

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
May 12, 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

Dr. Rizza 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. 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, Mr. Pieros, Mrs. Rad, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Rizza

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

Absent: Mrs. Mencer

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart congratulated and welcomed everyone to celebrate retirees and 2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year Honorees.
 - Dr. Hart, Superintendent, shared kind words for:
 - Doreen Harris, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent (Retiree)
 - Mr. Jason Bohm, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, honored:
 - Diane Frasco, Accounts Payable Specialist (Retiree)
 - Dr. Higgins, TBS Principal, celebrated the amazing work of:
 - Leslie Weintraub, Grade 3 Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Nicole Smith, Paraprofessional (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Patricia Lamberta, Paraprofessional (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Dr. DeRosa, WHS Principal, presented on the dedication and great work of:
 - Kristen Frohn, Grade 2 Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Karen Janisch, Paraprofessional (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Sara Grzenda, CST/School Psychologist (Retiree/In Honorarium)
 - Kathleen McBride, Clerical Aide (Retiree)
 - Sharon Wilk, Grade 2 Teacher (Retiree)
 - Dr. Moss, HBS Principal, shared kind thoughts for the following staff members:
 - Meryl Vance, Grade 5 Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Sheri Simonetti, CST/LDTC (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Theresa Amster, Principal Secretary (Retiree)
 - Nancy Kelly, School Nurse (Retiree)
 - Michele Krayem, Grade 5 Teacher (Retiree)
 - Kelly Parks, Spanish Teacher (Retiree)
 - Mr. Charleston, RMS Principal, shared kind words for:
 - Marybeth Schwarz, Special Education Teacher (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Robert Pycior, CST/Social Worker (Governor's Educator of the Year)
 - Jack Hasselbring, Music Teacher (Retiree)

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

- Mrs. Buelow thanked everyone and shared it was a beautiful celebration for the Governor's Educator of the year and the retirees.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email C. D. - 8th Grade Graduation
- Email D. M. - Align Policy 2535
- Email K. W. - Graduation
- Email T. B. - Strategic Planning Core Team Thank You
- Email J. D. - Align Policy 2535

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.02
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mr. Pieros** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 1.01 Motion to approve Enrollment and Drill Reports April 2026.
(Attachment 1.01)
- 1.02 Motion to approve Bus Evacuation Drills for all Readington Township Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 1.02)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mrs. Cassidy** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026.
- 2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes April 28, 2026.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report: None

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.13
Motion: Mr. Lopes **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**
- 3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **April 30, 2026, through May 13, 2026** for a total amount of **\$2,442,056.70**.
(Attachment 3.01)
- 3.02 Motion to approve the **Travel Expenditures May 12, 2026** in the amount of **\$336.65**.
- 3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **April 2026** for a total amount of **\$2,485,471.04**.
(Attachment 3.03)
- 3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026**.
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)
- 3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026**.
(Attachment 3.05-3.05a)
- 3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS April 30, 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of April 30, 2026 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:22-8.1.

Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and 4, we certify that as of April 30, 2026 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 April 30, 2026.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

- 3.07 Motion to approve the attached Shared Services Agreements between Readington Board of Education and Branchburg Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027:
- Garage Bay Rental Agreement
 - Transportation Personnel Agreement
 - Transportation Services Agreement
- (Attachment 3.07-3.07b)
- 3.08 Motion to adopt the attached resolution for participation in joint transportation services with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.08)
- 3.09 Motion to approve joint transportation services between Readington Township Board of Education and Tewksbury Township Board of Education for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.09)
- 3.10 Motion to approve joint transportation services between Readington Township Board of Education and Somerville Board of Education for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.10)
- 3.11 Motion to adopt the attached resolution for participation in coordinated transportation services with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.11)
- 3.12 Motion to approve joint transportation services between Readington Township Board of Education and Flemington-Raritan Board of Education for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.12)
- 3.13 Motion to approve joint transportation services between Readington Township Board of Education and Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.13)

