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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2012
EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:30 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.
WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carlsson.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah, Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge

ABSENT: None

III. Executive Session – 5:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education met in closed session to discuss: review of qualifications of persons under consideration for employment; 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 Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. McKeon, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:30 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Sherwyn, seconded by Ms. Shah, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the William Annin Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

IV. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School

Auditorium
V. **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.

We very much welcome input from the public. There are two times during regular meetings that the public is invited to speak. One time is early in the meeting before the Board votes, and you may speak about any item that is listed on tonight's agenda. Towards the end of the meeting, there is another public forum to address any topic whatsoever.

When you approach the microphone, please state your name and address. We do not have a specific time limit, but we ask that you keep your comments brief. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, a member of the Board or Administration will address it in the Board Response portion of the agenda.

There are times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about an employee. New Jersey statute does not permit us to discuss personnel issues in public. Also as a matter of law, a Board of Education may only vote for or against the hiring of an employee upon the recommendation of the superintendent. If the superintendent does not recommend a person, that person's name is not listed on the agenda and there is no vote on that action.

If it is necessary for the Board to go into executive session at the end of the meeting, we will provide an estimated length of time for the session and whether any action is anticipated to be taken upon returning to public session.

VI. **Student Representative**

Ridge High School Student Government Vice President Ruthie Robinson updated the Board on the recent Junior/Senior volleyball game which raised \$1,000 for the winning team's charity of choice, the Ridge X Factor talent show which will be in lieu of the Junior Class Fashion Show, and the 'Mr. Ridge' contest scheduled for April 19. Ms. Robinson spoke on plans by the student body for future service projects including the National Honor Society's school wide 2012-13 project which will revolve around a

central theme. Clubs and teams at the high school will then have a friendly competition on raising funds with the 'winner' being recognized at the end of the year awards night. Also being explored is a fundraising project through Toms Shoes.

VII. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **Spring 2012 Ridge Forensics Team's** participation in the following overnight tournaments:

February 2, 2012 – February 4, 2012	Pennsbury High School, Pennsbury, PA
February 11, 2012 – February 12, 2012	Scarsdale High School, Scarsdale, NY
February 17, 2012 – February 20, 2012	Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
February 17, 2012 – February 19, 2012	Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
April 27, 2012 – April 30, 2012	Debate Tournament of Champions, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
May 25, 2012 – May 28, 2012	NCFL Grand Nations, Baltimore, MD
June 9, 2012 – June 16, 2012	National Forensic League National Championship, Indianapolis, IN

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **2012 William Annin Middle School 8th Grade Washington D.C.** trip March 29, 2012 through March 30, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Kusel, Items #1 & 2 were approved by a 9-0 show of hands.

VIII. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding Bill S3148 election options for school board elections.

IX. Approval of Minutes

December 23, 2011 – Executive Session Minutes
December 23, 2011 – Regular Session Minutes
January 9, 2012 – Executive Session Minutes
January 9, 2012 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Sherwyn, the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (except January 9, 2012 Executive & Regular Sessions),
Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah,
Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - Mr. Byrne (only January 9, 2012 Executive & Regular Sessions)

X. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated January 23, 2011 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$11,954,312.63.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the December 2011 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for December 2011, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for December 2011.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), the Bernards Township Board of Education, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, and to the best of their knowledge, certifies that as of the date of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report, no major account or fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the December 2011 line item transfers totaling \$1,670,083.94 to the 2011-12 school budget, list on file in the Board office.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **field trip destinations** for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Group Attending:</u>	<u>Number of Students:</u>
Chatham Middle School, Chatham, NJ	Ridge High Jazz Band	24

Intrepid Air & Space Museum, New York, NY	William Annin Students	438
Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, Basking Ridge, NJ	Ridge High A Cappella Choir	46
Somerset County Administration Building, Somerville, NJ	Ridge High FBLA Club	5

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve professional development expenses in accordance with P.L. 2007 An Act Concerning School District Accountability and annual Board resolution for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
J. Oliver	44 th Annual Conference on Reading & Writing	\$175	3/16/2012
K. Sedorak	New Jersey Association for Gifted Children Conference	\$190	3/9/2012
J. Slutzky	ASCD Conference	\$1,030	3/23/2012 – 3/26/2012
D. Hunscher	44 th Annual Conference on Reading & Writing	\$190	3/16/2012

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the sale of the following items which are outmoded in design, construction or in need of extensive repair on GovDeals.com:

<u>Items:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>
Dell Computer Monitors	11
Dell Computers	11
HP Business Inkjet Printer	1
Lenovo Tablet	1
Samsung DVD Player	1
Sharp TV	1

