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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PAC**

I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. – Ridge High School PAC

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President McKeon.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel,
Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet,
Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

ABSENT: None

IV. Executive Session – 6:31 p.m. – Ridge High School Principal’s Conference Room

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. Richman, and approved by all present the Board recessed into closed Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss: personnel/contract 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. Fry, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and approved by all present the Board closed Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:06 p.m. – Ridge High School PAC

President McKeon reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School PAC at 7:06 p.m.

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. 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. 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

Ridge High School Student Government President Kunaal Kapadia updated the Board on the events from the week of October 11-17 including the Senior Spirit Week, a very successful Senior Tailgate and Homecoming Dance where Shannon Keefe was crowned as Homecoming Queen and Jack Abbiatici was crowned as Homecoming King. Mr. Kapadia also provided an update regarding the purchase of water bottles as a fundraiser and Green initiative.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following research projects for the 2015-16 School Year:

How Games Are Used as a Teaching Tool, Matthew Farber
Collaborative Writing, Daria Kuscenko

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following two Board of Education Goals for 2015-16:

Each Board of Education Committee will establish a focus goal for the 2015-2016 school year and provide the full BOE with regular and comprehensive progress reports on the goal.

Understand the pros and cons of a variety of school bell and master schedules to maximize operational efficiencies and educational opportunities.

Superintendent Nick Markarian discussed the October 19 visit from the New Jersey Department of Education Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning. Lockdown, Simulations were performed both at Ridge High School and William Annin Middle School with the assistance of the Bernards Township Police Department, School Resource Officers, and Staff. Afterward the drills were reviewed with Mr. Markarian and staff and feedback was provided.

Mr. Markarian also discussed achievements in district such as the awarded “Shop Rite Cup” and that the Liberty Corner School was recently recognized as a National School of Character. He also discussed the October 15 College Fair that was held in the New Gym at Ridge High School for both Ridge High School and Bernards High School.

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Cwerner Items #1 and #2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (only Item #1), Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. McKeon
“Noes” - Mr. Byrne (only Item #2)
“Abstain” - None

IX. Public Forum on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

X. Approval of Minutes

September 28, 2015 – Executive Session Minutes
September 28, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes
October 12, 2015 – Executive Session Minutes
October 12, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel (on the September 28, 2015 Regular and Executive Minutes only), Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. McKeon
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - Ms. Kusel (on the October 12, 2015 Regular and Executive Minutes only)

XI. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated October 19, 2015 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$486,039.58.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the September 2015 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for September 2015, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for September 2015.

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 September 2015 line item transfers totaling \$1,858,692.92 to the 2015-16 school budget, list on file in the Board office.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with **Newmark Education** to provide staff training in the amount of \$19,900 for the 2015-16 school year.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize a renewal of **the Passaic Valley Coach Lines** Ridge High School Ski Team transportation contract for an amount of \$25,924.80, with additional hourly rates of \$89 per hour. The contract term is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, contingent upon attorney review of a mutually agreeable contract.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the settlement for student #300171 from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at **The Grove School** in the amount not to exceed \$67,392.50.

- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student # 203900 from October 5, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at **Shepard Preparatory High School** in the amount of \$68,476.56.
- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student # 201076 from September 9, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at **The Career Center** in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve tuition for student #203506 from August 1, 2015 to August 1, 2016 at **YCS Sawtelle-In-Home Behavioral Supports** in the amount of \$37,200.00.
- 10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction services for student # 202345 from October 2, 2015 to December 23, 2015 at **Middlesex Regional Educational Services** not to exceed \$7,560.00.
- 11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction services for student # 203613 from October 15, 2015 to November 25, 2015 at **Middlesex Regional Educational Services** not to exceed \$1,980.00.
- 12) 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 2015-16 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
J. O'Connell	PLC at Work	\$1,051	11/04/2015 to 11/06/2015
K. Hudock	Demystifying PARCC Data Reports	\$172	12/3/2015
J. Oliver	Blue Ribbon Schools Ceremony	\$737	11/8/2015-11/10/2015
R. Schnell	Practical Strategies to Enhance STEM Instruction	\$250	11/23/2015
C. Athanasiou	Practical Strategies to Implement STEM Instruction	\$245	11/23/2015
M. Mensinger	PLC at Work	\$1,448	11/05/2015-11/06/2015
J. Hauser	PLC at Work	\$1,051	11/04/2015-11/06/2015
T. Emma	NJ Fall Yearbook Workshop	\$185	10/9/2015
R. McLaughlin	Social Security, Medicare, and Prescription Drug Retirement Benefits	\$299	10/29/2015

- 13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a workshop fee for "Legal Issues and Provisions of ABA Services" presented in Special Services on October 7, 2015 through **Brett DiNovi & Associate, LLC** and presented by **Tony DiCesare, Esq.** in the amount of \$675.
- 14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **disposal of equipment/books** for the 2015-16 school year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.

