriots STEM Day	Bridgewater, NJ	\$10.00

Roll Call:

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**E. PERSONNEL  
Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.07  
Motion\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Caroline Ratanski	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ais	\$56,260 BA Step 1 (prorated)	04/25/2022 - 06/30/2022

5.02 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>
Leigh-Ann Borella	Clerical Aide (RMS) 50-01-D4/amw	\$17.27/hr. Clerical Step 10 (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 06/30/2022
Scott Bennert	LTS Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agf	Substitute rate for the first 20 consecutive days, \$56,260 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	04/04/2022 - 05/13/2022

5.03 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control change and designated transfer for the 2021-2022 school year effective April 4, 2022.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Laura Sposato	Transfer from:  to:	50-01-D4/amw  40-03-D4/arb	RMS Clerical Aide  TBS Clerical Aide	No Change

5.04 Motion to approve the following resignations:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Colleen Villiano	Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/asw	06/30/2022
Jennelle Barbiche-Dahler	Teacher/Social Studies (RMS) 20-01-D2/aeq	06/30/2022
Colleen DiGregorio	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abr	6/30/2022
Erica Greenwald	Teacher/Kindergarten (TBS) 20-03-D2/abf	06/30/2022

5.05 Motion to approve the following retirements with appreciation for their years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES
Donna Masucci	Confidential Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services (BOE) 50-05-D4/amn	June 30, 2022
Judith Anne Moore	Confidential Secretary to the Office of Curriculum (BOE) 50-05-D4/amu	June 30, 2022
Jayne LaMothe	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alb	June 30, 2022

5.06 Motion to extend Andreia Perez, Leave Replacement Teacher/Grade 2, appointment from an effective date of September 1, 2021 to on or about April 1, 2022 to September 1, 2021 to June 21, 2022.

5.07 Motion to approve the following aides as special education chaperones and substitute chaperones for Track & Field up to 80 hours each at their contractual rate:

Theresa Bruno	Denise Hawkins
Nancy Hill	Daniel Kimple

Roll Call:

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## F. COMMUNICATION

### Committee Report

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02  
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 2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment
- Policy 2622 - Student Assessment
- Policy 3233 - Political Activities
- Policy 9560 - Administration of School Surveys

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

- Policy 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- Policy 5541 - Anti-Hazing
- Policy 8465 - Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts

Roll Call:

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**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Superintendent Evaluation Post-Conference Dates

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

**IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**X. 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 for approximately 30 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:

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**XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Roll Call:

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at:**

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

Roll Call:

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