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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Bossart, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. Seitz,
Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Ms. Zarabara,
Mr. Barcellona, Dr. Goger, Ms. Rudolph

ABSENT: Mr. Byrne

III. Statement of Public Notice

This was a regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Bernards Township. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided and copies of that resolution were forwarded to the official newspapers as designated by the Board of Education and to the Township Clerk and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Offices in accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231A.

IV. Executive Session – 7:31 p.m. – Media Center Liberty Corner School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: matters pertaining to specific personnel; negotiations; confidential student matters; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Zarabara, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:31 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Woolford, seconded by Mr. Koch, and approved by all present, the

Board returned to public session at 7:42 p.m.
The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 8:00 p.m.

V. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:00 p.m. – Gymnasium Liberty Corner School**

VI. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

VII. **Student Representative’s Report**

VIII. **Superintendent’s Report**

1) Liberty Corner School Principal Kathleen Pecoraro included in her overview of the school the goals for the future. Enrichment program students explained a group project and Guidance Counselor Eric Rauschenburger’s presentation was entitled, *Building Community at Liberty Corner School*.

IX. **President’s Report**

X. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the lockers in the 600 wing of Ridge High School are too small and in need of extensive repair to the point that they effect the health, safety, and well-being of the students, and

WHEREAS a careful and thorough inspection and evaluation of the lockers have indicated that a complete replacement is necessary, and

WHEREAS the locker replacement project is part of the district’s Long Range Facility Plan, and

WHEREAS the architect, Anthony Gianfocaro, has determined that the estimated cost for this project is \$60,000, and

WHEREAS locker replacement project must be completed during a non-occupied time during the summer, and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Bernards Township Board of Education approves the replacement of the 600 wing lockers at Ridge High School and, furthermore, submits plans and specifications to the Department of Education, Division of Facility and Transportation.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the student bathrooms at Cedar Hill School are in need of extensive repair to the point that they effect the health, safety, and well-being of the students, and

WHEREAS a careful and thorough inspection and evaluation of the bathrooms have indicated that a complete renovation and replacement of fixtures is necessary, and

WHEREAS the bathroom renovation project is part of the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

WHEREAS the architect, Anthony Gianfocaro, has determined that the estimated cost for this project is \$100,000, and

WHEREAS locker replacement project must be completed during a non-occupied time during the summer, and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Bernards Township Board of Education approves the renovation of the student bathrooms at Cedar Hill School and, furthermore, submits plans and specifications to the Department of Education, Division of Facility and Transportation.

On motion by Mr. Carlucci, seconded by Ms. Zarabara, Items #1 & 2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. Bossart, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter,
Ms. Woolford, Ms. Zarabara, Ms. Bracaglia

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

Chairperson Lou Carlucci reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 8, with representatives from Relay for Life to discuss holding their event at Ridge High School. It was agreed that the event be scheduled for Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30. Discussion was held on enrollment projections and staffing.

Personnel Committee

No date has been scheduled for the next meeting.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Paula Bossart noted the Policy Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted the Curriculum Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Community Relations

Chairperson Ann Marie Woolford noted the Community Relations Committee's next meeting is Thursday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

New Jersey School Boards Association

NJSBA Liaison William Koch noted that approximately 160 school districts were represented at the Delegate Assembly on November 22. Discussion was held regarding contract length and terms for superintendents, recall process for board members, out of country tuition expenses and increase in dues.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding class size, cost of and funding for new township fields, meeting between the Township and Board Finance Committees to discuss mutual issues, AP test results and portion of value matrix still requiring discussion.

XII. Board Forum

Comments were made regarding class size and staff, science fairs at elementary schools, the enrichment programs and costs related to forensics' trips.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Bossart, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Barcellona
Board Secretary