15) 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>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>
Dell Latitude 2100	18

16) WHEREAS, the **Nonpublic Security Aid Program** has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic Security Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide security services, equipment and technology to the nonpublic schools located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and agree upon the security to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon security which may include security services, equipment, and technology, and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Education Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township School District (District) enters into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic Security Aid Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2015-2016 school year and are awarded funding as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will invoice the District for security items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the Nonpublic Security Aid Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan on file in the Board of Education office.

On motion by Ms. Kusel seconded by Ms. Shah Items #1 through #17 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah,
Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. McKeon
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Ms. Kusel discussed topics from the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on October 14 such as the Facilities Management Services Contract that is up for renewal with Aramark. Also discussed was the Phase 2 of the Unit Ventilator Replacement Project at LCS and OSS Bid Status and the timeline that follows the advertisement being placed on October 14, 2015.

Ms. Kusel also discussed other Finance Committee topics such as the possibility of the district self-insuring healthcare as opposed to using the current Horizon plan, improvements that are needed for the varsity softball field and cost options and the ongoing research that is taking place with regard to transportation alternatives.

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept resignation of **Christina Farrelly** Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School effective November 14, 2015.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the following Extra-Curricular Assignment for the 2015-16 school year:

Nicol Traynor Assistant Girls’ Winter Track

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Courtney Gluck** Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 \$25.79 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective October 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** 2015-16 school year:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>15-16:</u>	<u>Years:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Longevity:</u>
CH	John Tshilas	Fall Intramurals (6 sessions)	\$450.00	0 years	0 points	\$0
CH	Brian McCarthy	Fall Intramurals (6 sessions)	\$450.00	3 years	0 points	\$0

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the various staff assignments for the 2015-16 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Evani Shah	After School Care Program Aide	\$12.00 per hour
Alia El Sawaah	After School Care Program Aide	\$12.00 per hour
Matt Errico	After School Care Program Aide	\$12.00 per hour
Matthew Page	After School Care Program Aide	\$12.00 per hour
Tyler Lee	After School Care Program Aide	\$12.00 per hour
Katherine Swankie	After School Care Program Teacher	\$45.00 per hour
Katie Poupolo	After School Care Program Teacher	\$45.00 per hour
Alyssa Marmo	After School Care Program	\$20.00 per hour

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Mentors** for the 2015 - 16 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

<u>Provisional Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Thomas Liska	Social Studies	Suzanne Ward	\$550
Frank Caccavale	Technology	Mark Dotta	\$294
Dan Goldberg	Physical Education	Tim Howard	\$294
Troy O'Connor	Mathematics	Jacqueline Geiger	\$550
Robin Wells	6 th Grade Math	Jamie Mauro	\$294
Lauren Colantoni	8 th Grade Science	Christina Daly	\$295
Timothy Gibbs	Social Studies	Melanie Dupuis	\$294
Jessica Baker	Special Ed	Erin Stutz	\$550
Samantha Meringolo	Grade 2	Linda Mullin	\$366
Megan Licata	Grade 3	Carley Long	\$550
Steven Bogart	Phys. Ed & Health	Liana Lavecchia	\$294
Caroline Clark	Preschool Special Ed.	Maggie Rossi	\$1000
Katherine McGrath	Elem. Autistic K – 5	TBA	\$1000
Nicole Hall	Special Education	TBA	\$550

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Mini Unit Instructors** for the 2015-16 school year:

<u>Teacher:</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Course Offerings:</u>	<u>Stipend:</u>
David Aufiero	RH	Tinkercad 3-D Digital Models	\$ 844.00
Maggie Davignon	CH	Harry Potter Crafts	\$ 844.00

Fern DiMeglio	CH	Lotsof Legos (aide)	\$ 422.00
Allison Farrell	WA	Clay Studio B	\$ 844.00
Emily Lingenfelter	CH	Emi's Yoga	\$ 844.00
Will Rope	RH	Tinkercad 3-D Digital Models (aide)	\$ 422.00
		4th Grade Holiday Singers and	
Lyndsey Schaefer	CH	Dancers	\$ 844.00
Dena Zapoluch	CH	Lots of Legos	\$ 844.00
Margarite LeBouf	CH	Clay Studio B aide	\$ 422.00
Emily Barisonek	LC	LEGO Club	\$ 844.00
Mary Anne Kopeki	LC	Yoga for You	\$ 844.00
Jennifer Braun	OS	Art Studio	\$ 844.00
Kimberly Lewis	OS	Cupcake Decorating	\$ 844.00
Linda Mullen	OS	Calling All Cooks	\$ 844.00
Melanie Sackie	OS	Clay It Up	\$ 844.00
Melanie Sackie	OS	Games Galore	\$ 844.00
Meredith Rymer	OS	Prop and Mask Making	\$ 844.00
Pam Burns	OS	Calling All Cooks- aide	\$ 422.00
Lisa Landy	OS	Calling All Cooks- aide	\$ 422.00
Sheri Rosenbaum	OS	Improvisation	\$ 844.00
William Baker	OS	Lego Lovers	\$ 844.00
Karen Pellicone	MP	MP Beginner's Chess Club	\$ 844.00
Deborah Reynolds	MP	Art Creations	\$ 844.00
Patrick Vreeland	MP	Wall Street at Mount Prospect	\$ 844.00
Sheri Jakubowski	MP	Art Creations	\$ 844.00
Mary Ann Guggenheim	MP	Extreme Science Monday	\$ 844.00
Mary Ann Guggenheim	MP	Extreme Science Thursday	\$ 844.00
Katie Miller	MP	Magical World of Harry Potter	\$ 844.00
Joshua Ganz	MP	MP Advanced Chess Club	\$ 844.00

