READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 10, 2026

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, March 10, 2026 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/UC6Nqnwk_J-_sFIxSaFkuVaA/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 Courier News and TAPinto. 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 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 Recognitions - AMTNJ Competition
- Budget Timeline Update

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. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. In order to provide sufficient opportunity for the public to be heard, a time limit of three minutes for each participant may be observed and no participant may cede their three minutes to another participant. Every effort will be made to allow all members of the public an opportunity to speak, not to exceed 3 minutes per person. This may be adjusted as the Board President sees fit.
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member;
5. If the Board of Education is webcasting the public meeting, the "chat" feature will be on during the public comment

sessions only. Web participants will type the information in as a preface to their comments. 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.

6. The presiding officer may:
   a. Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement**,** question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy;
   b. Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question, or inquiry is abusive, obscene, or may be Defamatory;
   c. Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
   d. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting;
   e. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and
   f. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation of the Board meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Many Emails Received - Align Policy 2535 with New Jersey Freedom to Read Law
- Email C. H. - A Call for Collaboration and Respect
- Email T. C. - Disruptive Attendee
- Email C. F. - Policy & Regulation 2535
- Email K. D. - Public Comment
- Email C. B. - Freedom to Read
- Email E. G. - Policy 2535
- Email J. M. - Regulation 2535
- Email M. M. - Regulation 2535
- Email R. Q. - Freedom to Read
- Email T. C. - Thanks to BOE
- Email T. C. - Policy 2535
- Email L. B. - Please Align Policy 2535
- Email M. W. - Friday's Play

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 February 2026.
(Attachment 1.01)

1.02 Motion to accept the HIB reports and affirm the Superintendent's decision:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDING OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
2	RMS	01/12/2026	No
3	HBS	01/13/2026	No

Roll Call:
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Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01 - 2.02
   Motion _____ 2nd _____

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026.

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 - 3.13
Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **February 12, 2026, through March 11, 2026** for a total amount of **$4,048,603.12.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the **Travel Expenditures March 10, 2026** in the amount of **$295.00**.
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **January 2026** for a total amount of **$2,492,495.48.**
(Attachment 3.03)

3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers for January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026.**
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)

3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for January 1, 2026 through January 31, 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 January 31, 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of January 31, 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.

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Jason M. Bohm, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and 4, we certify that as of January 31, 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 January 31, 2026.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 **WHEREAS,** the voters of Readington passed the Referendum on November 4, 2025 in the amount of $38,047,117.00; and

WHEREAS, the district included preschool playground replacements and upgrades in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves River Valley Landscapes to furnish rubberized surface and remove several pieces for existing preschool playground at Whitehouse School in the amount of $99,200.00 through state contract #T0103/16-FLEET-00133/24-FOOD-118207 and OMNIA National Coop Contract #R220203/R#22-02; and

FURTHER, the Readington Township Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit any qualifying costs to the State of New Jersey for 40% reimbursement by the State of New Jersey.
(Attachment 3.07)

3.08 **WHEREAS,** the voters of Readington passed the Referendum on November 4, 2025 in the amount of $38,047,117.00; and

WHEREAS, the district included track replacements and upgrades in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves American Athletic to replace and update the track at Holland Brook School in the amount of $1,374,831.00 through state contract #ESCNJ24/25-40; and

FURTHER, the Readington Township Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit any qualifying costs to the State of New Jersey for 40% reimbursement by the State of New Jersey.
(Attachment 3.08)

3.09 **WHEREAS,** the voters of Readington passed the Referendum on November 4, 2025 in the amount of $38,047,117.00; and

WHEREAS, the district requires bond counsel and financial advisors to sell debt relating to the referendum and previously board approved professional services relationships with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. and Phoenix Advisors for the 2025-2026 school year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves the agreements with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. to issue bonds and Phoenix Advisors for financing, per attached,

FURTHER, the Readington Township Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to submit any qualifying costs to the State of New Jersey for 40% reimbursement by the State of New Jersey.
(Attachment 3.09)

3.10 Motion to authorize the sale and issuance of the bonds for the Referendum passed by the public on November 4, 2025 in the amount of $38,047,117.00 per the attachment.
(Attachment 3.10)

3.11 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) 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 3.11)

3.12 **WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2024 the Readington Township Board of Education awarded a solar agreement with EZNergy, a 15-year power purchase agreement (“PPA”) with no impact to the tax levy but allowing for large infrastructure upgrades at all 4 school buildings and to lower utility bills for the next 25 years based on warranty periods; and

WHEREAS, EZNergy desires to assign the existing PPA contract to Solect Energy with modifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVEDED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves the assignment of PPA contract to Solect Energy with modifications of terms and conditions per the attachment and authorizing the Business Administrator to effectuate such.
(Attachment 3.12)

3.13 Motion to accept the SEMI alternate reimbursement revenue for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of $9,294.83 in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5(c)2.
(Attachment 3.13)

