READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 28, 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 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, 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: Mr. Lopes

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Hart, Mrs. Romano, Ms. White, and Mrs. Singer, teachers, recognized the following students as Hunterdon the County Librarians Association's Enthusiastic Reader Award Recipients:
    - Grayson Apsley, Grade 1 at Three Bridges School
    - Calvin Gohl, Grade 2 at Whitehouse School
    - Rory Simpson, Grade 8 at Readington Middle School
- Dr. Hart and Mrs. Freemen, teacher, honored Jayden Chen, who won the New Jersey Association of Gifted Children, a state-wide honor for exemplary work in a range of fields and sustained academic excellence.
- Dr. Hart and Mrs. Freeman, Teacher, and several high school students recognized many Readington Middle School students and shared in the collaborative effort and thanks in achieving a Tiny Forest/Living Lab, innovation and design lab, technology, pottery center and more at Readington Middle School. Many students from Readington Middle School presented the details of the Tiny Forest/Living Lab which is currently under construction to grow into the future with local partnership and stewardship.
- Dr. Hart reviewed the District Goals for 2025-2026 and highlighted action steps and successes for:
    - Academics
    - Referendum Communications and Successful Execution
    - Strategic Planning
    - Inquisitive Learning, Partnerships, and Social Awareness
- Dr. Hart and Mr. Bohm presented the Final Budget Adoption.
- Dr. Hart highlighted Staff Appreciation Week.

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

- None

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email J. C. - Graduation
- Email J. W. - Whitehouse Prep
- Email M. J. - Support for Whitehouse Prep Classrooms
- Email J. L. - Opposition to Reduction of Classrooms
- Email S. B. - Keep 4 Classrooms at Whitehouse Prep
- Email S. B. - Regarding Whitehouse Prep
- Letter A. S. & J. S. - Dispute of intention to reduce slots
- Email J. K. - Support of School Library Month
- Email R. N. - Thank you

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.03
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

1.01 Motion to approve Enrollment and Drill Reports March 2026.
(Attachment 1.01)

1.02 RMS Quarterly Discipline Report Quarter 3/January 29- April 14, 2026.
(Attachment 1.02)

1.03 Motion to approve the 2024-2025 District and School Grade Report.
(Attachment 1.03)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to adopt 2.01
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

2.01 Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026.

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report: Mrs. Mencer provided minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2026.

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.16
Motion: Mrs. Mencer **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **April 16, 2026, through April 29, 2026** for a total amount of **$509,462.67.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the **Travel Expenditures April 28, 2026** in the amount of **$2,223.96.**

3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency** for the month of **March 2026** for a total amount of **$2,487,300.72.**
(Attachment 3.03)

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

3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for March 1, 2026 through March 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 March 31, 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of March 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 March 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 March 31, 2026.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 Motion to approve the following resolution adopting the 2026-2027 Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year and that the Superintendent and the SBA/Board Secretary be authorized to implement the following final budget and present the A4F request of school taxes to the Township of Readington.

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL 2026-2027
Total Expenditures	$40,665,847.00	$5,154,960.00	$2,011,125.00	$47,831,932.00
Less Anticipated Revenues	$4,930,722.00	$5,154,960.00	$7,091.00	$10,092,773.00
Taxes to be Raised	$35,735,125.00	$0.00	$2,004,034.00	$37,739,159.00

(Attachment 3.07-3.07b)

3.08 Approval of the adoption of tuition rates for 2026-2027:
BE IT RESOLVED to establish the following tentative tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year:

Preschool/Kindergarten	$20.593.00
Grades 1-5	$23,851.00
Grades 6-8	$24,998.00
*Learning Language Disabled	$39,041.00
*Autism	$47,850.00
*Preschool Disabled (full time)	$54,099.00

*Rates listed subject to modification based on actual needs required for the Individualized Educational Plan of the student(s)

3.09 Motion to approve the Preschool Education Aid Account Transfers from July 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026, and authorize the Business Administrator to submit transfers to the State of New Jersey for review and approval.
(Attachment 3.09)

3.10 The Readington Township Board of Education hereby resolves effective July 1, 2026 to continue to allow its group medical and prescription benefits program through the School's Health Insurance Fund via AmeriHealth Administrators and Aetna for medical and Express Scripts for prescription drug benefits.
(Attachment 3.10)

3.11 Resolved to renew the District's employee Horizon Dental plan for dental benefits for the 2026-2007 school year.
(attachment 3.11)

3.12 **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 Selective Asbestos Identification survey for roofing renovations and upgrades in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves T & M Associates to perform a selective asbestos identification survey for Three Bridges School and Whitehouse School roofing in the amount of $3,750.00, which is below the quote threshold.

