READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School - Cafeteria
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
October 13, 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, October 13, 2026 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-_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. 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. Barton_____ Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mr. Pieros_____ Mrs. Rad_____
Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Strategic Plan Website and Video Launch
- Book Review Committee Report

V. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO THE BOOK REVIEW REPORT)

(Limit of 60 minutes)

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

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.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email A. Q. - Freedom to Read Act
- Email B. G. - Review of District Wide Afternoon Bus Routing
- Email B. L. - Book Censorship
- Email C. C. - Support Book Challenge
- Email C. C. - Perks of Being a Wallflower and Freedom to Read Act
- Email D. D. - Regarding My Vote
- Email J. B. - Support Book Challenge
- Email J. C. - Book Challenge
- Email J. F. - Continued Book Debate
- Email K. L. - District Calendar Request
- Email L. H. - Current Discussion on Books in Library
- Email P. B. - Media Inquiry
- Email P. W. - Books and Buses
- Email P. D. - Presentation
- Email B. K. - Sanderson Court
- Email R. B. - Oppose Book Removal

VIII. BOARD ACTION

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.03
   Motion_____ 2nd_____

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

1.02 Motion to approve District Goals for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 1.02)

1.03 Motion to approve the Bus Drill Evacuation Reports for Readington Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 1.03)

Roll Call:
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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 September 8, 2026.

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

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Committee Report:

3. Motion to adopt 3.01 - 3.12
Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **September 10, 2026, through October 14, 2026** for a total amount of **$3,631,971.50.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the **Travel Expenditures October 13, 2026** in the amount of **$6,217.20.**
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency for the month of August 2026** for a total amount of **$1,268,974.22.**
(Attachment 3.03)

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

3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026**.
(Attachment 3.05)

3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS August 31, 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of August 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 August 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 August 31, 2026.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 Motion to approve the sale of a 54 Passenger Bus, Blue Bird (Vin # 1BAKFCPA0AF274489) through Hunterdon County Education Services Commission.

3.08 Motion to approve the 2026-2027 M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
(Attachment 3.08)

3.09 Motion to approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 3.09)

3.10 **WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Board of Education desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP, and such membership shall be recurring, unless elected to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator and the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement for such membership.
(Attachment 3.10)

3.11 **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 District Wide PA System 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 ePlus Technology, Inc., for the District Wide PA System in the amount of $1,711,023.48 through state contract ; and NJ-HCESC-CAT-25-06-R Services: NJ-NJEdge_269EMCPS-23-006-EM-EPS

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 3.11)

3.12 Motion to approve Settlement Agreement between Readington Township Board of Education and the parents of student, S-190 in the amount of $350.00, for the purpose of reimbursement for independent educational evaluations.
(Attachment 3.12)

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

C. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report:

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.12
Motion_____ 2nd_____

4.01 Motion to approve a donation from Bryan Kraker of an upright piano to the Three Bridges School music program.

4.02 Motion to approve student S-225 to attend The Center School for the 2026-2027 school year, at the tuition rate of $88,406.56.

4.03 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 DATE
Carrie Bendik	Observation/Immaculate Conception School	Three Bridges School/ Tiffany Barca	10/14/2026 - 11/25/2026
Raegan Robb	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Three Bridges School/ Biernet Henskens	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026
Peyton Brand	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Three Bridges School/ Caroline Robb	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026
Liberty Schak	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Three Bridges School/ Andrea DeCampos	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026
Emily Siegel	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Whitehouse School/ Elizabeth Lewis & Laura Terranova	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026
Thalia Bhavan	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Whitehouse School/ Donna Urbanowicz & Lori Yukniewicz	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026

Ava Readie	Internship/Hunterdon County Polytech	Whitehouse School/ Mary Shea & Heather Higgins	10/15/2026 - 12/23/2026

4.04 Motion to approve the following fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Whitehouse School	Salute to Heroes	Whitehouse Fire Company
Three Bridges School	School Store	Student Activity Account
Holland Brook School	HBS Annual Turkey Trot	Student Activity Account
Holland Brook School	Pie-A-Staff Member	Student Activity Account
Readington Middle School	Halloween Bash Merch	Student Council
Readington Middle School	Delicious Bites Donuts	8th Grade Graduation
Readington Middle School	RMS Penny Wars	8th Grade Graduation

4.05 Motion to adopt the following additional field trip for the 2026-2027 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENT
HBS/RMS-Life Skills 4-8	Reading Cinemas & McDonald's	Manville, NJ	- 0 -
RMS-Chorus/6-8	Ryland Inn Tree Lighting Performance	Whitehouse Station, NJ	- 0 -

4.06 Motion to approve the following research projects for the 2026-2027 school year: iReady Correlation Study, Logic Games NCTM Study, and GeoMath.
(Attachment 4.06-4.06b)

4.07 Motion to accept an additional $1,000.00 from the Society of American Foresters Fund grant to support student learning experiences connected to the Readington Middle School Tiny Forest/Living Lab.

4.08 Motion to accept a $500.00 donation for district-wide low-income meal assistance in conformity with Policy 7230 from an anonymous donor in the 2026-2027 school year.

4.09 Motion to approve Branchburg Pediatric Dentistry to visit each of our Preschool and Kindergarten locations to present a dental health educational program, at no cost to the district.

4.10 Motion to approve Vocal Point, LLC to provide professional development to the Speech Department on November 20, 2026 in-service day, at a cost of $350.00.

4.11 Motion to approve Bergen County Special Services School District to provide an AAC+Language Workshop on October 13, 2026 in-service day at a cost of $1,500.00.

4.12 Motion to ratify and approve, Affirmed Home Care, Inc. to provide nursing services for the 2026-2027 school year, on an as needed basis, at a rate of $80 per hour.

