READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holland Brook School - Cafeteria
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
November 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, November 10, 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. 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 residency matter 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. Barton_____ Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mr. Pieros_____ Mrs. Rad_____
Mrs. Ryan_____ Mrs. DePinto_____ Mr. Rizza_____

IV. 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_____

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- NJSLA Assessment Data Report
- QSAC Report

VIII. 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.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email E. B. - The Perks of Being a Wallflower Should Not Be In Our Middle School Library
- Email A. D. - Last Night's Board Meeting 10/13/2026
- Email J. L. - Out of Towners
- Email E. B. - Request for Clarification on Bylaw 0167 and Speaker Disclosures at the October 13 Meeting
- Email S. P. - Next Door Neighbor
- Email H. D. - Perks of Being a Wallflower Book Challenge
- Email T. C. - I Support the Board on Policy 2535 Modification
- Email P. D. - Book Challenge
- Email A. G. - Keep The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- Email J. P. - Sanderson Court Communication to the Board of Education Readington 10-15-2026
- Email E. M. - Support for Readington Educators and Concerns Regarding Book Challenge Process
- Email M. M. - November 10 BOE Meeting

X. FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING THE LIBRARY MATERIAL, "THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER" BY STEPHEN CHBOSKY

0. Individual Motions for 0.01-0.03, then separately 0.04.

   Motion to adopt 0.01(voting individually in order listed until a motion passes, then separately on 0.04)
   Motion _____ 2nd _____
   (if motion 0.01 does not pass, the Board shall first consider motion 0.02, and should that not pass then motion 0.03; motion 0.04 shall be voted upon separately should motion 0.01 - 0.03 pass with appropriate corresponding wording inserted)

0.01 **Retention with Current Limitations**

Motion to approve the retention with limitations of the library material, “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky, as a final determination, pursuant to District Regulation 2535, Library Materials, as follows:

- Library checkout limited to eight grade students, consistent with the review committee's recommendation.
- Direct the administration to review the opt-out letter sent to parents and corresponding processes regarding library material notification, also consistent with the review committee’s recommendation.

If motion 0.01 does not pass, the Board shall proceed to consider 0.02 as a separate main motion. If 0.01 passes, motions 0.02 to 0.03 will not be considered.

Motion to adopt 0.02 (voting individually in order listed until a motion passes, then separately on 0.04)
Motion _____ 2nd _____

0.02 **Removal**

Motion to approve the removal of the library material, “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky, as a final determination contrary to the recommendation of the review committee, pursuant to District Regulation 2535, Library Materials.

If motion 0.02 does not pass, the Board shall proceed to consider 0.03 as a separate main motion. If 0.02 passes, motions 0.03 will not be considered.

Motion to adopt 0.03 (voting individually in order listed until a motion passes, then separately on 0.04)
Motion _____ 2nd _____

0.03 **Retention without Limitations**

Motion to approve the retention without limitations of the library material, “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky, as a final determination contrary to the recommendation of the review committee, pursuant to District Regulation 2535, Library Materials.

- The library material will remain available for access and checkout by all Readington Middle School students, without grade level restrictions.

If none of the three proposed disposition motions is approved, a final determination has not been reached. The Board may continue deliberations and consider a new motion. If no final determination is reached, the matter will be carried forward to the next Board meeting.

If one of the three proposed disposition motions is approved, 0.04 shall be separately voted upon based on the passing resolution with appropriate wording inserted. Upon approval of a final disposition motion, the corresponding written statement of reasons will be presented for Board consideration and approval, in accordance with District Regulation 2535, Library Materials.

Motion _____ 2nd _____

0.04 **Board’s Written Statement of Reasons**

Motion to approve the Board of Education’s written statement of reasons for its final determination of _____ (*insert: retention with current limitations, removal, or retention without limitations*) of the library material in accordance with District Regulation 2535, Library Materials.

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

XI. BOARD ACTION
A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Motion to adopt 1.01 - 1.04
Motion_____ 2nd_____

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

1.02 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) self assessment for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10.
(Attachment 1.02)

1.03 Motion to approve Board Goals for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 1.03)

1.04 Motion to accept the HIB report and affirm the Superintendent's decision:

CASE NUMBER	SCHOOL	DATE	FINDING OF HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING
1	RMS	08/29/2026	No

Roll Call:
Mrs. Barton_____ Mrs. Cassidy_____ Mrs. Fiore_____ Mr. Lopes_____ Mr. Pieros_____ Mrs. Rad_____
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 October 13, 2026.

2.02 Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes October 13, 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 - 3.11
Motion _____ 2nd _____

3.01 Motion to approve the **Bill List** for the period from **October 15, 2026, through November 11, 2026** for a total amount of **$5,157,768.40.**
(Attachment 3.01)

3.02 Motion to approve the **Travel Expenditures November 10, 2026** in the amount of **$2,103.52.**
(Attachment 3.02)

3.03 Motion to ratify and approve **Payroll and Agency for the month of September 2026** for a total amount of **$3,206,025.94.**
(Attachment 3.03)

3.04 Motion to ratify and approve the following **Account Transfers from September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026**.
(Attachment 3.04-3.04a)

3.05 Motion to ratify and approve the **Student Activities Account for September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026**.
(Attachment 3.05)

3.06 Motion to accept the FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION OF BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS September 30, 2026 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)

3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of September 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.

