

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Three Bridges School
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
September 9, 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, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 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/UC6Nqnwk_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. BOARD REFERENDUM TOURS

- Referendum Presentation and [TBS Projects](#)

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Opening week update
- District Goals

V. BOARD GOALS

- Mary Ann Friedman, NJSBA

VI. 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.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email E. Z. - EV Bus Grant
- Email R. R. - EV Bus Grant
- Email J. C. - EV Bus
- Email L. L. - Summer Program

VIII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01

Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 1.01 Motion to submit an HIB Assessment Report for the 2024-2025 school year.

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 August 19, 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 - 3.05

Motion _____ 2nd _____

- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **August 21, 2025 through September 10, 2025** for a total amount of **\$1,082,782.58**.
(Attachment 3.01)

- 3.02 Motion to approve **Travel Expenditures September 9, 2025** In the amount of **\$8,634.31**.
(Attachment 3.02)

- 3.03 Motion to amend IDEA BASIC Grant in the amount of \$135,000.00 for third party OT, PT, behavioral and paraprofessional services for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

- From: Out of District Tuition 100-500
- To: Student Services 100-300

- 3.04 Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 3.04)

- 3.05 Motion to approve parental transportation contract for student S-035 for the 2025-2026 school year, should contracted out-of-district transportation not be available on a given date(s) based on the daily rate not to exceed the statutory limit of \$24,200.00 in total.

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 - 4.05
Motion_____2nd _____
- 4.01 Motion to apply for and accept the SHIF Wellness Grant in the amount of \$22,500.00 to be used for nutrition education and counseling services to all staff for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 4.01)
- 4.02 Motion to establish an Autism class program at Readington Middle School to begin on September 2, 2025.
- 4.03 Motion to establish a Learning Language Disabilities program at Readington Middle School to begin on September 2, 2025.
- 4.04 Motion to adopt the attached list of field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 4.04)
- 4.05 Motion to adopt the following fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Readington Middle School	Fall Text & Call-A-Thon	Readington Athletic Booster Club
Readington Middle School	Spring Car Wash	Readington Athletic Booster Club
Readington Middle School	Water Bottle Sale	Readington Athletic Booster Club
Readington Middle School	Lei-Off Drugs Red Ribbon Week	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Bake Sales	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	School Store Sales	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Thanksgiving Food Drive	Flemington or Open Cupboard Food Pantry & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Halloween Bash	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	T-Shirt Fundraiser	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Movie Night	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Fall & Spring Car Wash	Student Council & NJASC State Charity Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Spring Dance/Activity Night	Student Council, NJASC State Charity & Grow A Row
Readington Middle School	Souper Bowl Food Drive	Flemington or Open Cupboard Food Pantry & Grow A Row

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Rad_____Mrs. Ryan_____Mrs. DePinto_____Mr. Rizza_____

E. PERSONNEL
Committee Report:

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.13
 Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Abby Wynkoop	Teacher/Grade 3 (WHS) 20-04-D2/acz	\$61,680.00 BA Step 5	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Gabriella Pirrone	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/ain	\$23.14/hr. Aide C Step 6-7 (6)	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Holly Swan	PT .54 Aide/Preschool (TBS) New Position	\$25.91/hr. Aide NC Step 22	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Dianna Pflugh	PT .54 Aide/Preschool (WHS) New Position	\$23.45/hr. Aide C Step 8	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Faith Lowrie	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/alo	\$20.03/hr Aide NC Step 1	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Sarah Romano	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/akw	\$20.03/hr. Aide NC Step 1	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alexa Cesaro	Speech (HBS) 20-02-D2/aur	\$66,030.00 MA Step 1-2 (1)	09/10/2025 - 06/30/2026

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Anna Shinn	Teacher/Grade 3 (WHS) 20-04-D2/acz	08/26/2025

5.04 Motion to rescind the following appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

NAME	POSITION
Mirsenit Allan	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/akw

Jennifer Hardison	Bus Aide for Student S-159
Caroline McKenna	Aide/Special Education (TBS) 30-03-D3/azd

- 5.05 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
Preston Clauson	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Jacqueline Greda	Substitute Aide/Secretary

- 5.06 Motion to ratify and approve Marcela Vasquez to provide translations as needed for the 2025-2026 school year at her contractual rate not to exceed \$2,000.00.

- 5.07 Motion to approve the following staff members as A.M. Homework Room Advisors at Holland Brook School for the 2025-2026 school year at the contractual rate:

STAFF NAME
Jessica Weiss
Colleen Ogden
Joyce McGibbon

- 5.08 Motion to amend motion 5.03 from the August 19, 2025 agenda to the following:
Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	DATE
Amanda Roper	Teacher/Grade 1 (TBS) New Position	\$83,750.00 MA+30 Step 15-16 (15)	09/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

- 5.09 Motion to approve the following salary increases in recognition of the employees' attainment of additional credits for lateral movement on the RTEA guide, effective September 1, 2025:

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM STEP	SALARY	TO STEP	REVISED SALARY	INCREASE
Sara Chatman	RMS	BA Step 15-16 (15)	\$75,350.00	BA+15 Step 15-16 (15)	\$77,350.00	\$2,000.00
Daniel Kimple	WHS	Aide NC Step 6-7 (7)	\$24,871.21	Aide C Step 6-7 (7)	\$27,224.21	\$2,353.00
Adam Lillia	RMS	MA Step 20	\$91,070.00	MA+30 Step 20	\$93,470.00	\$2,400.00
Michelle Parkhurst	RMS	BA+15 Step 6	\$64,030.00	MA Step 6	\$68,030.00	\$4,000.00
Kelly Petersen	HBS	BA Step 4	\$60,930.00	BA+15 Step 4	\$62,530.00	\$2,400.00
Lauren Mahoney	HBS	BA+15 Step 21	\$89,700.00	MA Step 21	\$93,700.00	\$4,000.00

Stephanie Singer	RMS	MA Step 15-16 (15)	\$81,350.00	MA+30 Step 15-16 (15)	\$83,750.00	\$2,400.00
Katie Lynch	WHS	BA+15 Step 13-14 (13)	\$75,120.00	MA Step 13-14 (13)	\$79,120.00	\$4,000.00
Melissa Truempy	HBS	BA+15 Step 23	\$95,200.00	MA Step 23	\$99,200.00	\$4,000.00
Olivia Inglesias	RMS	BA Step 8	\$63,830.00	BA+15 Step 8	\$65,430.00	\$1,600.00

5.10 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of club advisors for the 2025-2026 school year at their contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.10)

5.11 Motion to to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following job descriptions:
(Attachment 5.11)

- School Counselor - Elementary
- School Counselor - Middle School

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

NEW STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Abby Wynkoop	WHS	Grade 3 Teacher	Michelle Mielke

5.13 Motion to approve the Wellness Champion Coordinators Stipend for the 2025-2026 school year to be funded by the Wellness Grant Award through the Schools Health Insurance Fund for the following staff members:

STAFF NAME	STIPEND
Melinda Roethke	\$1,250.00
Lisa DeTommaso	\$1,250.00

Roll Call:

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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 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

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Rad_____Mrs. Ryan_____Mrs. DePinto_____Mr. Rizza_____

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NJSBA Convention

X. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XII. 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_____