

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Readington Middle School Library
Special Meeting 5:30 p.m.
July 11, 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 5:35 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. Podgorski, Mrs. Wolf, Mr. Zwerling, Dr. Cerciello, Mrs. Hample

Absent: Mr. Wallace

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart provided an update on multiple topics including:
 - 8th Grade Graduation: Wonderful ceremony with fantastic weather, and the Readington Middle School band played tremendous music.
 - Construction Projects:
 - HBS School Roof - Work progressing nicely and on schedule
 - Curriculum Office - Demolition complete, stud walls installed with electric
 - TBS Cupola - Construction underway by manufacturer, will be shipped and installed in August
 - Outdoor Classrooms - TBS mostly complete, RMS and HBS scheduled to start soon
 - TBS Walkway - Preschool/kindergarten wing walkway to playground is complete
 - Other minor projects including IT, copiers, various maintenance are underway
 - Bioswale project - Vendor likely secured shortly
 - Safety & Security- Presentation provided at the June 8th meeting and more discussion to be held at the July 19th board meeting
 - Extended School Year - Started today and services such as OT, PT, speech and so forth are underway
- Dr. Hart introduced Judith Wilson, professional development consultant, who is to provide board training following public comment

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

- None

V. RETREAT WITH JUDITH WILSON

- Judith Wilson, professional development consultant and former Superintendent, led a board retreat focused on goals and mission statement, collective efficacy, role and best practices of the board, team building and conflict resolution, among other traits of strong governance.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mrs. Hample reminded the public of the upcoming July 25th deadline to get on the ballot to the County Office.

VII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- None

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- A parent asked questions and provided comments on the new state curriculum forth coming to be implemented by

the school, providing suggestions for the administration and board to consider as well as Policy 5756 Transgender students. The parent asked how information on this topic will be shared with parents before potential vote and adoption by the Board. Another parent had concerns about lesson plans and parental rights. Dr. Hart and Mrs. Hample provided feedback to the public indicating that the public sessions shall be held in the fall regarding the curriculum mentioned for input and dialogue with the community, and how the best implement stare mandates in our school district.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Dr. Cerciello

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Carol Hample
President, Board of Education**