

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Readington Middle School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
November 11, 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, November 11, 2025 at 7:00 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/UC6Nqnnwk_J-sFlxSaFkuVaA/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. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Student Recognition
- Referendum Results

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 M. H. - Commendation of Exceptional Educators

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 October 2025.
(Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 Motion to approve the Bus Drill Evacuation Reports for Readington Township School District for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 1.02)

Roll Call:

Mrs. Cassidy _____ Mrs. Fiore _____ Mr. Lopes _____ Mrs. Mencer _____ Mr. Pieros _____
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 October 14, 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 - 3.04
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **October 16, 2025 through November 12, 2025** for a total amount of **\$2,871,810.83**.
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve **Travel Expenditures November 11, 2025** In the amount of **\$1,670.26**.
(Attachment 3.02)
- 3.03 Motion to approve the attached Shared Services Agreement for NJ Stride for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 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 3.04)

Roll Call:

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

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report:

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.07
Motion _____ 2nd _____
- 4.01 Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Nursing Service Plan.
(Attachment 4.01)
- 4.02 Motion to amend motion 4.04 from the September 9, 2025 agenda regarding a field trip for Three Bridges School, as follows:

	GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENTS
Remove Trip:	Grade 1	Turtleback Zoo	West Orange, NJ	\$15.00
Add Trip:	Grade 1	Buck's County Children's Museum	New Hope, PA	\$7.00

- 4.03 Motion to approve the following fundraiser for the 2025-2026 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Holland Brook School	HBS Annual Turkey Trot	HBS Student Activity Account – Field Day

- 4.04 Motion to approve the Preschool Program Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 4.04)
- 4.05 Motion to approve the Preschool Enrollment Projection for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 4.05)
- 4.06 Motion to approve Speech Source, LLC, professional services, to conduct speech and language services for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

SERVICE	RATE
Therapy	\$175.00/hr.
Consultation with Staff/Parents	\$150.00/hr.
Training	\$350.00/hr.
Meetings	\$150.00/hr.
Evaluations (travel, evaluation, testing, scoring and report writing)	\$400.00/hr.

- 4.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following student placements in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Bria Whatley	Western Governors University/ Student Teacher	Three Bridges School/ Jenna Nagel Readington Middle School/ Kaitlyn Rega	11/14/2025 - 02/27/2026
Jennifer Monteiro	Centenary University/ Observation	Holland Brook School/ Gianna Crotty	11/14/2025 - 12/15/2025
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/ Observation	Three Bridges School/ Caroline Robb and Lori Gabrielsen	11/14/2025 - 04/08/2026

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 ratify and accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Maxwell Mailer	Maintenance Mechanic (BOE) 70-05-D5/aoo	\$69,000.00 Unaligned (prorated)	11/10/2025 - 06/30/2026

- 5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control change and designated transfer from 10/27/2025 - 06/30/2026:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Gary Kropilak	From:	40-04-D3/bdm	(Transp) Preschool Bus Aide (OOD) Bus Aide -Student #S-277 -not to exceed 18 hrs./wk.	No Change
	To:	40-06-D3/bel		
		40-01-D3/bdl	Cafe Aide (RMS) 40-01-D3/bdl	\$16.00/hr. Step 1

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Eva Pelczer	Bus Driver (Transp.) 80-06-D6/ach	\$27.75/hr. Step 7	11/12/2025 - 06/30/2026
Allison Manley	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/akx	\$26.31/hr. Aide C Step 17	12/03/2025 - 06/30/2026

Rachel Mayer	Speech (WHS/RMS) 20-02-D2/aur	\$67,280.00 MA Step 5 (prorated)	12/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
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- 5.04 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
Wenjing Feng	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Sarah Pecoraro	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Michelle Florczah	Substitute Clerical/Secretary
Brianna Medina	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Brianna Atsu-Swanzy	Substitute Nurse
Nicolas Borella	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Rylee Batten	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Earl Gonzalez	Substitute Bus Driver
Lisa Crowe	Substitute Teacher

- 5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve special skills stipend of \$1,000.00 for Jeanne Dombrowski 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.
- 5.06 Motion to approve Marci Cole, Transportation Supervisor, to assist Branchburg Township School District for the 2025-2026 school year for a stipend of \$10,000.00, per the attachment.
(Attachment 5.06)
- 5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent recommendation and approve other leave for staff member #6668 for the period of 10/01/2025 - 11/21/2025.
- 5.08 Motion to approve Jill Komosinski, School Nurse, to attend home wrestling matches from November through March, not to exceed 25 hours, at the contractual rate.
- 5.09 Motion to ratify and approve Stephanie Armstrong, School Nurse, to review preschool medical files for an additional 15 hours, during the 2025-2026 school year, at the contractual rate.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mrs. Mencer_____ Mr. Pieros_____

Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

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 first reading:
(Attachment 6.01)
- Policy 2240 - Controversial Issues
 - Policy 2312 - Class Size

- Policy 2360 - Use of Technology
- Policy 8442 - Reporting Accidents

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Rad_____ Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- NJSBA Workshop
- Strategic Planning

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Motion to adopt the following resolution: Resolved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss a HIB and contractual legal matters for approximately 45 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where no action shall be taken. The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

Roll Call:

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

XII. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call:

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