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report: None

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.03
Motion: Mr. Lopes **2nd:** Mrs. DePinto **Roll Call Vote:** Carried 8 Yes

- 4.01 Motion to approve the attached list of textbooks, instructional resources, and publishers to be used to implement the curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 4.01)
- 4.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and adopt the following curricula for the 2026-2027 school year:

Encores	Physical Education/Health
English as a Second Language	Preschool
Gifted and Talented	School Counseling
Informational Literacy	Science

Intervention Program	Social Studies
Language Arts	Technology
Life Skills	Visual and Performing Arts
Mathematics	World Languages

- 4.03 Motion to approve, Affirmed Home Care, Inc. to provide nursing services for the 2025-2026 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$80.00 per hour.

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report: None

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.21

Motion: Mrs. Rad

2nd: Mrs. Cassidy

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jordan McChesney	Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abw	\$62,690.00 BA Step 4-5 (4)	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Jennifer Monteiro	LTS Teacher/Grade 5 (HBS) 20-02-D2/abw	Sub rate for the first 20 days, \$60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	05/14/2026 - 06/30/2026
Jennifer Monteiro	Teacher/LA (RMS) 20-01-D2/afb	\$61,440.00 BA Step 1	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Austin Piscitelli	Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ais	\$61,940.00 BA Step 2-3 (2)	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

- 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
Megan Dustin	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Caryn Feder	Substitute Teacher/Aide

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Daniel Wasserman	Computer Technician (BOE) 15-05-D3/amj	06/30/2026

- 5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2026 Summer Teacher Academy sessions.
(Attachment 5.04)
- 5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the attached list of staff for curriculum writing/development effective July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026, at the contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.05)
- 5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the attached Summer Spark programs, facilitators, and facilitator stipends for the self-sustaining 2026 Readington Township District Summer Enrichment Program.
(Attachment 5.06)
- 5.07 Motion to approve all General Education and Special Education Teachers to attend Special Education Planning, Eligibility and IEP meetings between July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026 at their contractual rate, not to exceed 40 hours collectively.
- 5.08 Motion to approve Lori Gabrielsen and Dawn LoCalio to review student records, conduct evaluation on new ESL students at their contractual rate, not to exceed 20 hours collectively.
- 5.09 Motion to approve Jill Komosinski, Nurse and Maureen Sjonell, School Nurse, to work during the summer to complete fall sports physicals at their contractual rate for a collective total, not to exceed 60 hours.
- 5.10 Motion to ratify and approve Stephanie Armstrong, School Nurse to review preschool medical files, conduct health screenings and prepare monthly health lessons for the 2026-2027 school year at her contractual rate, not to exceed 45 hours.
- 5.11 Motion to approve the Teachers listed on the attachment to teach the Extended School Year Program during the summer of 2026 at their summer rate, not to exceed 5 hours per day for 20 days from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026.
(Attachment 5.11)
- 5.12 Motion to approve the Paraprofessionals listed on the attachment to provide support to the district's Extended School Year Program during the summer of 2026 at their summer rate, not to exceed the 4 hours per day for 20 days from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026.
(Attachment 5.12)
- 5.13 Motion to approve Kristen Fabriczi and Amy Langston, district Speech and Language specialists, to provide speech and language services during the district's Extended School Year Program, not to exceed 5 hours per day for 20 days from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026 at the rate of their contractual rate.
- 5.14 Motion to approve Kristen Fabriczi, Amy Langston and Gianna Crotty district Speech and Language Specialists, to conduct speech and language IEP evaluations between July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026 at their summer rate, not to exceed \$2,500.00 collectively.
- 5.15 Motion to approve Kristen Fabriczi, Amy Langston and Gianna Crotty, Speech and Language Specialists, to attend child study team referral, eligibility and IEP meetings on an as needed basis between July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026 at their summer rate, not to exceed \$2,500.00 collectively.
- 5.16 Motion to approve all General Education and Special Education Teachers to attend Special Education Planning, Eligibility and IEP meetings between July 1, 2026 - August 30, 2026 at their contractual rate, not to exceed 40 hours collectively.
- 5.17 Motion to approve Stephanie Armstrong, School Nurse, to work during the Extended School Year Program, not to exceed 4.5 hours per day for 20 days, from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, at the summer rate.
- 5.18 Motion to approve Jill Komosinski, Nurse, Maureen Sjonell and Katie Lynch, School Nurses, to substitute for the Extended School Year Program from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, at the contractual rate.
- 5.19 Motion to approve Kelli Marella, Occupational Therapist, and Carrie DeStefano, Physical Therapist, to provide OT/PT services and evaluations during the Extended School Year Program, July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, not to exceed \$4,500.00 for Kelli Marella and \$3,000.00 for Carrie Destefano.