The complete list of asset tag numbers on file in the Board office.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve audiological services for the following student for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u># of Sessions:</u>	<u>Not to Exceed:</u>
301553	3 per week (12/1/11 – 12/16/11)	\$19,751.65
	5 per week (12/21/11 – 6/30/12)	

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the reclassification of account number 2063301221219 from a bond and interest account to an interest bearing FSA/DCA for the district's flexible spending account.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from

the **Oak Street School PTO** in the amount of \$3,600 for the Wizards of Words school assembly.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the following **out-of-district student** for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u>School District:</u>	<u>Tuition Income:</u>
304736	Somerset Hills Public School District (commencing January 9, 2012)	\$18,754.58

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **out-of-district placements** for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u>Tuition Payment:</u>
200569	\$85,479.60
304047	\$25,899.96

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education received quotes for a dependent eligibility audit for health care insurance as follows:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
BMI	\$11,972
NGS (Coresource)	\$17,019
Impact Interactive	\$18,760

The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby award to **BMI** contingent upon attorney review and execution of a mutually agreeable contract.

13) RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (i) AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 THROUGH 62 FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS TO REFUND A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2005 AND (ii) APPROVING A REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, The Board of Education of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$44,648,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds (the “2005 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate

environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for School District property taxpayers through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds, Series 2006 (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$32,825,000 outstanding 2005 School Bonds maturing in the years 2016 through 2030 (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$38,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62, the Board has determined to make application (the “Application”) to the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the “LFB”) for approval to adopt the Refunding Bond Ordinance and to issue the Refunding School Bonds (collectively, the “Refinancing”); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish the Refinancing;
- (b) the Refinancing is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the School District; and
- (c) the Refinancing is an efficient and feasible means of reducing the costs of providing services for the inhabitants of the School District and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon such School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The preparation of the Application and the filing of same with the LFB for its approval are hereby approved, and the school officials and officers, including but not limited to, the Board President and Vice President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, together with bond counsel, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey (“Bond Counsel”) and the financial advisor, Capital Financial Advisors, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey (“Financial Advisor”), are each hereby authorized and directed to represent the Board in such matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The LFB is hereby respectfully requested to consider the Application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of pending ordinance for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in the Courier News, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT A

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF ITS OUTSTANDING 2005 SCHOOL BONDS ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$44,648,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the Board of Education of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$44,648,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt school bonds (the “2005 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for School District property taxpayers through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds, Series 2006 (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$32,825,000 outstanding 2005 School Bonds maturing in the years 2016 through 2030 (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$38,000,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof

affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds. The Refunded Bonds may be redeemed on their earliest redemption date of July 15, 2015 (the “Redemption Date”) at a redemption price equal to par, plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Board is hereby authorized to issue not to exceed \$38,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds, all in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 through 62.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$275,000 may be allocated from the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds to pay for the aggregate costs of issuance thereof, including bond insurance premiums, underwriting fees, official statement printing fees, public advertisement expenses, verification agent fees, escrow agent fees, bond counsel fees and other expenses in connection therewith.

Section 4. The purpose of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds is to realize *net* present value interest cost savings for School District property taxpayers (“*net*” meaning savings after payment of all costs of issuance of the Refunding School Bonds). Applicable State requirements mandate that such *net* present value interest cost savings equal at least 3% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 5. A certified copy of this Refunding Bond Ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the “Director”) prior to final adoption hereof, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by such Director and signed by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as chief financial officer of the School District, as to the Refunded Bonds to be refinanced by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds authorized herein.

Section 6. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been duly prepared and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Bernards and in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the School District as of the date of approval and first reading of this Refunding Bond Ordinance and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director, and such Supplemental Debt Statement shows that the gross debt of the School District is increased by \$5,175,000 as a result of the authorization of the Refunding School Bonds.

Section 7. The Board covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest

on all Refunding School Bonds issued under this Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Section 8. This Refunding Bond Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption hereof, after the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy hereof.