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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 September 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 September 30, 2026.
(Attachment 3.06-3.06a)

3.07 Motion to approve a Settlement Agreement for student S-204 per attachment.
(Attachment 3.07)

3.08 Motion to approve Robert King, PLLC and Motley Rice LLC as board attorneys as a professional service per the terms of the attached agreement.
(Attachment 3.08-3.08a)

3.09 Motion to approve the auction of a 2011 Chevy MidBus 3500, 20 passenger van (Vin# 1GB63AG0A1170491) through Hunterdon County Education Services Commission.

3.10 Motion to approve ESEA Title III carryover (High Bridge School District) from the 2025-2026 school year to the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of $1,110.00.

3.11 Motion to approve the Out of District Contracts for the following students to attend Branchburg School District under McKinney-Vento, from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:
(Attachment 3.11)

STUDENT	COST
#1812109134	$21,002.40
#3753373765	$21,537.00

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

C. EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY
Committee Report:

4. Motion to adopt 4.01 - 4.08
Motion_____ 2nd_____

4.01 Motion to approve the following fundraiser for the 2026-2027 school year:

SCHOOL	FUNDRAISER	RECIPIENT
Three Bridges School	Original Works	TBS Student Activity Account

4.02 Motion to approve the attached updated list of HSA fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Attachment 4.02)

4.03 Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Nursing Services Plan.
(Attachment 4.03)

4.04 Motion to adopt the following additional field trips for the 2026-2027 school year:

GROUP/GRADE	TRIP	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE COST TO PARENT
TBS-PreK	Nature Walk	Three Bridges, NJ	- 0 -
RMS-G&T-8	The Lawrenceville School/OASIS Conference	Lawrence Township, NJ	- 0 -

4.05 Motion to amend motion 4.02 from the September 8, 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
Alexandra Veglatte	TCNJ/ Student Teacher	Whitehouse School/ Lori Gabrielsen	From: 09/09/2026 - 12/31/2026 To: 09/09/2026 - 06/17/2027

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
Lucianne Lotierzo	Nazareth Area High School	Whitehouse School/ Donna Urbanowicz	11/11/2026 - 12/01/2026
Robert Nierenberg	Raritan Valley Community College	HBS/ Patricia Dowden, Olivia Orlowski, Alyssa DeBiasio, Melissa Truempy	11/11/2026 - 12/20/2026

4.07 Motion to approve the Preschool Program Plan for the 2027-2028 school year.
(Attachment 4.07)

4.08 Motion to approve the Preschool Enrollment Projection for the 2027-2028 school year.
(Attachment 4.08)

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

D. PERSONNEL

Committee Report:

5. Motion to adopt 5.01 - 5.08

Motion_____ 2nd_____

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE DATE
Natasha Eanes	Preschool Bus Aide (Transp) 40-06/D3/bfe	$25.00/hr.	11/16/2026 - 06/30/2027

5.02 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
Rochelle Sgrignoli	Substitute Teacher/Aide
Annmarie Alves-Bola	Substitute Aide
Carson Torchio	Substitute Teacher/Aide

5.03 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the following retirements with appreciation for years of service:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Maria Helena Silva Coelho	Aide/Special Education (HBS) 30-02/D3/asa	12/31/2026
Barbara Bolandi	Behavior Health Counselor (HBS) 20-01-03/bca	12/31/2026

5.04 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve stipend payments for the attached list of teachers facilitating 2026 Fall Teacher Academy sessions. (Attachment 5.04)

5.05 Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve special skills stipend of $1,000.00 for full time aides who are assigned to self-contained autism or BD programs, or who provide extraordinary services as defined by the RTEA agreement set forth in an IEP for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment 5.05)

5.06 Motion to approve Jennifer Rourke to provide in-person accelerated learning tutoring under Wilson programming to student #709132, 1 hour per week, at the contractual rate beyond school hours for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed 30 sessions.

5.07 Motion to ratify and approve the following preschool paraprofessionals to attend preschool department meetings, from September through June, not to exceed 10 hours at the contractual rate:

Ashleigh Lambert
Donna Giummo-Chiaffarano
Dianna Pflugh
Paula Obenauer
Anna Malin Lago
Nicole Smith

5.08 Motion to approve the following coaching assignments for the 2026-2027 school year:

STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND POSITION
Jordan McChesney	Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach
Bruno Somma	Track Assistant Coach
Craig Tipton	(.5) Track Assistant Coach
Austin Piscitelli	Baseball Assistant Coach

Roll Call:
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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 and regulation for second 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

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

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD
- NJSBA Workshop Takeaways

XIV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XV. 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_____