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 3.12)

3.13 **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 roofing renovations and upgrades in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves Pravco Inc. to renovate and upgrade roofing at Three Bridges School and Whitehouse School in the amount of $673,700.00 through state contract #BCCP-23-46; 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 3.13)

3.14 **WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2026 the Board of Education passed the Final Eligible Costs outlined in the attachment relating to the bathrooms at Three Bridges School funded by the Preschool ROD grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves T & M Associates to perform a selective asbestos identification survey for bathrooms in the amount of $3,100.00, which is below the quote threshold.

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 3.14)

3.15 **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 installation of concrete curbing for the playgrounds at Three Bridges School and Whitehouse School in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves J. C. Concrete & Curb Co., Inc to install concrete curbing at its Three Bridges School and Whitehouse School playgrounds in the amount of $30,920.00, which is below the quote threshold.

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 3.15)

3.16 **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 fire alarm renovations and upgrades in the list of qualifying projects in the Referendum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Readington Township Board of Education approves Magic Touch Construction Company, Inc. to renovate and upgrade fire alarms district wide in the amount of $2,575,648.11 through state contract #MOESC Coop #289 - 24-58 Plumbing Services; 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 3.16)

D. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY

Committee Report: Mrs. Ryan provided minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2026.

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.09
Motion: Mrs. DePinto **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

4.01 Motion to apply for and accept the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by NJEA in the amount of $10,000.00 to be used for the Readington Middle School Living Lab/Tiny Forest.

4.02 Motion to apply for and accept the NJ Farm to School Procurement Initiative (NJF2SPI) award in the amount of $2,000.00 to be used to support local farms, providing fresh produce to Readington students for the 2025-2026 school year.

4.03 Motion to approve Dr. Mary Ann Reilly of Data Informed Solutions & Professional Learning, Inc. for professional development and curriculum consultation with grade 6-8 ELA teachers, in the 2026-2027 school year, for $12,000.00, to be paid through ESSA Title II federal funding.

4.04 Motion to approve the following fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Three Bridges School	Original Works	TBS Student Activity Account
Three Bridges School	Family Dinner Take Home	TBS Student Activity Account

4.05 Motion to adopt the following additional field trip for the 2025-2026 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENT
SLC-PreK	Hunterdon County Library	Flemington, NJ	-0-

4.06 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
Nycole Przybylski	Grand Canyon University/Observation	Holland Brook School/ Patricia Dowden	05/01/2026 - 06/18/2026
Walker Heller	TCNJ/Student Teacher	Three Bridges School/ Amy Kokoszka	08/27/2026 - 12/04/2026
Joshua Tucker	TCNJ/Student Teacher	Whitehouse School/ Lenora Inglesias	10/19/2026 - 12/04/2026
Kaitlynn Kurtzo	Grand Canyon University/Student Teacher	Three Bridges School/ Krista Gras	09/01/2026 - 12/01/2026
Kaitlynn Kurtzo	Grand Canyon University/Student Teacher	Three Bridges School/ Jaime Kindervatter	11/01/2026 - 01/31/2027

4.07 Motion to amend motion 4.05 from the March 10, 2026 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
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/Observation	Three Bridges School/ Caroline Robb	From: 04/01/2026 - 06/12/2026 To: 09/01/2026 - 12/01/2026
Gina Nelessen	Grand Canyon University/Observation	Three Bridges School/ Tiffany Barca	From: 04/23/2026 - 06/12/2026 To: 09/01/2026 - 12/01/2026

4.08 Motion to approve Educational Specialized Associated, LLC, 27 West Street Bloomfield, NJ, as a professional service, to provide School Based Testing on an as needed basis for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment 4.08)

4.09 Motion to approve Gargi Adhikari to conduct action research titled *Strengthening Scientific CER Writing with Generative AI* with a report out at ISTELive 2026 Conference.