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 - 4.10
Motion _____ 2nd _____

4.01 Motion to approve the attached updated field trip lists for Whitehouse School, Three Bridges School, and Readington Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 4.01)

4.02 Motion to approve the attached updated HSA fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.
(Attachment 4.02)

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

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Team Au-some T-Shirts	ARC of Hunterdon

4.04 Motion to amend motion 4.02 from the December 9, 2025 agenda for the following student placement in the Readington Township School District as follows:

STUDENT NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PLACEMENT REQUEST	SCHOOL/COOPERATING TEACHER	EFFECTIVE DATES
Jennifer Monteiro	Centenary University/ Student Teacher	Readington Middle School/ From: Shaina Mirsky & Victoria Fulmer To: Shaina Mirsky & Paul Yunos	01/20/2026 - 05/11/2026

4.05 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
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/ Observation	Three Bridges School/ Jaime Kindervatter	03/11/2026 - 04/30/2026
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/ Observation	Three Bridges School/ Caroline Robb	04/01/2026 - 06/12/2026
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/ Observation	Three Bridges School/ Tiffany Barca	04/23/2026 - 06/12/2026
Kat Abreu	Hunterdon County Polytech/Internship	Readington Middle School/ Caroline Ratanski & Olivia Young	03/11/2026 - 06/05/2026
Emily Olszyk	Hunterdon County Polytech/Internship	Readington Middle School/ Caroline Ratanski & Olivia Young	03/11/2026 - 06/05/2026

Maggie Jarowicz	Hunterdon County Polytech/Internship	Readington Middle School/ Caroline Ratanski & Olivia Young	03/11/2026 - 06/05/2026

4.06 Motion to apply for and accept a grant for free training and to participate in the inaugural cohort of the New Jersey Universal Design for Learning Innovation Network, a partnership between the NJ Department of Education and CAST, the originators of Universal Design for Learning.

4.07 Motion to approve all intradistrict field trips between buildings and private providers as approved by the Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year.

4.08 Motion to approve staff non-resident student tuition rate of $4,500.00/yr for preschool - grade 8 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Preston Clawson	RMS	LTS-Math Teacher	Evan Gulino

4.10 Motion to approve ePlus Technology Inc. in the amount of $120,448.57 for Network infrastructure 5-year subscription for licensing, technical support warranty coverage as the winning bidder for E-Rate per Request for Proposals results. Motion to apply for and accept E-Rate Category 2 funding for this project, approximately 40% from the federal government.

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

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report:

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.06
Motion _____ 2nd _____

5.01 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
Madeline Turvey	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Chanelle Harrison	Substitute Aide
Bria Whatley	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Veronica Cannon-Mendoza	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Katherine Spuckes	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Melanie Belanger	Substitute Teacher/Aide

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ava Vanglahn	LTS Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agj	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate	04/20/2026 - 06/19/2026

		thereafter, (prorated)	
Bria Whatley	LTS Teacher/Autism (WHS) 20-04-D2/baw	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate thereafter, (prorated)	03/11/2026 - 06/19/2026
Preston Clawson	Teacher/Math (RMS) 20-01-D2/adw	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $60,430.00 BA Step 1-2 (1) per diem rate thereafter, (prorated)	03/13/2026 - 06/19/2026

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control changes and designated transfers for the 2025-2026 school year, effective March 16, 2026:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY
Kathryn O'Connor	From: To:	20-03-D2/aft 20-03-D2/aft 30-03-D3/bee	(TBS) .5 Teacher/Intervention (TBS) .5 Teacher/Intervention (TBS) .5 Aide/Special Education	 No Change $26.95/hr. Aide C Step 19
Holly Swan	From: To:	20-03-D3/bee 30-03-D3/awk	(TBS) .5 Aide/Special Education (TBS) FT Aide/Special Education	 No Change

5.04 Motion to approve the following coaching assignment:

NAME	SEASON	STIPEND POSITION
Stacey Skene	Spring	Assistant Track and Field Coach

5.05 Motion to approve the attached updated list of Three Bridges School club advisors for the 2025-2026 school year at their contractual rate.
(Attachment 5.05)

5.06 Motion to approve Heather Canha to ride the a.m. bus with student, S-034, for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed 6 hours per week 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 6.01-6.02
Motion _____ 2nd _____

6.01 Motion to approve the revised 2025-2026 district calendar.
(Attachment 6.01)

6.02 Motion to approve the following policy and regulation for first reading:
(Attachment 6.02)
- Policy 1552 - Sexual Harassment – Staff
- Regulation 1552 - Sexual Harassment – Staff

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Goals 2025-2026
- Green Committee Meeting Minutes
- Strategic Planning Board Committee Meeting Minutes

IX. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

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 legal matter and 2 HIBs for approximately 30 minutes at which time the Board expects to return to Public Session where 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_____