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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. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Zarabara

ABSENT: None

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 – 7:35 p.m. – Room 614 Ridge High 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; 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 Ms. Bossart, seconded by Mr. Koch, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:35 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Winter, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 7:50 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. – Ridge High School Auditorium**

VI. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

No comments were made.

VII. **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative Greg Shurts reported on preparations for Homecoming, fall sports and college applications.

VIII. **Superintendent's Report**

1) Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler presented the National Merit Semi-Finalists as listed below:

**Ellen Herman
Monica Thanawala**

2) Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler presented the National Merit Semi-Finalists Commended Students as listed below:

**Tyler Campbell
Vincent Chang
Jennifer Cheng
Katherine Coughlin
Ashley Crews
Alex DeLisi
Wendy Doster
Jason Ginsberg
Jiayi Hao
Andrea Hsu
Eric Lee
Daniel Novack
Poonam Pai
David Polese
Rebecca Pullman
Robert Renz
Katrina Roi
Mark Tumiski
Sara Woo
Michael Woodford
Yinfei Xu
Ran Ying**

3) Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler presented the Outstanding Participant 2004 National Achievement Scholarship Program as listed below:

Byron Glaspy

4) Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler presented a report on the high school including a discussion of No Child Left Behind and the dual enrollment program with Raritan Valley Community College for college courses and credit. Mr. Stotler highlighted some of the expanded opportunities for students including seniors attending workshops on test days, providing PSAT to all 9, 10 & 11 grades students as part of the current school goals and development of additional life skills' programs. James Daly of Educere, Inc. presented his company's program of on-line courses that would allow students to take courses not offered at the high school.

IX. President's Report

X. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

1) Finance Committee Chairperson Lou Carlucci reported on the committee's review of busing to after-school care facilities. After Board discussion and public input, it was decided that students who attend designated facilities by school sending areas will be eligible for transportation, if required and requested, and based upon mileage eligibility the transportation will be provided either on a subscription basis or without cost as noted:

<u>Cedar Hill</u>	<u>Liberty Corner</u>	<u>Mount Prospect</u>	<u>Oak Street</u>
Catholic Charities (no busing needed)	Liberty Corner Computing (no busing needed)	Catholic Charities (no busing needed)	Tree House (no busing needed)
Tree House	Catholic Charities (no busing needed)	Children's Corner	Catholic Charities (no busing needed)
Blue Kangaroo	Children's Corner (no busing needed)	Liberty Corner	YMCA
YMCA		Computer	

Personnel Committee

No report

Policy Committee

Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 14.

Curriculum Committee

No report

Community Relations

No report

New Jersey School Boards Association

No report

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the availability of a district-sponsored SAT prep course, an outline of activities of Catholic Charities daycare and the ongoing facilities review.

XII. Board Forum

After Board discussion and public input, it was decided that the following districts will be used to benchmark district performance: School District of the Chathams, Hillsborough, Holmdel, Livingston, Millburn, Montgomery, and Princeton.

XIII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Barcellona
Board Secretary