- 5.20 Motion to approve the attached list of bus aides for the 2026 Summer Extended School Year Program, at the contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.20)
- 5.21 Motion to approve all Readington and Branchburg bus drivers for the 2026 Extended School Year Program, Monday through Thursday at their contracted salary, from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, not to exceed 19 hours per week.

D. COMMUNICATION

Committee Report: Mrs. DePinto provided minutes of the meeting held on April 29, 2026.

6. Motion to adopt 6.01
Motion: Mrs. DePinto 2nd: Mrs. Cassidy Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes
- 6.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policy for first reading:
(Attachment 6.01)
 - Policy 3231 - Outside Employment as Athletic Coach

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Rizza announce that the NJSBA Delegate Assembly meets twice a year in the spring, and in the fall. Mr. Rizza plans to attend in-person this May, but any board member or member of the public can attend. He announced that there will be certain resolutions to be potentially voted upon. Mr. Rizza asked the board members about thoughts on preferences on voting given he is representing Readington Township as the assigned delegate so he is adequately prepared based on feedback from everyone. Board members provided feedback and dialogue.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Mr. Rizza highlighted NJSBA Convention in October. Dr. Hart submitted a proposal on presenting the referendum success at the convention on October 19-22, 2026.
- Mr. Rizza spoke about the Board Self Evaluation, through NJSBA. The link will be open for a couple weeks, and at the board retreat they will go over the results after Superintendent Evaluation is complete.
- At the July meeting, the board will go over the results of the Board Self Evaluation with Kathy Poria or Judith Wilson as part as the Board Retreat.
- Mr. Rizza, Mr. Pieros, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Rad and Dr. Hart provided a Strategic Planning Committee update including the results of the core team. On May 18, 2026 the board and administration shall meet with Judith Wilson to finalize the goals and action steps. Dr. Hart indicated the feedback from the folks in the room thought the inclusive, collaborative nature of the process was wonderful with a variety of perspectives. Board members provided thoughts and feedback on the process and steps moving ahead for consideration
- NJSBA Hunterdon County Meeting Recognitions: Mrs. Cassidy received New Board Member Certification, Mrs. Ryan received Board Member Certification and Mrs. Fiore received a Master Board Member Certification. Mr. Rizza and Dr. Hart congratulated them. Mrs. Cassidy said board could achieve certification as an entire board, and something that could be considered as part of the board self evaluation process and July retreat.
- Mrs. Cassidy provided minutes of the Green committee meeting held on May 5, 2026.
- Mrs. Cassidy thanked the HSA for all their hard work on teacher appreciation week and support of our staff members.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Mrs. DePinto read a comment from Mrs. DeLuca.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:10 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rizza 2nd: Mrs. Ryan Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

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 HIB, legal update, and the Superintendent's evaluation for approximately 90 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where action shall not 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.

XI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 10:34 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rizza

2nd: Mrs. DePinto

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 10:35 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rizza

2nd: Mrs. DePinto

Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes

Mr. Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. David Rizza
President, Board of Education