READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Readington Middle School
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.
October 14, 2025

AGENDA

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.

The Board of Education will be meeting in-person on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. If members of the public wish to attend the meeting virtually, meetings are streamed Live over Youtube via the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Nqnwk_J-_sFIxSaFkuVaA/live
The agenda and all materials for the Board meeting appear on the Board web page.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6-21) and is 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 may be taken.

Roll Call:
Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mr. Pieros_____
Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. BOARD REFERENDUM TOURS

- Referendum Presentation and HBS & RMS Projects

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Sustainable Jersey Silver Status Digital Star Recognition
- NJSLA Assessment & Data Presentation

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

In accordance with Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2020-21, public comments can be submitted before remote public meetings through electronic mail or by written letter. Please email the Board Secretary at jbohm@readington.k12.nj.us by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the board meeting. Comments shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting.
For members of the Readington Township School District Community who may be joining a Meeting for the first time or would like to provide comments tonight, we're sharing the Board Policy pertaining to public comments. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts as per the District's Policy. The Readington Board of Education operates through a committee structure. Committees discuss and vet all topics for Board action before they appear on the Board agenda for vote. The Board committees publicly report at our meeting about what they discussed prior to the Board vote, excluding any topics that are rendered confidential by law.
0167 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS
The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public comment at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:
1. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer. No participant may address or question Board members individually unless directed by the presiding officer.
2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate; Web participants will type the information in as a preface to their comments.
3. If the Board of Education is webcasting the public meeting, the "chat" feature will be on during the public comment sessions only.
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard and time permits.
5. In order to provide sufficient opportunity for the public to be heard, a time limit of three minutes for each participant may be observed. Webcast participants making comments via chat may only enter one 256 character comment, excluding the announcement of his/her name and place of residence, unless the presiding officer asks for clarification or further information. The President may, at his/her discretion, limit discussion on any topic. The portion of the meeting during which the public is invited shall be limited to sixty minutes.

6. The presiding officer may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The presiding officer may take other steps, including but not limited to adjourning the meeting or waiving any of the rules of the Residents' Forum, to respond to a lack of public decorum, or to otherwise protect privacy or the efficient completion of the Board's business.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email J. K. - Introduction

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02
   Motion_____ 2nd_____

1.01 Motion to approve Enrollment and Drill Reports September 2025.
(Attachment 1.01)

1.02 Motion to approve Board Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 1.02)

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01
   Motion _____ 2nd _____

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes September 30, 2025.

Roll Call:
Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mr. Pieros_____
Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report:

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.12
   Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **October 2, 2025 through October 15, 2025** for a total amount of **$1,847,637.88.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve **Travel Expenditures October 14, 2025** In the amount of **$1,240.35.**
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **September 2025** for a total amount of **$2,476,218.39.**
(Attachment 3.03)

3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025**.
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)

3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.**
(Attachment 3.05)

3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS September 30, 2025 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of September 30, 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.

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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 September 30, 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. 6A23A-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 September 30, 2025.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 Motion to approve the 2025-2026 M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
(Attachment 3.07)

3.08 Motion to approve the following resolution: Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as-is” condition without express or implied Warranties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Readington Township Board of Education as follows: (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2481 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Board of Education. (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com. (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9. (4) A listing of the surplus property to be sold is attached.
(Attachment 3.08)

3.09 Motion to approve the attached Tuition Agreement between Readington Township Board of Education and the Branchburg Township Board of Education for the month of October 2025.
(Attachment 3.09)

3.10 Motion to approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 3.10)

3.11 Motion to adopt the revised standard intra-district mileage rate per attached.
(Attachment 3.11)

3.12 Motion to approve Pediatric Speech-Language Services, LLC, professional services, to conduct speech and language services for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:.

SERVICES	FEE
Speech-Language Therapy	$60.00 per 30 minute session
Speech-Language Evaluation	$150.00 per hour

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report:

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.03
Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to approve the attached updated list of Holland Brook School clubs for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment 4.01)

4.02 Motion to approve the following fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Holland Brook School	Baseball Equipment Drive	Morris County Cubs
Whitehouse School	Salute to Heroes	Whitehouse Fire Company
Whitehouse School	Cheesecake & Pie Sale	WHS Student Activity Fund

4.03 Motion to adopt the following additional field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENT
HBS-RMS/Life Skills	Doyle's Farm	Flemington, NJ	- 0 -
RMS	Mirota Senior Center	Whitehouse Station, NJ	- 0 -

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report:

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.09
Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Daniel Wasserman	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-04-D3/bdj	$25.00/hr.	10/15/2025
Susan Lauck	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-06-D3/bcx	$25.00/hr.	10/16/2025
Keri Morabito	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-06-D3/bej	$25.00/hr.	10/15/2025
Beth Heiart-Hanrahan	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-04-D3/bdo	$25.00/hr.	10/15/2025
Elizabeth Eckel	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-04-D3/bek	$25.00/hr.	10/15/2025
Kimberly Saini	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp.) 40-04-D3/bel	$25.00/hr.	10/15/2025
Amparo Villa	Teacher/Spanish (RMS)	$62,530.00 BA+15 Step 3-4 (4)	10/15/2025 - 06/30/2026

	20-01-D2/afn	(prorated)	
Bobbie Friedhoff	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/azd	$20.86/hr. Aide NC Step 5	10/15/2025 - 06/30/2026

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
Kavera Dewkar	Substitute Bus Aide
Jennifer Samchez	Substitute Aide
James Sheeley	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Mazhar Khan	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Marian Gaestelo	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Alba Tumminia	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Mackenzie Fuchs	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Kaitlyn Trabilsy	Substitute Teacher

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alexa Cesaro	Speech (HBS & RMS) 20-02-D2/aur	On or before 11/22/2025

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2025 Fall Teacher Academy sessions. (Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to amend motion 5.08 from the July 22, 2025, agenda as follows:

STAFF MEMBER	SEASON	STIPEND POSITION
From: Coron Short To: Yolanda Lima	Winter	Girls B Basketball Coach

5.06 Motion to approve teachers for Home Instruction for the 2025-2026 school year, at the contractual rate:

NAME
Emily Bengels
Walter Burkat
Andrea DeCampos

Patricia Dowden
Christine Lewis
Yolanda Lima
Colleen Ogden
Chad Schubert

5.07 Motion to approve Christine Lewis to provide home instruction to student H-202122 from October 23, 2025 through November 12, 2025 for 5 hours per week at the contractual rate.

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

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Erica Ward	WHS	Preschool Teacher	Elizabeth Lewis

5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve special skills stipend of $1,000.00 for Daria Fisher who is assigned to self-contained autism or BD programs, or who provide extraordinary services as defined by the RTEA agreement set forth in an IEP for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call:
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D. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report:

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

- Policy 0173 – Duties of Public School Accountant
- Policy 0174 – Legal Services
- Policy 0177 – Professional Services
- Policy 1570 – Internal Controls
- Policy 2210 – Curriculum Development
- Policy 2220 – Adoption of Courses
- Policy 2230 – Curriculum Guides
- Policy 5339.01 – Student Sun Protection
- Policy 6111 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
- Policy 6220 – Budget Preparation

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Green Committee Meeting Minutes

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:
Motion_____ 2nd_____

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____