

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Holland Brook School  
Reorganization Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
January 6, 2026

**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 SECRETARY – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

**REORGANIZATION**

**Election Results – November 4, 2025**

<b>READINGTON TWP. - BOE MEMBERSHIP 3 YR. TERM</b>		
	<b>VOTE COUNT</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
Nicole Fancera	2,662	16.25%
Michele Mencer	2,873	17.54%
Erin Maher	2,313	14.12%
Cathline Tanis	2,688	16.41%
Richard Pieros	2,994	18.28%
Justina Ryan	2,802	17.11%
Write-In Totals	48	.29%
Not Assigned	48	.29%
Total Votes Cast	16,380	100.00%

**III. OATH OF OFFICE**

- Mr. Bohm administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members, Mrs. Mencer, Mr. Pieros, and Mrs. Ryan.

**Present:** Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. DePinto, Mrs. Fiore, Mrs. Mencer, Mr. Pieros, Mr. Rizza, Mrs. Rad, Mrs. Ryan

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

**Absent:** Mr. Lopes

**IV. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board President. Board Secretary will open nominations.

**Nomination: Mr. Rizza**

**By: Mrs. DePinto**

**Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No**

**Nomination: Mrs. Mencer**

**By: Mrs. Fiore**

**Roll Call Vote: 3 Yes; 5 No**

**The newly elected Board President, Mr. Rizza, assumes the position and continues meeting.**

**V. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

- Nomination and election of Board Vice President. Mr. Rizza open nominations.

**Nomination: Mrs. DePinto**  
**Nomination: Mrs. Cassidy**

**By: Mrs. Ryan**  
**By: Mrs. Fiore**

**Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes; 3 No**  
**Roll Call Vote 3 Yes; 5 No**

**Mrs. DePinto was elected Vice President.**

**VI. REORGANIZATION**

- Adoption of R-1 – R-5

**Motion: Mrs. DePinto**

**Second: Mrs. Ryan**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

R-1 Motion to approve the 2026 Board of Education calendar as indicated on attachment.  
 (Attachment R-1)

R-2 Motion to create the following delegates and committees for Board President appointment:

- NJ School Boards Association Delegate
- NJ School Boards Association Alternate Delegate
- Hunterdon County ESC Representative
- Garden State Coalition of Schools Trustee
- Home School Association
- Home School Association Alternate
- Board of Education Sick Bank Trustees – Personnel Committee Members (when assigned)
- Committee Chairs and Committee Assignments:
  - Policy/Communications Committee
  - Finance/Facilities Committee
  - Education/Technology Committee
  - Personnel Committee
  - Negotiations Committee
  - Green Committee

R-3 Motion to adopt current Board bylaws, policies, and regulations.

R-4 Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics.  
 (Attachment R-4)

R-5 Motion to approve the Courier News and the TAPinto as the primary official weekly newspapers for 2026 legal notices. Effective March 1, 2026 onwards, all legal notices and board meeting dates shall only be posted on the district website in conformity with revised state code.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Dr. Hart introduced Angela M. Gurrera, Methfessel & Werbel, to present on code of ethics, HIB, board best practices among other topics relating to board training. The board engaged in questions and answers.

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

- None

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email S. B. - School Provided Materials Policy Review
- Email J. S. - Content in School Reading Materials
- Email R. N. - Thank you

**X. BOARD ACTION**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Committee Report**

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02

**Motion: Mrs. DePinto**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

1.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

1.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Mr. Rizza and Dr. Hart talked about strategic planning and a comparison of the current proposals before the board to choose from, either Judith Wilson or NJSBA. The board spoke about pros and cons with the options, cost differentials, approaches, and more. At the January 20, 2026 meeting there shall be a resolution for public vote to proceed with a vendor, which appears to be Judith Wilson, based on dialogue in public, subject to formal vote.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD**

- Mr. Rizza spoke about Bylaw 0155 and the committee selection process. Mr. Rizza asked for each board members input on desired committee to directly respond to him to form them in the coming weeks. Mr. Rizza spoke about creating an ad hoc committee for Strategic Planning for participation in the process.

**XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT - 8:11 p.m.**

**Motion: Mrs. Fiore**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Pieros**

**Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

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

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