READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 14, 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 PRESIDENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Rizza call 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. Effective March 1, 2026, all legal notices and board meeting dates shall only be posted on the district website in conformity with state code. Formal action was taken.

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

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

Absent: None

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Rizza thanked the community for sharing thoughts and perspectives on various topics before the Board of Education over the past several months which is critical for board reflection and community input, encouraging continued participation. Mr. Rizza spoke about the 2026-2027 budget, strategic planning work, and draft goals for board review. He thanked everyone for their input and contributions. Mr. Rizza highlighted how the Policy Committee functions and how the board approaches policy development.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, Lauren Mahoney, teacher and Christine Crielly, school counselor, and Gargi Adhikari, judge, highlighted the accomplishments and recognized students participating in Destination Imagination:
  Nicholas DiGraziano
  Cora Erd
  Fiona Kurtzo
  Grace Lynch
  Maggie Renda
  Addison Stokes
  Savanna Wagner
  Lila Fitzgerald
  Tessa Gardella
  Ella March
  Vienne Salaj
  Barristan Sharon
  Mark Spivey
  Alexa Wolf

- Dr. Hart, Superintendent, Maria Winter and Jennifer Higdon, Teachers, shared an inquiry project developed by students to transform traditional math instruction by incorporating real-world learning scenarios. The following HBS students presented on their individual inquiry projects, conveying their hard work and creativity:
  Joana Correia
  Olivia Dellipoali
  Jameson Krajewski
  Nolan Pachuta

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Serra, owners of Whitehouse Preparatory School, expressed their concerns regarding 4 classrooms being reduced to 2 classrooms for this upcoming school year.
- Mrs. DePinto, board member, read aloud correspondence regarding the same.
- Dr. Hart shared information about the classrooms.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email A. B. - Support for Readington Teachers
- Email C. B. - Tonight's Board Meeting
- Email J. S. - Public Comment
- Email J. M. - Supporting Teachers and Librarians
- Email J. S. - NJ Association of School Librarians Relating to Policy 2535
- Email M. M. - Right to Read Discussion
- Email T. B. - Save School Librarians

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mr. Pieros** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report: None

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.04
Motion: Mrs. Mencer **2nd: Mr. Lopes** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **March 25, 2026, through April 15, 2026** for a total amount of **$1,770,132.33.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education ("Board") has contracted with ACB Services, with offices located at 37 Schoolhouse Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said contract provides that the parties may, at their option, agree to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 18A-42 which requires that the terms and conditions of the extensions shall remain substantially the same in the original contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously renewed the contract for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and finds the services provided by ACB Services are being performed effectively and efficiently; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby renews its contract with ACB Services for a period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for the amount of $840,763.00, a 3.0% increase, which does not exceed the index rate of 3.0% as of January 2026, as defined by N.J.S.A 18A-2 (bb)

3.03 Motion to approve the YMCA School Age Child Care Program for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.
(Attachment 3.03)

3.04 Motion to approve contracts with the following private providers for preschool expansion for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Berry Patch Early Learning Center
- Global Pioneer Academy/REN
- Stanton Learning Center
- Whitehouse Preparatory School

and authorize the sending of a letter to the NJ Department of Education, Whitehouse Preparatory School, Division of Early Childhood Services, DCF, and Office of Licensing reflecting a reduction of two (2) classrooms at Whitehouse Preparatory School.

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report: Mr. Lopes provided minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2026.

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.06
Motion: Mr. Lopes **2nd: Mrs. DePinto** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

4.01 Motion to approve the elimination of an Autism program at Whitehouse Elementary School, effective June 30, 2026

4.02 Motion to approve the implementation of an Autism program at Three Bridges Elementary School, to begin on September 3, 2026.

4.03 Motion to approve the elimination of an Emotional Regulation Impairment program, effective June 30, 2026 and create a new Autism program at Three Bridges Elementary School, to begin on September 3, 2026.

4.04 Motion to approve Learn Well to provide home instruction for student, H-202129 until May at the rate of $61.70 per hour not to exceed 5 hours per week.

4.05 Motion to ratify and approve Aequor Healthcare Services, LLC, to provide staffing services per attachment on an as needed basis beginning on March 3, 2026.
(Attachment 4.05)

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

NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Briana Goodyear	HCRHS/Observation	Holland Brook School/ 4th Grade Team	04/15/2026 - 05/01/2026
James Mogno	HCRHS/Observation	Holland Brook School/ 4th Grade Team	04/15/2026 - 05/01/2026
Bronwyn Downey	HCRHS/Observation	Holland Brook School/ 4th Grade Team	04/15/2026 - 05/01/2026
Maeve Roethel	HCRHS/Observation	Holland Brook School/ 4th Grade Team	04/15/2026 - 05/01/2026
Hannah Lawrence	HCRHS/Observation	Holland Brook School/ 4th Grade Team	04/15/2026 - 05/01/2026
Chelsea Sorg	Western Governors University/Observation	Three Bridges School/ Krista Gras	04/15/2026 - 06/09/2026

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report: None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.04
Motion: Mrs. Cassidy **2nd: Mrs. DePinto** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

5.01 Motion to approve a doctorate stipend of $1,000.00 to Dr. Rebecca Burns.

5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following Substitute Teachers/Aides/Nurses/Bus Drivers 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
Kasey Prisco	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Carolyn Popescu	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Michael Jamieson	Substitute Aide

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Julia Ricardo	Teacher/Grade 1 (WHS) 20-01-D2/adk	06/30/2026
Lindsay Capone-Solano	Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/afb	On or before 06/30/2026

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Tina Zripko	LTS School Counselor (RMS) 20-01-D2/aid	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $67,280.00 MA Step 5 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	04/20/2026 - 07/06/2026

D. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report: None

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mrs. Cassidy** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

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

- Policy 3143 - Dismissal
- Policy 3151 - Assessment of Pay
- Policy 3223 - Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals
- Policy 3232 - Tutoring Services

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD NONE

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Community members spoke about censorship, books, liberties, and regulation 2535.

XI. ADJOURNMENT - 8:03 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rizza **2nd: Mr. Pieros** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 9 Yes**

Mr. Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. David Rizza
President, Board of Education