

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Whitehouse School  
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
September 30, 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 6:00 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. Pieros, Mrs. Rad, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Rizza

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

**Absent:** Mr. Lopes, Mrs. Mencer, Mrs. Ryan

Mrs. Ryan arrived at 6:05 p.m.

### **II. FLAG SALUTE**

### **III. BOARD REFERENDUM TOURS**

- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, provided an overview of the referendum highlighting critical projects included and net zero tax levy impact. Dr. Hart introduced Dr. DeRosa, WHS Principal, who led the community on a tour of the building to show the public areas that shall be impacted if the referendum passes the November public ballot. Dr. Hart then introduced Mr. and Mrs. Settembrino, Architects of Record, who shared a list of each project and key details in the bond referendum. Questions and answers were provided.

### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Tumolo, Supervisor, shared the ACCESS for ELLs Report. The board engaged in feedback on the presentation, student information and staff efforts.

### **V. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)**

- None

### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email C. W. - Information on Board Candidates

### **VII. BOARD ACTION**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Motion to adopt 1.01  
**Motion: Mrs. DePinto**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Ryan**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes**
- 1.01 Motion to approve District Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.  
(Attachment 1.01)

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Motion to adopt 2.01  
**Motion: Mrs. Rad**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Cassidy**                      **Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes**
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025.

## C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

**Committee Report:** None

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.07  
**Motion:** Mrs. Ryan                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mrs. DePinto                      **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 7 Yes
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **September 11, 2025 through October 1, 2025** for a total amount of **\$1,678,182.90**.  
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **Travel Expenditures September 30, 2025** In the amount of **\$5,758.21**.  
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **August 2025** for a total amount of **\$479,159.41**.  
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025**.  
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025**.  
(Attachment 3.05)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS August 31, 2025 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of August 31, 2025 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.

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Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and 4, we certify that as of August 31, 2025 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. 6A:23A-16.10(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 August 31, 2025.  
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 Motion to accept a donation of two pergolas from Lowe's to be used at Three Bridges School.

## D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

**Committee Report:** Mrs. Fiore provided minutes of the meeting held September 22, 2025.

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.05  
**Motion:** Mrs. Rad                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mrs. Ryan                      **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 7 yes
- 4.01 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Holland Brook School	Pie-A-Music Teacher	HBS Student Activity Fund
Readington Middle School	Painted Stools	Art Club
Three Bridges School	Take Home Dinner	TBS Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	School Store	TBS Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	Tiger Bow-tique	TBS Student Activity Fund
Three Bridges School	Tiger Treats	TBS Student Activity Fund

- 4.02 Motion to approve the attached updated list of HSA fundraisers.  
(Attachment 4.02)
- 4.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and adopt the following revised curricula:  
(Attachment 4.03-4.03f)
- Computer Science Grade K-3
  - Math Honors 5/Advanced 6
  - Math Grade 6
  - Math Honors 6/Advanced 7
  - Math Grade 7
  - Math Grade 8
  - Algebra 1
- 4.04 Motion to approve "Toothfairy Dental Health Program" to visit each of our Preschool and Kindergarten locations to present a dental health educational program, at no cost to the district.
- 4.05 Motion to adopt the attached updated list of TBS field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.  
(Attachment 4.05)

## E. PERSONNEL

**Committee Report:** Mrs. Ryan provided minutes of the meeting held on September 19, 2025.

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.10

**Motion: Mrs. DePinto**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Cassidy**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes**

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cesar Garcia	Custodian (HBS) 70-05-D5/aot	\$46,700.00 Step 7 (prorated)	09/25/2025 - 06/30/2026
Erica Ward	LTS Teacher/Preschool (WHS) 20-04-D2/bch	Sub rate for the first 20 days, \$60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/24/2025 - 02/27/2026

- 5.02 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
Dianna Pflugh	Substitute Aide
Erica Ward	Substitute Teacher
Sarah Lamendola	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Lillian Sherry	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Amparo Villa	Substitute Teacher
Virginia Petzinger	Substitute Bus Driver
Beverly Betsko	Substitute Bus Driver

Ray Cree	Substitute Bus Driver
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(Attachment 5.02)

5.03 Motion to approve the following mentor for the 2025-2026 school year:

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	TCNJ CERTIFICATION	MENTOR
Zoe Zimmerman	RMS	Principal	Timothy Charleston

5.04 Motion to amend Bus Driver hours per attachment effective 10/01/2025.  
(Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve stipends for all staff facilitating on the Readington Township October 13-14, 2025 In-Service Days, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Anthony Gonzalez II	Teacher/Spanish (RMS) 20-01-D2/afh	09/23/2025
John Langer	Bus Driver (Transp) 80-06-D6/bap	10/09/2025

5.07 Motion to ratify and approve Jennifer Hardison to ride the bus as a shared aide for students S-208 and S-185, from September through June, not to exceed 15 hours per week at her contractual rate.

5.08 Motion to approve Gabrielle Pirrone, as Chaperone, to attend chorus with student S-136 from October through June, at the contractual rate, not to exceed 2 hours per week.

5.09 Motion to approve Gabrielle Pirrone, as Chaperone, to attend chorus concerts with student S-136 in December and May, at the contractual rate, not to exceed 2 hours per concert.

5.10 Motion to ratify and approve Kathy Hunter, Donna Giummo and Nicole Smith, preschool paraprofessionals to attend preschool department meetings, from September through June, not to exceed 10 hours at their contractual rate.

#### D. COMMUNICATION

**Committee Report:** Mrs. DePinto provided minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2025.

6. Motion to adopt 6.01 - 6.02

**Motion:** Mrs. Cassidy

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mrs. Ryan

**Roll Call Vote:** Carried 7 yes

6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for second reading:  
(Attachment 6.01)

- Policy 0143 – Board Member Election and Appointment
- Policy 1620 – Administrative Employment Contracts
- Policy 1636.01 – Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities
- Policy 2422 – Statutory Curricular Requirements

6.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading:  
(Attachment 6.02)

- Policy 0173 – Duties of Public School Accountant

- Policy 0174 – Legal Services
- Policy 0177 – Professional Services
- Policy 1570 – Internal Controls
- Policy 5339.01 – Student Sun Protection
- Policy 6111 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
- Policy 6220 – Budget Preparation
- Policy 2210 - Curriculum Development
- Policy 2220 - Adoption of Courses
- Policy 2230 - Curriculum Guides

#### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Board members reviewed prior year goals, this coming year's draft goals, and set action steps. Board Goals will be discussed in December and other Board meeting to make sure progress, is being made. The 2025-2026 Board Goals shall appear on the October board meeting for a public vote.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Mr. Rizza congratulated Mrs. Fiore on receiving the NJSBA Master Board Member certification and for her hard work for this achievement, which is the first in memory of this level of recognition. Mrs. Fiore thanked the board.
- Mrs. Cassidy provided highlights from the most recent Garden State Coalition for Schools meeting. A professional development plan and adaptive tests were the primary discussion points in the meeting
- Hunterdon County School Boards meeting was held this week and Mr. Belske, IT Supervisor, and Dr. Hart were there to help present on Artificial Intelligence.

#### **X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT - 7:39 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Cassidy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Ryan**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 7 Yes**

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

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