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

D. PERSONNEL

Committee Report:

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.21

Motion_____ 2nd_____

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Anthony Avin	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02-D3/ayu	$21.02/hr. Aide NC Step 3	10/14/2026 - 06/30/2027
Evelyn Amaya	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06-D3/bez	$25.00/hr.	On or about 10/19/2026 - 06/30/2027
John Miller Jr.	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06-D3/bdo	$25.00/hr.	On or about 10/19/2026 - 06/30/2027
Monica Prescott-Stedman	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06-D3/bfe	$25.00/hr.	On or about 10/19/2026 - 06/30/2027

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alaina Sviderskis	Secretary/Curriculum (BOE) 50-05-D4/amu	$60,000.00	10/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Wanda Figueroa	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06-D3/dcy	$25.00/hr.	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

5.03 Motion to amend motion 5.01 on the September 8, 2026 agenda for the following appointment:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brian Micco	LTS Teacher/PE/Health (RMS) 20-01-D2/agi	Sub rate for the first 20 days, **$61,940.00 BA Step 2-3 (2)** per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/01/2026 - 12/4/2026

5.04 Motion to amend motion 5.02 from the September 8, 2026 agenda to the following:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lisa Buhl	LTS Teacher/Special Education (HBS) 20-02-D2/aye	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $82,720.00 MA+30 Step 13 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/01/2026 - **12/23/2026**

5.05 Motion to amend motion 5.01 from the September 8, 2026 agenda to the following:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Nascha Smith	LTS Teacher/Special Education (RMS) 20-01-D2/ahj	Sub rate for the first 20 days, $61,440.00 BA Step 1 per diem rate thereafter (prorated)	09/01/2026 - **12/23/2026**

5.06 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and ratify the following Substitute Teachers/ Aides/Nurses/Bus Drivers/Computer Support for the 2026-2027 school year, paid at the applicable substitute rates, in the Readington Township District, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements:

NAME	POSITION
Jay Kim	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Erik Livingston	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Walker Heller	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Willow Connolly	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Christian Manley	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Lisa Magliaro	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Chelsea Sorg	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.07 Motion to approve Daniel Kimple as substitute computer technician for the 2026-2027 school year at $20.00/hour not to exceed 15 hours per month after his paraprofessional working hours.

5.08 Motion to accept the change in hours for the following bus drivers, effective 09/21/2026:

NAME	HOURS
Samantha D'Antuonio	From: 5 hrs./day To: 2.5 hrs./day
Earl Gonzales	From: 0 hrs./day To: 2.5 hrs./day

5.09 Motion to ratify and approve David Rycyk as a bus aide with student, S-180, for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed 15 hours per week, at the contractual rate.

5.10 Motion to ratify and approve Gary Kropilak as a bus aide with student S-277, for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed 18 hours per week.

5.11 Motion to ratify and approve Alison Manley to provide home instruction for student, S-225 from September 2 through September 8, 2026, not to exceed 10 hours per week at the contractual rate.

5.12 Motion to approve Kimberly Saini to chaperone student S-197 for clubs from October through May, not to exceed 35 hours, at the contractual rate.

5.13 Motion to approve Renee Delia to chaperone student S-096 to attend Graphic Design club from October through May, not to exceed 20 hours, at the contractual rate.

5.14 Motion to approve Renee Delia and Olivia Baxevana to chaperone student, S-136 to attend Kindness Crew from October through April, not to exceed 15 hours collectively, at the contractual rate.

5.15 Motion to approve Alison Manley and Olivia Baxevana to chaperone student, S-049 to attend Kindness Crew from October through April, not to exceed 15 hours collectively, at the contractual rate.

5.16 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve special skills stipend of $1,000.00 for the full-time aides who are assigned to the preschool program, or who provide extraordinary services as defined by the RTEA agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 5.16)

5.17 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following job description:
(Attachment 5.17)

- Behavioral Health Counselor

5.18 Motion to amend motion 5.05 from the June 9, 2026 agenda and approve the following coaching assignments/changes for the 2026-2027 school year at the contractual rate:

STIPEND POSITION	STAFF MEMBER CHANGE
Cross Country Girls Head Coach	From: Craig Tipton To: .5 Craig Tipton & .5 Jennifer Rourke
Cheerleading Head Coach	From: Marybeth Schwarz To: Colleen Caballero
Cheerleading Assistant Coach	From: Colleen Caballero To: Michele Adamitis
Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	From: Vacancy To: Austin Piscitelli
Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	From: Craig Tipton To: Stacey Skene

5.19 Motion to rescind the following coaching assignment for the 2026-2027 school year:

STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND POSITION
Craig Tipton	Track Assistant Coach

5.20 Motion to approve the 2027-2028 holiday schedules for custodians/maintenance, secretaries, administrators, and technology staff.
(Attachment 5.20)

5.21 Motion to accept the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Readington Township Board of Education approves a Side Bar Agreement with the Readington Township Education Association regarding the district calendar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Side Bar Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate same.
(Attachment 5.21)

Roll Call:
Mrs. Barton_____ Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ 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 accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following policies for first reading: (Attachment 6.01)

- Bylaw 0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
- Policy 2535 - Library Materials
- Regulation 2535 - Library Materials
- Policy 8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicles - To and From School-Related Activities
- Policy 8662 - Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School

6.02 Motion to approve the district calendar for the 2027-2028 school year. (Attachment 6.02)

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Goals

X. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD

- Green Committee Minutes
- November 10, 2026 Board Meeting start time 6:00 p.m. to review NJSLA.

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XII. 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 HIB, Special Education Legal Matter, Superintendent Evaluation/Goals for approximately 60 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.

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

XIII. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at:
Motion_____ 2nd_____

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