

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Holland Brook School – Board of Education Meeting Room
Special Meeting 7:00 P.M.
March 25, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Filler at 7:00 P.M. and was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and was open to the media and public. Notices were duly posted, and the meeting was advertised in the Courier News. Formal action was taken.

Present: Christopher Allen, Wayne Doran (7:05), Ray Egbert, William Goodwin (7:01), Vincent Panico, Anna Shinn, Eric Zwerling, Laura Simon, Cheryl Filler

Also Present: James Finn, Brown & Brown Benefits Advisor

Adjournment to Executive Session: 7:01 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Panico Second: Mrs. Simon Roll Call Vote: 7 yes

Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss litigation for approximately 5 minutes with no formal action to be taken upon the board's return to Executive Session. 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.

Return from Executive Session 7:12 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Ms. Doslik, Ms. Dearstyne, Mrs. Potenta, and Ms. Skene addressed questions regarding Amerihealth to Mr. Finn and the board.

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Motion to adopt 3.04 - 3.06

Motion: Mr. Panico Second: Mrs. Simon Roll Call Vote: 8 yes, 1 no

3.04 Motion to adopt the following resolution for Group Medical Insurance Carrier.

WHEREAS The Readington Board of Education understands per the recommendation of its group insurance broker-of-record, Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., in its report of 2/11/2015 the Board of Education hereby resolves, effective 6/1/15, to make the following changes to its group Insurance programs.

WHEREAS we shall terminate participation in the New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP).

WHEREAS we shall select AmeriHealth Insurance Company of NJ, Inc. as our group medical insurance carrier, at the rates, benefits, terms, and conditions represented in the Brown & Brown proposal dated 2/11/15.

WHEREAS we shall become a participant group in the Public Employer Trust, underwritten by AmeriHealth and managed by Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. for the period 6/1/15 through 6/30/16.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all appropriate Board of Education staff members understands and are authorized to take such action and affect such documentation as necessary to implement these changes.

3.05 Motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS The Readington Board of Education- Hunterdon County hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all of its active and retired employees.

WHEREAS we shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the program.

WHEREAS we understand that the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.

WHEREAS we understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Readington Board of Education understands that the resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

3.06 Motion to approve the selection of AmeriHealth Insurance Co. as the district's group medical insurance carrier, **inclusive of secured performance guarantee**, at the rates, benefits, terms, and conditions represented in the Brown & Brown proposal date 2/11/15 with an effective date of 6/1/15.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Panico

Second:

Mrs. Simon

Vote: Carried – 9 yes

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffi-Jo De Casas
Business Administrator/Board Secretary