

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual/In-Person Available at Holland Brook School
Board of Education Meeting Room
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
January 18, 2022

MINUTES

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mrs. Hample called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21) and was 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 was taken.

Present: Mrs. Bettermann, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Peach, Mrs. Wolf, Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. Hample

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent, Mr. Jason M. Bohm, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Mrs. Podgorski, Mr. Wallace

Mrs. Podgorski arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Wallace arrived at 6:25 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:03 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

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 1.5 hours 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
Garcia, Kristina	6:05 p.m.
Lagola, Phillip	6:15 p.m.
Mencer, Michele	6:25p.m.
Nader, David	6:35 p.m.
Ryan, Justina	6:45 p.m.
Santangelo, Lisa	6:55 p.m.
Zwerling, Eric	7:05 p.m.

IV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Peach

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

V. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER

Motion to open nominations for a vacant board member position.

Motion: Mr. Peach

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

Nomination: Mr. Nader

By: Mr. Peach

Roll Call Vote: 2 Yes, 6 No

Nomination: Mr. Zwerling

By: Mrs. Fiore

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No

Mr. Zwerling is elected to the Board of Education by majority vote in conformity with Bylaw 0143. Mr. Zwerling shall be sworn in on February 8, 2022.

Mrs. Hample thanked everyone for interviewing and encouraged them to run in November, for which the process starts in July. Please reach out to Mr. Bohm for information.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Nigro, Principal, Mrs. Digregorio, Dr. McGibbon, Mrs. Noonan, Teachers, presented inquisitive learning environments being held in Holland Brook School. One example provided was MakerSpace, a collaborative work space for students to explore, share and create focusing on the process, not an end product. Curriculum was developed with key objectives for student education and growth, and has evolved into a co-teaching model with classroom teachers
- Dr. Hart recognized Ms. Roarty, LDT-C, Ms. Goodfellow, RMS School Counselor, Dr. Bonsall, Superintendent, Ms. Calvelli, Director of Counseling Services, of Hunterdon County Vocational School District, along with the teachers and students for their combined efforts to support a family in need over the holidays. Collective efforts made a tremendous difference.
- Dr. Hart also recognized Ms. Salaj for all her hard work in spearheading the 2021 Family Gift Assistance Program again this past holiday season and the following bus drivers were instrumental in transporting all the gifts to the families in need: Ms. Betsko, Ms. Braeunig, Ms. DeStefano, Ms. Hill, Ms. Hoff, Ms. McAndrews, Ms. Rad, and Mr. Whitesell, and with coordination through Ms. Cole and Ms. DeRiso.
- Dr. Hart provided an update on the COVID pandemic and impact on the school district. Dr. Hart reviewed the change in quarantine and isolation requirements provided by the NJDOH. Dr. Hart shared some statistics and impact on sports, clubs and field trips.

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

- Many parents commented on mandates and rules in the schools relating to COVID-19 and how it is impacting the students' education, sports and extra-curricular activities. Some parents requested the district to stop adhering to the NJDOH recommendations for contact tracing, quarantining, and masks, providing examples of the districts not abiding to them.
- One community member shared thoughts of how great the Holland Brook School Discover Lab is.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email L.T - Quarantine
- Email J.C. - Quarantine
- Email A.C. - Quarantine
- Email A.G. - Quarantine
- Email A.S. - Moving within Readington
- Email C.P. - NJDOE School Guidelines

IX. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

- 1.01 Motion to approve Enrollment and Drill Reports December 2021.

(Attachment 1.01)

- 1.02 Motion to approve the updated Safe Return Plan.
(Attachment 1.02)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01
Motion: Mrs. Fiore **2nd: Dr. Cerciello** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes January 4, 2022.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report – Dr. Cerciello provided minutes from the meeting held on January 6, 2022.

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.08
Motion: Mrs. Fiore **2nd: Mr. Peach** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **December 16, 2021 through January 19, 2022** for a total amount of **\$2,040,010.51**.
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule January 2022** for a total amount of **\$3,908.60**.
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **November 2021** for a total amount of **\$2,544,937.99**.
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021**.
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021**.
(Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: November 30, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of November 30, 2021 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:22-8.1.

Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of November 30, 2021 and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and further, that we approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports subject to audit for the period ending November 30, 2021.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 Motion to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education is in receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report FY 2020-21 (ACFR) and the Auditor's Management Report as prepared and submitted by Bedard, Kurowicki & Co., CPA and

4.04 Motion to adopt the following curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year:

CURRICULUM
Grade 2 Math Curriculum
Grade 3 Math Curriculum
Grade 3 Honors Math
Grade 4 Math Curriculum
Grade 4 Honors Math Curriculum
Grade 5 Math Curriculum
Grade 5 Honors Math Curriculum
Grade 6 Math Curriculum
Algebra 2 Curriculum

(Attachment 4.04)

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

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Readington Middle School	Valentine Flower Sale	Nature and Garden Club

4.06 Motion to replace the WHS Grade 1 field trip to the Bouman-Stickney Museum with the following, pending the district reinstatement of “in person” field trips.

TRIP	LOCATION	# OF BUSES	ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COSTS	APPROXIMATE ADMISSION COSTS	COST PER STUDENT
The Crayola Factory	Easton, PA	3	\$525.00	\$11.60	\$18.00

4.07 Motion to approve the Special Education Extended School Year Autism, LLD, Behavioral Disabilities, Extended Day Preschool and Life Skills classes to occur Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm from July 11, 2022 through August 11, 2022.

4.08 Motion to approve the Special Education Extended School Year Literacy Program to occur Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 11:00 am from July 11, 2022 through August 4, 2022.

4.09 Motion to approve 2 sessions of the Special Education Extended School Year Preschool Disabled Program to occur Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 11:00 am - 1:00 am from July 11, 2022 through August 4, 2022.

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report – Mrs. Podgorski provided minutes from the meeting held on January 11, 2022.

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.09

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

5.01 Motion to approve the following staff member to teach 1. Home Instruction, 2. Virtual Tutoring for Quarantined Students, 3. Virtual Homework Help and 4. In-Person Accelerate Learning according to their contractual rate, to be paid using the ESSER II and III/ARP grants, not to exceed dollar limits of said grants:

NAME	SCHOOL
Maria Gillikin	Three Bridges School

- 5.02 Motion to approve the following chaperone for the 2021-2022 school year at the contracted rate, not to exceed 20 hours:

NAME	STUDENT	CLUB
Daniel Kimple	S-072	Gaming Club

- 5.03 Motion to accept and ratify the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Thomas Duda	Maintenance Mechanic (BOE) 70-05-D5/aoo	\$57,000 Unaligned (prorated)	01/03/2022 - 06/30/2022
Elizabeth Duque	Bus Driver (Transportation) New Position	\$30.25/hr 4.75 hrs/day 165 days Bus Driver Step 10 (prorated)	On or about 01/18/2022 - 06/30/2022

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Theresa Brown-Biondo	Cafeteria Aide (WHS)	\$15.00/hr 2.5 hrs./day Step 1 (prorated)	01/19/2022 - 06/30/2022

- 5.05 Motion to extend Andreia Perez, Leave Replacement Teacher/Grade 2, appointment from an effective date of September 20, 2021 to on or about November 16, 2021 to September 1, 2021 to on or about April 1, 2022.

- 5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following **Substitute Teachers/Aide/Nurses/Bus Driver** paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Alexa Zubulake	Substitute Teacher
Nicole Monaco	Substitute Teacher

- 5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipends for the following staff members participating in the Readington Township School District Parent Academy on January 25, 2022:

FACILITATOR	SESSION	STIPEND
Stephanie Singer	Digital Citizenship	\$90.00
Tiffany Barca	Digital Citizenship	\$90.00

- 5.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve employee #6379 for an 'other leave' in accordance to the RTEA contract Article XII, section F for the period of September 6, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**Carol Hample
President, Board of Education**