

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
February 7, 2023

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, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 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/sxf-aamv-mni or joining by phone:(US)+1 803-741-5190 PIN: 338 520 993# 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_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mr. Peach_____ Mrs. Podgorski_____
Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____ Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. Hample_____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- HBS Student Recognition: Noetic Math Competition
- Budget Presentations: Curriculum, Pupil Services, and Technology Departments
- Start Strong Presentation
- Draft 2023-2024 School Calendar

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 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. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email S.B. - Thank you
- Email L.S. - Book Review
- Email J.F. - Book

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 1.01 Enrollment and Drill Reports January 2023
(Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 RMS Quarterly Discipline Report Quarter 2/November 16, 2022 - January 30, 2023
(Attachment 1.02)

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Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes January 17, 2023.

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Ryan _____ Mrs. Wolf _____ Dr. Cerciello _____ Mrs. Hample _____

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 **January 19, 2023 through February 9, 2023** for a total amount of **\$1,928,233.97**.
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule February 7, 2023** for a total amount of **\$3,721.47**.
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to award the E-Rate request for proposal (RFP) to ePlus Technology as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$142,203.18 for Cisco Meraki network switches, components and installation.
(Attachment 3.03)

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**D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report**

- 4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.04
Motion_____ 2nd_____
- 4.01 Motion to ratify and approve home instruction for student: H-202111 to receive home instruction for 10 hours per week from January 17, 2023 through January 31, 2023.
- 4.02 Motion to revise the Extended School Year for the Preschool Disabilities Program to occur Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. from July 10, 2023 through August 3, 2023.
- 4.03 Motion to revise the Extended School Year Literacy Program to occur Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. from July 10, 2023 through August 3, 2023.
- 4.04 Motion to approve partnership with Huntington Learning Center to provide math tutoring in grades 6-8 to be funded by ESSER/ARP, per attached.
(Attachment 4.04)

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Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. Wolf_____ Dr. Cerciello_____ Mrs. Hample_____

**E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report**

- 5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.09
Motion_____ 2nd_____

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Krystal Gould	Aide/Special Education (WHS) 30-02-D3/alo	\$20.88/hr. Aide NC Step 11	02/06/2023 - 06/30/2023

5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Amanda Sullivan	Teacher/Special Education (WHS) 20-04-D2/ajc	\$63,085.00 MA Step 2 (prorated)	02/08/2023 - 06/30/2023

5.03 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
Debra Passafuime	Substitute Secretary/Clerical
Katarina Stefanik	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Sylvia Shultz	Substitute Aide/Clerical

Amy Horensky	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Marianne Schultz	Substitute Aide

5.04 Motion to approve the following salary increases in recognition of the following employees' attainment of additional credits for lateral movement per RTEA Guide effective February 1, 2023:

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM STEP	SALARY	TO STEP	REVISED SALARY	INCREASE
Michelle Hodge	RMS	MA Step 12-13	\$71,895.00	MA +30 Step 12-13	\$74,295.00 (prorated)	\$2,400.00
Caroline Robb	TBS	BA+15 Step 18	\$78,770.00	MA Step 18	\$82,770.00 (prorated)	\$4,000.00

5.05 Motion to approve Leslie Martinez to facilitate the Science Fair for Whitehouse School on February 28, 2023 for a total of 4 hours at the contractual rate.

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following club advisor for the 2022-2023 school year at the contractual rate:

CLUB	ADVISOR	REPLACING
Lighting Technician for the Musical	Denise Birmingham	Mary McGivney

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2023 Spring Teacher Academy Sessions.
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to ratify and approve Beth McGivney and Colleen Ogden to provide home instruction for student: H-202111 for 10 hours per week collectively from January 17, 2023 through January 31, 2023 at their contractual rate.

5.09 Motion to approve the following mentor for the 2022-2023 school year:

NEW STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Amanda Sullivan	WHS	SE Teacher	Deanna Schwaiger

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A. COMMUNICATION Committee Report

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

- Bylaw 0152 - Board Officers
- Bylaw 0161 - Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation
- Bylaw 0162 - Notice of Board Meetings
- Policy 2423 - Bilingual and ESL Education

- Policy 2560.01 - Therapy Dog
- Policy 5511 - Student Dress and Grooming

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Board Tours

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

X. 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 personnel matter regarding employee # 6797 and RTEA negotiations 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.

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XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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