

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
August 19, 2025

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

Mr. Rizza called 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. Cassidy, Mrs. Fiore, Mr. Lopes, Mrs. Mencer, Mr. Pieros, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Rizza

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

Absent: Mrs. Rad

II. FLAG SALUTE

Linda Rad arrived at 5:18 p.m.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Tumolo, Supervisor, presented the HIB Self Assessment process and results. Scores and data were shared, along with areas of improvement. Following the public presentation tonight, scores shall be entered into the State of New Jersey website, and once grades are provided by the State of New Jersey, the district shall list on the district's website to conform to statutory requirements.
- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, shared information on the upcoming referendum being held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Critical communication dates, resources and timelines were discussed.
- Mr. Bohm, Business Administrator, and Dr. Hart presented capital projects accomplished over this past summer 2025 using primarily surplus funds and prudent fiscal planning by the Board of Education. Many of the projects were identified by the board committees to be a focus that did not make the official referendum. The board thanked the Facilities and IT Department for their hard work and dedication to the staff and students.
- Dr. Hart and Mr. Bohm presented a timeline on the NJDEP Bus Grant as well as other efforts on cleaner transportation methods. Information from the pilot program of the federal EV bus were shared, along with data and financial information. The board discussed points relating to EV buses and grants and there was in-depth questions and answers with administration. Options such as requesting an extension to the existing grant, reapplying for the 2025-2026 school year before the September 26, 2025 deadline, taking no further action on the existing grant or new grant cycle, and more were highlighted. A desire to hold a formal vote on this agenda was brought up, leading to the following resolution outside the advertised board agenda:

Motion: Mrs. Fiore

2nd: Mrs. Cassidy

Roll Call Vote: Not Carried 7 No

Motion to apply for and accept NJDEP EV Bus Grant in the amount of \$640,000.00 and to authorize the Business Administrator to apply for an extension the 2025-2026 school year.

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

- Community members commented on the NJDEP EV Bus Grant and district's commitment to sustainability processes. One recurring point showed was the preference to discuss in more depth before the vote by the board tonight.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email C. C. - Ryerson Road
- Email C. H - Follow Up
- Email K. W. - Ryerson Road

- 4.04 Motion to apply for and accept a \$1,000.00 grant from The College of New Jersey for an inquiry project focusing on new teacher mentoring programs.
- 4.05 Motion to approve a paraprofessional from The Uncommon Thread at a rate of \$55 per hour for 6.5 hours per day, not to exceed \$69,300.00 annually, for student S-185 on a month to month basis.

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report: None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.30
Motion: Mrs. Cassidy **2nd:** Mrs. Mencer **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 9 Yes

5.01 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mirsenit Allan	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/akw	\$22.08/hr. Aide NC Step 10	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Laura Terranova	Teacher/Grade 3 (WHS) 20-04-D2/afh	\$81,350.00 MA Step 15-16 (15)	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Austin Piscitelli	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ais	\$60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1)	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Alison Manley	LTS Teacher/Special Education (TBS) 20-03-D2/bdv	Sub rate for the first 20 days, 62,430.00 BA Step 6-7 (6) per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/01/2025 - 11/21/2025
Eric Goodhart	Cafeteria Aide (BOE) 40-03-D3/bdt	\$21.00/hr. Step 11	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Christine Weglewski	LTS/Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/aly	Sub rate for the first 20 days, 62,530.00 BA+15 Step 3-4 (3) per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/01/2025 - 11/21/2025
Kathleen Kennedy	LTS Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/aez	\$68,030.00 MA Step 6-7 (7)	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Laura Harmyk	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D5/aoh Cafe Aide (BOE) 40-03-D3/bdf	\$30.75/hr. Step 10 \$18.50/hr. Step 6	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

Dianna Pflugh	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06-D3/bdd	\$25.00/hr.	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Abigail Bernecker	Teacher/Grade 2 (WHS) 20-04-D2/ayj	\$66,030.00 MA Step 1	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Olivia Baxeveane	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alu	\$22.08/hr. Aide NC Step 10	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Kimberly Saini	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/bag	\$20.86/hr. Aide NC Step 5	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Caroline McKenna	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/azd	\$22.86/hr. Aide C Step 5	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2025

5.03 Motion to amend motion 5.02 from the July 22, 2025 agenda to as follows:
Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATES
Amanda Roper	Teacher/Grade 1 (TBS) New Position	\$83,750.00 MA+30 Step 15-16 (15)	On or after 09/22/2025 - 06/30/2026

5.04 Motion to rescind the following appointment for the 2025-2026 school year:

NAME	POSITION
Carrie Scherder	Speech (WHS/RMS) 20-01/d2/akg

5.05 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lisa Hills	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alo	06/30/2025
Lindsey Hutson	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/bag	06/30/2025
Virginia Petzinger	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D6/aoh	06/30/2025
Phoebe Stedman	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/aln	06/30/2025

