

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
August 20, 2024

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

Dr. Cerciello call the meeting to order at 5:00 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. DePinto, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Lopes, Mrs. Mencer, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Ryan, Dr. Cerciello

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

Absent: Mr. Peach, Mrs. Wolf

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, and Mr. Bohm, Business Administrator, presented an overview of capital projects undertaken around the district over the summer of 2024, including those that shall remain unfinished into the fall and plan to not disrupt student learning.
- Dr. Hart shared a communications plan working in a collaborative partnership with Haddon Township School District. The purpose is to evaluate, enhance, and refine communication methods and practices. Results of surveys from stakeholders and focus groups were provided, along with goals to improve district communication moving forward and current strengths to keep in place. Goals include the following: 1). Increase awareness of school district activities and initiatives with all stakeholder groups, 2). Utilize communication methods to ensure clear, consistent, and accessible communication across all channels, and 3). Continue to build and maintain positive, inclusive, and supportive school culture. Partnering with the Township and other local groups was recommended if available.
- Mr. Tumolo, Supervisor, highlighted the HIB Self Assessment report, a mechanism mandated by the State of New Jersey to analyze 8 core elements on how the district is performing with HIB investigations and programming in that area. Scores are self-assessed and reported to the State of New Jersey. Best practices are developed to ensure continued success and a strong environment for staff and student well-being.

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

- None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email F.R. - TBS Placement

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01
Motion : Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Mrs. Podgorski

Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes

Bruce Corwin	Substitute Teacher
Adrien Carrea	Substitute Bus Driver

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lauren Suriano	Teacher/Preschool (WHS) 20-0-d2/bcf	\$59,860.00 BA Step 4	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Kristy Lowrie	Clerical Aide (TBS) 40-03-D4/arb	\$20.17/hr. Step 15	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Taylor Vidak	Teacher/Special Education (WHS) 20-04-D2/ajc	\$68,495.00 BA Step 11	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Jeanne Dombrowski	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/awg	\$27.68/hr. Aide C Step 23	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Natacha Gandarez	Aide/Kindergarten (TBS) 30-03-D3/awr	\$20.11/hr. Aide NC Step 4	09/1/2024 - 06/30/2025
Marla Petty	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-P6/bbq Cafeteria Aide (TBD) 40-01-D3/bad	\$26.75/hr. Step 1-6 (1) \$17.00/hr. Step 3	09/1/2024 - 06/30/2025
Abigail Whalen	Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/aib	\$64,460.00 MA Step 1	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Phoebe Stedman	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ahs 20-01-D2/ais	\$61,460.00 BA+15 Step 4	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Krista Pachuta	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alu	\$22.33/hr. Aide C Step 5-6 (6)	09/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Krista Pachuta	LTS Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/auk	\$65,460.00 MA Step 4 (prorated)	09/01/2024 - 12/16/2024

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jennifer Heppner	Aide/Kindergarten (WHS) 30-04-D3/axz	July 24, 2024
Vanessa Caliciotti	Clerical Aide (TBS) 30-03-D4/arb	July 19, 2024
Bonnie Farber	Aide/Preschool (WHS) 30-04-D3/bcj	August 16, 2024
Elizabeth Duque	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D6/bac	July 31, 2024

5.05 Motion to approve the following teachers to provide translations as needed for the 2024-2025 school year at their contractual rate not to exceed \$2,000.00:

STAFF MEMBER
Emily Bengels
Yolanda Campuzano
Kelly Parks
Maria De Los Santos
Yolanda Lima
Colleen Caballero
Jose Fernandez
Lillien Drew
Dawn LoCalio
Lori Gabrielson
Walter Burkat

5.06 Motion to ratify and approve Stephanie Armstrong, School Nurse, to work during the Summer Spark Enrichment Program at her summer rate, not to exceed 10 hours.

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers participating in the 2024 Summer Teacher Academy sessions.
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following staff for curriculum writing/development of a paraprofessional handbook effective July 1 - August 31, 2024, at the contractual rate:

NAME	HOURS
Theresa Bruno	4
Elizabeth Eckel	4
Meredith Kane	4
Pauline Marsh	4

5.09 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipends for all staff facilitating on the Readington Township September 3-4, 2024 In-Service Days, not to exceed \$2,500.00.

5.10 Motion to approve Paraprofessional hours for the 2024-2025 school year.
(Attachment 5.10)

5.11 Motion to approve Bus Driver and Cafeteria Aide hours for the 2024-2025 school year.
(Attachment 5.11)

5.12 Motion to approve all staff as substitutes for stipends listed in the Readington Township Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year at their contractual rate.

5.13 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of Instructional Aide Recruitment Stipends for the 2024-2025 school year.
(Attachment 5.13)

5.14 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of Transportation Services Stipends for the 2024-2025 school year.
(Attachment 5.14)

5.15 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the attached list of thank you and recognition stipends.
(Attachment 5.15)

5.16 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following job description:
(Attachment 5.16)

- Nurse

5.17 Motion to approve the following bus aides at the contractual rate, not to exceed 10 hours per week:

NAME	STUDENT	EFFECTIVE DATES
Maryann Schultz	S-185	09/05/2024 - 06/30/2025
Susan Zimmerman	S-049	09/05/2024 - 09/30/2024
Natacha Gandarez	S-159	09/05/2024 - 12/20/2024

5.18 Motion to approve the following mentors for the 2024-2025 school year:

NEW STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Michele Adamitis	RMS	LTS SE Teacher	Jennifer Heller
Kirsten Baron	RMS	LTS PE Teacher	James Casertano
Shikha Shah	RMS	Science Teacher	Kevin Sanders
Phoebe Stedman	RMS	LTS SE Teacher	Kimberly Koski
Darian Hampton	HBS	Music Teacher	Samantha Lestrangle
Abigail Whalen	HBS	LTS SE Teacher	Brian O'Neil

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Dr. Camille Cerciello
President, Board of Education**