E. PERSONNEL

Committee Report: Mrs. Ryan provided minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2026.

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.20
Motion: Mrs. Cassidy **2nd: Mrs. Ryan** **Roll Call Vote: Carried 8 Yes**

5.01 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **tenured administrators** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Administrators Association.
(Attachment 5.01)

5.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **non-tenured administrators** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Administrators Association.
(Attachment 5.02)

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **tenured certificated staff members** for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.03)

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **non-tenured certificated staff members** for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **paraprofessionals** with final appointments pending assignments as required through student Individual Education Plans for the 2026-2027 school year and in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.05)

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **secretaries** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.06)

5.07 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **clerical aides** for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.07)

5.08 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **custodians** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with the agreement between the Readington Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Education Association.
(Attachment 5.08)

5.09 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **other support staff** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Attachment 5.09)

5.10 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **maintenance mechanics** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Attachment 5.10)

5.11 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **technology staff** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Attachment 5.11)

5.12 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **unaligned administrators** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Attachment 5.12)

5.13 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **confidential secretaries** for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Attachment 5.13)

5.14 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint **bus drivers, bus aides, and cafeteria aides**, salaries and hours pending finalization of routes, for 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 5.14)

5.15 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following position control change and designated transfer for the 2025-2026 school year, effective May 1, 2026:

NAME	CHANGE	POSITION	LOCATION
Diana Pflugh	Transfer From: To:	30-04-D3/bef 40-06-D3/bdd 30-04-D3/bef	(WHS) .54 Aide/Preschool (Transp) .1 Bus/Aide/Preschool (WHS) .91 Aide/Preschool

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

STAFF MEMBER	SCHOOL	POSITION	MENTOR
Katherine Spuckes	TBS	LTS-Grade 3/K	Jessica Hegarty

5.17 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
Isabella Durka	Substitute Aide
Gregory Latsko	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.18 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following retirement with appreciation for their years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kathleen McBride	Clerical Aide (WHS)	06/30/2026

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kelly Cusick	Teacher/Grade 3 (WHS) 20-04-D2/ada	06/30/2026
Gabriella Pirrone	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/aln	06/30/2026
Abigail Whalen	Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/aib	06/30/2026

5.20 Motion to adopt the following resolution for Staff Appreciation Week:

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated the week of May 4, 2026 through May 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education recognizes the extraordinary efforts of not only its teachers but also its counselors, nurses, Child Study Team members, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance staff, technology staff, and secretaries; and

WHEREAS, all staff, are responsible for the translation of district mission and vision, which they have helped formulate, into programs and activities in and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, intelligence, creativity, sensitivity, and high standards of our teachers and staff are a source of inspiration to the hundreds of students whose lives they touch; and

WHEREAS, the excellence in our classrooms is matched by the excellence of the services provided by our staff, which are crucial to the success of the Readington Township Public Schools,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the administration, parents, and residents of Readington Township we express our gratitude to all of our professional staff for exemplary service to the district, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tuesday May 5, 2026 be designated as National Teacher Day for the Readington Township Public School District and that we take this opportunity to extend an official thank you, to all District staff whose devotion enriches the lives of the members of the Readington Township Public Schools.

D. COMMUNICATION
Committee Report: None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- Mr. Rizza highlighted that the NJSBA Delegate Assembly shall occur May 16, 2026 and can be attended in-person or virtually. Mr. Rizza plans to attend in-person as the delegate for the board. Mr. Rizza asked for feedback and thoughts to be prepared prior to attending the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD
- Mrs. Cassidy attended the Garden State Coalition of Schools on April 14, 2026, where topics included consolidation of districts among other topics.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- A community member asked about correspondence, public record, and OPRA requests.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:28 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rizza **2nd: Mrs. Cassidy** **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 the Superintendent's evaluation and training for approximately 30 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 - 8:40 p.m.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 8:41p.m.

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

Mr. Jason M. Bohm
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. David Rizza
President, Board of Education