

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Holland Brook School Board of Education Meeting Room
Reorganization/Work Session Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 3, 2017

MINUTES

Call to Order by Board Secretary- – Open Public Meetings Act – Roll Call

Thomas Venanzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 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. Formal action was taken.

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REORGANIZATION

Election Results – November 8, 2016/Oath of Office

| Readington Twp.-BOE Membership 3 Yr. Term | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| | Vote Count | Percent |
| Cheryl Filler | 4357 | 47.55 |
| Laura Simon | 4473 | 48.82 |
| Write-in: Thomas Wallace | 114 | 1.24 |
| Write in: various others | 220 | 2.40 |
| Total | 9163 | 100 |

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to Cheryl Filler, Laura Simon, and Thomas Wallace.

Present: Christopher Allen, Wayne Doran, Ray Egbert, Anna Shinn, Melissa Szanto, Thomas Wallace, Eric Zwerling, Laura Simon, Cheryl Filler

Also Present: Barbara Sargent, Superintendent, Thomas Venanzi, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

Absent: None

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Venanzi called for nominations for President and Mrs. Simon was unanimously elected President following nomination by Mrs. Shinn. Mrs. Simon then assumed the chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Simon called for nominations for Vice President and Mrs. Shinn was elected with eight members voting in favor and Mr. Doran abstaining following nomination by Mrs. Filler.

REORGANIZATION

Adoption of R-1; R-3 – R-5

Motion: Mrs. Shinn

Second: Mrs. Filler

**Vote: R-1: 8 Yes; 1 No (Mr. Doran)
R-3 - R-5: Carried -9 Yes**

R-1 Motion to approve the calendar of the Board of 2017 as indicated on attachment.
(Attachment R-1)

These appointments will be made by Mrs. Simon and announced at the next board meeting on January 17, 2016. Board members were asked to submit their requests for assignments to Mrs. Simon.

R-2 Board President Appointments: ·

- NJ School Boards Association Delegate
- NJ School Boards Association Alternate Delegate
- Hunterdon County ESC Representative
- Garden State Coalition of Schools Trustee
- Home School Association
- Board of Education Sick Bank Trustees – Personnel Committee Members (when Assigned)
- Committee Chairs and Committee Assignments:
 - Communications Committee
 - Finance/Facilities Committee

Education/Technology Committee
Personnel Committee
Negotiations Committee
Green Committee
District Technology Committee

- R-3 Motion to adopt current Board policies.
- R-4 Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics.
- R-5 Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Democrat as the primary official weekly newspaper for legal notices and the Courier News and the Star Ledger as alternate daily newspapers for 2016-17 legal notices.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Code of Ethics Presentation by Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Board Attorney

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

- Mrs. Potenta addressed the board about employee health insurance related to coverage issues for dependents out of state.

CORRESPONDENCE

D.P. Letter
RMS Customs and Traditions Event
Kingwood Township
R.H. Letter

MINUTES

Adoption of 2.01

Motion: Mrs. Filler

Second: Mrs. Shinn

Vote: Carried -9 Yes

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016.

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Adoption of 3.01 – 3.02

Motion: Mr. Egbert

Second: Mrs. Filler

Vote: Carried -9 Yes

- 3.01 Motion to approve **District Travel Schedule January 3, 2017** for a total amount of **\$341.54**. (Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS: November 30, 2016 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of November 30, 2016 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.

Thomas Venanzi, Interim Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of November 30, 2016 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, 2016. (Attachment 3.02 & 3.02a)

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:56 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Doran

Second: Mrs. Shinn

Roll Call Vote: Carried –9 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 discuss RTEA negotiations for approximately 30 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session with possible action to be taken. The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, if is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION 8:53 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn at: 8:53 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Filler

Second: Mrs. Shinn

Roll Call: 9 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

**Thomas Venanzi
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary**