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- I. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**
- II. **Salute to the Flag**
- III. **Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Board Counsel John Croot

Absent: Mr. McLaughlin

- IV. **Executive Session – 5:31 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Room 110**

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge and seconded by Ms. McKeon, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:33 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss: confidential matter related to personnel, students, and contract 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. Cwerner seconded by Ms. White and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:44p.m.

- V. **Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:05 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**

## **VI. Statement of Public Notice**

This is 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. In order to run efficient meetings and to allow maximum opportunity for members of the public to speak, the Board reserves the right to set a time limit for individual comments and/or public comment portions of the agenda. Please understand that public comment portions of our agendas are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. Any Board responses to public comment will be addressed during Board Forum, or during committee reports.

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.

## **VII. Student Representative - Maddie Athanasiou**

Ms. Athanasiou provided updates for the end of the Ridge High School Football Team season, the upcoming annual junior versus senior class volleyball tournament, a grievance from the student body about vending machines being shut down by the cafeteria, an update from the meeting between the Student Government and the Advocacy Committee and a suggestion that students would like to tour schools that have different schedules such as the rotating-drop schedule in order to provide feedback to the Board.

Board members agreed that student input is a good idea and thanked the Student Government for meeting with the Advocacy Committee.

### VIII. Student Recognition

#### 1) William Annin Boys Soccer

Rita Zarabara, WAMS Athletic Coordinator  
Peter Samila, Coach

Liam Clark	Matthias Masiero
Matthew Fabbio	Patrick McCune
Asgrimur Gudmundsson	James McKeon
Alex Haviland	Ryan Parisi
Samuel Hecht	Heath Parker
Eric Heinemann	Derek Paulo
Michael Hlavaty	Conor Reilly
Matias Hornos	Kyle Swan
Ryan Hunt	Christopher Welther

#### 2) William Annin Boys Cross Country

Rita Zarabara, WAMS Athletic Coordinator  
Kevin Karch, Coach  
Frank LoCascio, Coach  
Allyson Blanford, Coach  
Marissa Berkowitz, Coach

Tim Kolshorn  
Jonathan Wey  
Leo Kovatch  
Matthew Fukushima  
Marcus Bjarke  
Ashton Bernaz  
Alex Grant

Superintendent Nick Markarian introduced Rita Zarabara, the WAMS Athletic Coordinator, to recognize the William Annin Boys Soccer and Cross Country teams. Ms. Zarabara provided some background to the program and listed the achievements of the teams.

Coaches Peter Samilia and Kevin Karch presented awards to their respective teams listing individual team member's achievements.

### IX. Board Presentation

#### 1) Social Emotional Learning - Programming Update

Kristin Fox, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum

Stephanie Smith, Director of School Counseling

MS. Kristin Fox, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Stephanie Smith, Director of School Counseling, presented the Social Emotional Learning Programming Update. Key points of the presentation were:

- A review of strengths and recommendations from the evaluation done in the 2015-16 School Year, a progress report on the recommendations and considerations that will be made in the future.
- Outlining District Goal: Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
  - Overview of 2016-18 versus 2018-19 goal dynamics
  - Competencies of SEL
  - Social and Cultural Issues
- Districtwide SEL Efforts for students and staff
- Staff wellness and mindful practices in the classroom

Click [here](#) to view entire presentation.

#### X. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated November 12, 2018.

On motion by Ms. Korn seconded by Mr. Salmon Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge  
 “Noes” - None  
 “Abstain” - None

Superintendent Markarian recognized Veteran's Day and made note of the wildfires going on in California.

#### XI. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Public comment was regarding athletics and student stressors.

#### XII. **Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

October 15, 2018 - Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes  
 October 29, 2018 - Regular Session Minutes  
 October 29, 2018 - Executive Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Cwerner the foregoing were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge  
 “Noes” - None  
 “Abstain” - None

### XIII. Finance Committee Report

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated November 12, 2018 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$5,103,333.27.
- 2) 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 2018-19 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
G. Donlevie	Building a Coaching Culture in Your School	\$175	12/11/2018
A. Ballas	NECTFL	\$200	02/08/2019 to 02/09/2019
L. Jordan	Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)	\$325	November-December 2018
K. Fox	Rutgers Gifted Education Conference	\$215	11/30/2018
D. Persily	Rutgers Gifted Education Conference	\$200	11/30/2018
K. Bobowicz	Units of Study in Reading and the NJ PARCC Exam	\$165	11/30/2018

K. Kowalewski NJMEA State Conference \$170 02/21/2019 and  
02/22/2019

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education **approves the withdrawal** in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund to cover the costs of the SDA approved project for the William Annin Curtain Wall Repairs.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **field trip destinations** for the 2018-19 school year:

<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Group Attending:</u>	<u>Number of Students:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
Great Swamp Education Center	Oak Street 4th Grade Students	41	11/19/2018
Great Swamp Education Center	Oak Street 4th Grade Students	41	11/27/2018

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Gray Items #1-4 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge  
 “Noes” - None  
 “Abstain” - None

Ms. McKeon reviewed finance items.

#### XIV. Personnel Committee Report

No report.

#### XV. Policy Committee Report

No report.

#### XVI. Curriculum Committee Report

No report.

#### XVII. Advocacy Committee Report

No report.



**XVIII. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report**

Ms. Gray provided a report from the October 25, 2018 Ad Hoc SEL Committee meeting. Topics included the process for sending out senior transcripts and college applications, extra help concerns and an administrative lead for the committee change from Assistant Superintendent Siet to Ms. Smith who is the Director of School Counseling.

**XIX. Liaison Committee Reports**

No report.

**XX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

Public comments were made in regard to the Elementary Chamber Orchestra and a “Chill Zone” for Ridge High School.

**XXI. Board Forum**

Board members discussed the many successes of the students of the Bernards Township School District and best practices for celebrating them publically.

**XXII. Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Cwerner and seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin  
Board Secretary