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Byrne, Items # 1 through 13 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah,
Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Derek Boudreau** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective January 20, 2012.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Laura Rieder** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School effective May 16, 2012 through June 30, 2012 utilizing 27 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective September 1, 2012 through October 16, 2012 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective September 1, 2012 through December 7, 2012 then an unpaid child care leave effective December 8, 2012 through June 30, 2013, returning September 1, 2013.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Erica Stianchi** Grade 4 Teacher Liberty Corner School effective April 2, 2012 through May 21, 2012 utilizing 30 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective May 22, 2012 through June 29, 2012 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective May 22, 2012 through October 12, 2012 then an unpaid child care leave effective October 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013, returning September 1, 2013.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Lashanda Wilson** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School effective April 2, 2012 through June 1, 2012 utilizing 38 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 2, 2012 through June 30, 2012 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, returning on September 1, 2012.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Cheryl Zuppa** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School effective March 1, 2012 through March 26, 2012 utilizing 18 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective March 27, 2012 through May 18, 2012 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective March 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012, returning July 1, 2012.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Lisa Brodman** Secretary Special Services District Office effective March 15, 2012 through June 5, 2012 utilizing 40 personal illness days and 10 vacation days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 6, 2012 through July 22, 2012 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective June 6, 2012 through August 28, 2012, then an unpaid child care leave August 29, 2012 through June 30, 2013, returning July 1, 2013.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **change in assignments and/or locations** for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Katie Darby	Home Instruction At Home Program \$24.43 per hour	Home Instruction At Home Program \$23.93 per hour
Diane Ragsdale	Secretary Guidance William Annin Middle School	Secretary William Annin Middle School effective March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012
Barbara Vega-Mercado	Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 5 \$26.29 per hour 6.5 hours per day effective September 8, 2011 through June 22, 2012	Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 5 \$26.29 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 8, 2011 through June 22, 2012

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Sean Siet** Assistant Superintendent District Office effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Adam Huntington** Technology Education Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 4 BA \$47,910 effective January 19, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing – Mentoring Required. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Darcie Malkin** Speech Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 18 MA \$75,155 effective

February 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Valerie Schantz** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 MA+30 \$55,550 effective February 3, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as a maternity leave replacement for Jen Stoeckel. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing – Mentoring Required. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Elizabeth Troullos** .8 Italian Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 BA \$45,910 effective March 12, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as a maternity leave replacement for Chiara Kupiec. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date and .8 status.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Casey Windisch** Language Arts Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 MA \$51,880 effective February 27, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as a maternity leave replacement for Beth Kulik. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Lynn Coyne** Special Education Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of \$230 per diem effective December 12, 2011 until end of assignment as a medical leave replacement.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Leah Linebarger** Special Education Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$230 per diem effective January 9, 2012 until end of assignment as a medical leave replacement.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Vivian Miesner** Secretary Guidance William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 8 \$45,947 effective March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Lawrence Mongno** Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of Step 2 \$24.43 per hour 5.5 hours per day effective January 18, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **extracurricular assignments** for 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Stipend/Longevity:</u>
Melanie Doering	Athletic Site Supervisor WAMS	\$50 per day
Adam Torrisi	Athletic Site Supervisor WAMS	\$50 per day
Andy West	Athletic Site Supervisor WAMS	\$50 per day
Andrew Apel	Assistant Boys' Lacrosse RHS	\$5,756/n/a
Niall Caldwell	Winter Intramurals 4 days CHS	\$2,356/5 years/1 point/\$198

Cathy Cheo-Isaacs	Web 2.0 Challenge: Timelines	3	\$450
Cathy Cheo-Isaacs	Web 2.0 Presentations	3	\$450
Kathy Lime	American Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certification	6	\$300

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **student interns** for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College/University:</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher:</u>
Danielle Presuto	Fairleigh Dickinson	English/Louise Winget WAMS 1/9/12-1/20/12
Shane Hughes	Seton Hall	Social Studies/Jennifer Raphaels RH 2/2/12-5/2/12
Leonard Nucifono	Seton Hall	Social Studies/Aileen Ehrgott WA 2/2/12-5/2/12
Jessie Northgrave	Lafayette	Elementary/Natalia Szmackinski MP 1/11/12-1/12/12
Anna Brasowski	Kean	Elementary/Peggy Greaney MP 1/23/12-05/12/12
Sukaina Ali	Kean	Elementary/Debbie Reynolds MP 1/23/12-05/12/12
Susan Ferretti	Kean	Art/Alicia Bynoe LC 1/20/12-04/13/12
Susan Ferretti	Kean	Art/Stephanie Moench WA 4/16/12-06/15/12
Lisa Donnelly	Rutgers	MAP/Rachel Golum RH 1/23/12-05/12/12
Anna Braverman	Rutgers	School Psychologist/Maria Mensinger & Rachel Golum 1/19/12-06/22/12
Tom Price	Rutgers	Math/Kristy Baril, Denise Graff, Lauren Kohut RHS 1/20/12
David Howarth	RVCC	Science/Chris Swanson WA 3/12/12-04/16/12
Jhovanna Ibanez	RVCC	Science/Dan Smith RH 2/13/12-3/5/12 Elementary/Melissa Baron OS 2/13/12-3/5/12
Roy Dragon	Kean	Physical Education/Tim Howard RH 1/23/12-5/12/12

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **substitute teachers and/or nurses** for the 2011-12 school year at a salary of \$80 per diem for substitute teachers and \$120 per diem for substitute nurses:

Darcie Malkin
Alexander Masiuk
Linda Klauber
Kelly Flannigan
Jared Graves
Alicia Haller
Sarah Kelly
Matthew Minor
Deirdre Parker
Barbara Reynolds
Maria Romani
Matthew Sebor
Kenneth Turso
Kyle O'Neill
Valerie Schantz
Sidneia Sharif
Bindu George
Alexis DeVita

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **volunteer** for the 2011-12 school year:

Ryan Farley Boys' Basketball

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept resignation of **Barbara Lombardi** Instructional Aide Liberty Corner School effective on or before February 17, 2012.

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kelly Gvoth** Math Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 BA \$45,910 effective March 19, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as a maternity leave replacement for Kristin Constantiello. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve various assignment for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Peter Samila	At Home Program	\$26.29 per hour

On motion by Ms. Sherwyn, seconded by Mr. Koch, Items #1 through 27 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah, Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Board President Susan Carlsson reviewed the education background and welcomed newly appointed Assistant Superintendent Sean Siet. Mr. Siet joined the district as Supervisor of Social Studies becoming Director of Curriculum and Instruction in July 2007. His newly appointed position will begin on July 1, 2012.

Dr. Goger welcomed Mr. Siet. She continued by explaining the restructuring of the position of Assistant Superintendent. The position will include the departments of Human Resources as well Curriculum. The current position of Director of Curriculum will not be filled. With the projected increase to 1,900 students at the high school by the 2014-15 school year, a position of Supervisor of Guidance will be re-instated to assist in directing the college admission process.

AD HOC FACILITIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) Contingent on attorney review of a mutually agreeable contract, the Bernards Township Board of Education hereby authorizes Spiegle Architects to amend the District's Long Range Facility Plan and to submit to the Department of Education for Non-Grant approval for capital improvement and maintenance projects for the summer of 2012. Projects to include; electrical and lighting upgrades, exterior building and site work, and interior floor, cosmetic and casework improvements. Complete project list on file in Board Office.

Discussion by the Board included the establishment of an Ad Hoc committee to explore the needs of the district's athletic fields and facilities. It was agreed this discussion be shifted to the Board Forum portion of the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Shah, Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah, Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson

“Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - None

CURRICULUM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following textbooks for purchase and use during the 2012-13 school year:

<u>Book:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u>Publisher:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Chemistry – Matter and Change	Honors Chemistry	McGraw Hill	160	\$14,617.38
Chemistry	CP Chemistry - M	Pearson	220	\$16,609.46
Go Math	Grades 3 - 5 Mathematics	Houghton Mifflin	1,340	\$60,953.03

On motion by Ms. McKeon, seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah,
 Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies on **second reading** and **adopt** said policies:

- a) *Policy File Code: 2330 Student Homework (Tabled)*
- b) Policy File Code: M2412 Home Instruction Due to Health Condition
- c) Policy File Code: M2481 Home or Out-of-School Instruction for General Education Pupils
- d) Policy File Code: M5519 Dating Violence at School

On motion by Ms. Kusel, seconded by Ms. Sherwyn, Item #1 b, c & d was approved and Item #1 a was brought back to committee by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah,
 Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

XI. Board Forum

Board discussion focused on the mission statement and structure of an Ad Hoc committee for athletic field needs. Some members of the Board thought the topic of branding should be included within this committee mission. It was agreed that its primary objective would be determining the athletic field needs and the best way for the district to meet them.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) *The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby establish the Election of Members of the Bernards Township Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November (Tabled)*

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Bernards Township Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state’s tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Bernards Township Board of Education believes that more citizens

will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Bernards Township Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Bernards Township Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015;

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Bernards Township Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the Board of Education's next organization meeting will take place on January 7, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Bernards Township Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; Somerset County Clerk; the Somerset County Board of Elections; Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; and Kathleen Serafino, Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Comments by the Board included the impact on the district of previous budget defeats, maintaining the required 2% cap on spending, eliminating the vote on a budget within the 2% cap is the "tool" the Governor gave to school districts to utilize, and taking the vote

away from residents. After discussion regarding the change in election dates from April to November, the Board decided to table this resolution until its February 13 meeting. Dr. Goger informed the Board that the College Board bestowed an honorable mention on Ridge High School along with a \$1,000 grant to support the arts. She requested that Supervisor Michael Fackelman thank his staff for the remarkable job they do year after year to maintain the high quality of the high school's art department.

2) Student Stressors

Director of Curriculum Sean Siet stated the homework procedures are in their final revision phase.

XII. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding branding, inclusion of an additional religious day in the district calendar, and student stressors in regard to scheduling assessments.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Sherwyn, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Markarian
Board Secretary