

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
May 4, 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 May 4, 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/ofj-vgcp-rea or joining by phone: (US)+1 218-288-2437 PIN: 309 991 807#. 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. Flores _____ Mrs. Podgorski _____
Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Student Recognitions: Breakfast Cart
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Covid Update: Return to In-Person Wednesdays

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.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes April 27, 2021.

2.02 Motion to approve the Meeting Executive Session Minutes April 27, 2021.

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.06
Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **April 29, 2021 through May 5, 2021** for a total amount of **\$26,427.97**.
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule May 4, 2021** for a total amount of **\$2,329.00**.
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to approve the schedule for requisition of taxes from Readington Township for the 2021-2022 school year:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
2021-2022 TAX LEVY REQUEST

	GENERAL	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
July 2021	\$ 1,554,889.00	\$ 1,218,344.00	\$ 2,773,233.00
August 2021	\$ 2,773,233.00		\$ 2,773,233.00
September 2021	\$ 2,773,233.00		\$ 2,773,233.00
October 2021	\$ 2,773,233.00		\$ 2,773,233.00
November 2021	\$ 2,773,233.00		\$ 2,773,233.00
December 2021	\$ 2,773,233.00		\$ 2,773,233.00
2021	\$ 15,421,054.00	\$ 1,218,344.00	\$ 16,639,398.00
January 2022	\$ 1,997,529.00	\$ 687,177.00	\$ 2,684,706.00
February 2022	\$ 2,684,705.00		\$ 2,684,705.00
March 2022	\$ 2,684,705.00		\$ 2,684,705.00
April 2022	\$ 2,684,705.00		\$ 2,684,705.00

May 2022	\$ 2,684,705.00		\$ 2,684,705.00
June 2022	\$ 2,684,705.00		\$ 2,684,705.00
2021	\$ 15,421,054.00	\$ 687,177.00	\$ 16,108,231.00
Total	\$ 30,842,108.00	\$ 1,908,521.00	\$ 32,747,629.00

- 3.04 Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement with Tewksbury School District for Readington Township School District to provide Technology Support Services to the Tewksbury School District for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$168,895.00 for standard services and in addition a cost of \$55.00 per hour for any billable services beyond the standard services agreement.
(Attachment 3.04)
- 3.05 Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement between Readington Board of Education and Branchburg Board of Education for a 1 year renewal rental agreement for a garage bay at the rate of \$30,000.00, plus increase at the Consumer Price Index rate.
(Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement in the amount of \$101,600.00 for transportation services with Branchburg Township School District serving as host district for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
(Attachment 3.06)

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

**D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report**

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.05
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 4.01 Motion to establish an Autism Class program at Holland Brook School for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4.02 Motion to eliminate an Autism Class program at Readington Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placements in the Readington Township School District:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Andrea DeCampos	University of Phoenix 1 hour Classroom Observation & Teacher Interview	Three Bridges School - Jenna Nagel	May 2021
John Smyth	Temple University Advance Field Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	Three Bridges School Courtney D'Onofrio	May 10, 2021 - June 18, 2021

- 4.04 Motion to accept a mini-grant from the Readington Township Home and School Association in the amount of \$240.00 to be used for a Kahoot EDU subscription/license for Holland Brook School Grade 5 Math/Science/LA.

4.05 Motion to apply for and accept a grant from the Readington Township Home and School Association in the amount of \$635.00 to be used for a conductor's podium at Readington Middle School.

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**E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report**

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.17
Motion _____ 2nd _____

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **tenured administrators** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Administrators Association, to be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations and ratification of a successor Agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Administrators Association.
(Attachment 5.01)

5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **non-tenured administrators** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Administrators Association, to be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations and ratification of a successor Agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Administrators Association.
(Attachment 5.02)

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **tenured certificated staff** members for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance to the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.03)

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **non-tenured certificated staff** members for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **paraprofessionals** with final appointments pending assignments as required through student Individual Education Plans for the 2021-2022 school year and in accordance to the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.05)

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **secretaries** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.06)

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **clerical aides** for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **cafeteria aides**, hours pending finalization of lunch schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.
(Attachment 5.08)

5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **custodians** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.

(Attachment 5.09)

- 5.10 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **other support staff** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.10)
- 5.11 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **maintenance mechanics** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
(Attachment 5.11)
- 5.12 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **technology staff** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
(Attachment 5.12)
- 5.13 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **unaligned administrators** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
(Attachment 5.13)
- 5.14 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **confidential secretaries** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
(Attachment 5.14)
- 5.15 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and appoint **bus drivers**, rates and hours pending finalization of routes, for 2021-2022 school year.
(Attachment 5.15)
- 5.16 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and ratify the following **Substitute Teachers/Aides/Nurses/Secretaries/Bus Drivers** paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township School District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Laura Talty	Substitute Secretary/Clerical Aide
Linda Saran	Substitute Nurse

- 5.17 Motion to adopt the following resolution Staff Appreciation Week:
WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated the week of May 3 through May 7, 2021; and
WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education recognizes the extraordinary efforts of not only its teachers but also its counselors, nurses, Child Study Team members, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance staff, technology staff, and secretaries; and
WHEREAS, all staff, are responsible for the translation of district mission and vision, which they have helped formulate, into programs and activities in and outside the classroom; and
WHEREAS, the dedication, intelligence, creativity, sensitivity, and high standards of our teachers and staff are a source of inspiration to the hundreds of students whose lives they touch; and
WHEREAS, the excellence in our classrooms is matched by the excellence of the services provided by our staff, which are crucial to the success of the Readington Township Public Schools,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the administration, parents, and residents of Readington Township we express our gratitude to all of our professional staff for exemplary service to the district, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tuesday May 4, 2021 be designated as National Teacher Day for the Readington Township Public School District and that we take this opportunity to extend an official thank you, to all District staff whose devotion enriches the lives of the members of the Readington Township Public Schools.

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**F. COMMUNICATION
Committee Report**

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

- Policy 1643 - Family Leave
- Policy 2415 - Every Student Succeeds Act
- Policy 2415.02 - Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities
- Policy 2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations
- Policy 2415.20 - Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints
- Policy 4125 - Employment of Support Staff Members
- Policy 6360 - Political Contributions
- Policy 8330 - Student Records
- Policy 9713 - Recruitment by Special Interest Groups

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

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 RTAA negotiations 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.

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XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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Mr. Wallace _____ Mr. Zwerling _____ Mrs. Hample _____ Mrs. Simon _____