Katarzyna Pinto	Aide/Special Education (WHS) 30-04-D3/bdk	06/30/2025
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5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following Substitute Teacher/Aide/Nurse/Bus Driver for the 2025-2026 school year, paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Heather Cuccaro	Substitute Aide
Virginia Petzinger	Substitute Bus Driver
Jennifer Fellin	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Katarzyna Pinto	Substitute Aide
Abby Wynkoop	Substitute Teacher
Victor Cardona	Substitute Teacher

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control changes and designated transfers for the 2025-2026 school year:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Paula Obenauer	From: To:	30-01-D3/bbw 30-01-D3/bbw	(RMS) Aide/Special Education (WHS) Aide/Special Education	No Change
Cheri Matteo	From: To:	20-04-D2/ayj New Position	(WHS) Teacher/Grade 2 (HBS) Teacher/Grade 4	No Change
* Roman Khrunyk	From: To:	70-02-D5/ape 70-05-D5/aot	(HBS) Custodian (HBS) Head Custodian	\$44,620.00 + \$5,000.00 Stipend
Tanya Cavallo	From: To:	20-05-D2/bcr 20-08-D2/bcr	(BOE) Preschool Intervention & Referral Specialist (BOE) Preschool Instructional Coach	No Change
Marianne Schultz	From: To:	30-03-D3/alu New Position	Aide/Special Education Aide/Special Education	No Change

*effective 10/01/2025

5.08 Motion to amend motion 5.15 from the July 22, 2025 agenda to the following:
Motion to ratify and approve Miguelina Rodriguez as a bus aide for student, S-228 for the 2025 Extended School Year program, not to exceed 20 hours per week, at the contractual rate.

5.09 Motion to approve the following teachers to provide translations as needed for the 2025-2026 school year at their contractual rate not to exceed \$2,000.00:

NAME
Emily Bengels
Walter Burkat

Colleen Caballero
Yolanda Campuzano
Maria De Los Santos
Lillien Drew
Lori Gabrielson
Anthony Gonzalez
Yolanda Lima
Dawn LoCalio
Kelly Parks

- 5.10 Motion to approve Paraprofessional hours for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment 5.10)
- 5.11 Motion to approve Bus Driver and Cafeteria Aide hours for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment 5.11)
- 5.12 Motion to approve the attached list of Preschool Bus Aides for the 2025-2026 school year at the contractual rate. (Attachment 5.12)
- 5.13 Motion to approve MaryAnn Schultz as a bus aide for student, S-185, from September through June, not to exceed 12hours per week, at her contractual rate.
- 5.14 Motion to approve Jennifer Hardison as a bus aide for student, S-159, from September through June, not to exceed 15 hours per week, at her contractual rate.
- 5.15 Motion to ratify and approve Marjorie Milloria as nurse on bus for student, S-035 for the 2025 Extended School Year program, not to exceed 18 hours per week at her contractual rate.
- 5.16 Motion to approve all staff as substitute Bus Aides for the 2025-2026 school year at the contractual rate.
- 5.17 Motion to approve all staff as substitutes for stipends listed in the Readington Township Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year at their contractual rate.
- 5.18 Motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the attached list of thank you and recognition stipends. (Attachment 5.18)
- 5.19 Motion to approve the Officials Rate for the 2025-2026 school year for Readington Middle School Athletics. (Attachment 5.19)
- 5.20 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers participating in the 2025 Summer Teacher Academy Sessions, and specifically mentor training. (Attachment 5.20)
- 5.21 Motion to ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the following teachers' facilitation in the 2025 self-sustaining Summer Spark Program:

STAFF MEMBER	ADDITIONAL HOURS WORKED
Colleen Caballero	6

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Dr. Hart spoke about the recent board retreat and the need to set new board goals for the 2025-2026 school year. NJSBA representative has been invited to help moderate the discussion on September 9th Board meeting. It was mentioned for board committees to review the board retreat and board goals.
- Board Members spoke about policy reviews and only being on the 3000 series and length of time required to accomplish all, suggesting to prioritize individual policies before continuing.
- NJSBA Annual Convention was discussed and to RSVP to the board Secretary on or before September 9, 2025. NJSBA has not posted the list of workshops yet on the website so hopefully soon.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Mrs. Fiore provided minutes of the Green Committee meeting held on July 29, 2025 for strategic sustainability goals for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Mrs. Fiore shared on September 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Hunterdon County SBA shall be held at Mountain View Chalet with Dr. Hart and Mr. Belske presenting on artificial intelligence.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- None

X. ADJOURNMENT 7:33 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Cassidy

2nd: Mr. Lopes

Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes

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

**Mr. David Rizza
President, Board of Education**