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Substitute Teachers** at a salary of \$90 per diem and **Substitute Nurses** at a salary of \$170 per diem for the 2015-16 school year:

Jenny Lee Woo
Zoe Petitt
Tracie Tonetta
Dallas Buns

Andrew Lopez
Kirren Ahmed
Rachel Rever

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Volunteers** for the 2015-16 school year:

- Tim Howard Winter Track
- Nicol Traynor Winter Track

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

10) Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 permits a board of education to include in its contract with the Superintendent of Schools, quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and associated merit salary payments in recognition of their achievement during the school year, and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now developed a set of annual quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals and goal criteria for the 2015-16 school year that it wishes to include in its contract with the Superintendent now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education establishes the following quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and merit salary payments for their achievement, and directs that these quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and related merit payments be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before adding them to the contract:

Quantitative Merit Goals

1 Staff development time

Increase the available time for in-service and other non pull out professional development opportunities for 6-12 staff by 20% compared to the 14-15 school year.

- A. 0% < increase < 8%
- B. 8% ≤ increase < 13%
- C. 13% ≤ increase < 20%
- D. increase ≥ 20%

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved %

In service calendars, in service agendas, in service sign in sheets, PLC meeting schedules

- 0.8325%
- 1.6650%
- 2.4975%
- 3.3300%

2 Improvement of instruction

Attain average increases in subject/grade level MAP tests from fall to spring test administrations that are at least 20% higher than the national average increase on the same subject/grade level MAP tests.

- A. 0% < percent of subject/grade level tests that achieved goal < 25%
- B. 25% ≤ percent of subject/grade level tests that achieved goal < 50%
- C. 50% ≤ percent of subject/grade level tests that achieved goal < 75%

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved %

MAP score reports

- 0.8325%
- 1.6650%
- 2.4975%

D. percent of subject/grade level tests that achieved goal $\geq 75\%$

3.3300%

3 Attendance improvement

Improve overall student attendance in the district as measured by the School Register Summary from the 2014-2015 school year measure of 95.68% to 96.68% or higher as measured by the 2015-2016 School Register Summary.

- A. $0\% < \text{increase} < .25\%$
- B. $.25\% \leq \text{increase} < .5\%$
- C. $.5\% \leq \text{increase} < .75\%$
- D. $.75\% \leq \text{increase} \leq 2\%$

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved %

2015-2016 School Register Summary

0.8325%
1.6650%
2.4975%
3.3300%

Qualitative Merit Goals

4 New schedule of school day times

Develop and present to the BOE a new set of school opening and closing times to be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year which provides for improvements in operational effectiveness and efficiency.

- A. Develop plans through BOE committees
- B. Present pros and cons at a BOE meeting
- C. Communicate with the public
- D. Coordinate change with transportation providers

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved %

<i>Poor=1</i>	<i>Fair=2</i>	<i>Good=3</i>	<i>Excellent=4</i>

Total points:

$0 < X < 4$ 0.6250%
 $4 \leq X < 8$ 1.2500%
 $8 \leq X < 12$ 1.8750%
 $12 \leq X \leq 16$ 2.5000%

5 Innovate Pilot Observation Program

Participate in a pilot program with the NJDOE to advance a new form of teacher evaluation called the Innovate Pilot Observation Program.

- A. Present initial program to DEAC
- B. Present program to staff
- C. Establish procedures for staff and administration
- D. Review sample evaluations and gather feedback from teachers and administrators for discussion at DEAC

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved %

<i>Poor=1</i>	<i>Fair=2</i>	<i>Good=3</i>	<i>Excellent=4</i>

<u>Total points:</u>	$0 < X < 4$	0.6250%
	$4 \leq X < 8$	1.2500%
	$8 \leq X < 12$	1.8750%
	$12 \leq X \leq 16$	2.5000%

11) Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 permits a board of education to include in its contract with the School Business Administrator , quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and associated merit salary payments in recognition of their achievement during the school year, and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now developed a set of annual quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals and goal criteria for the 2015-16 school year that it wishes to include in its contract with the School Business Administrator now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education establishes the following quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and merit salary payments for their achievement, and directs that these quantitative merit goals, qualitative merit goals, goal criteria and related merit payments be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before adding them to the contract:

Quantitative Merit Goals

- 1** Facilitate a \$60,000-\$100,000 lighting upgrade project at William Annin Middle School funded at least 70% with alternative funding.

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved 3.33%

Documentation from PSEG of installation, alternative funds offset and net cost.

- 2** Improve district safety by enhancing the monitoring, communication and security systems.

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved 3.33%

Facilitate installation of classroom intercom phone system at Liberty Corner School using at least 50% alternative funding. Contract for purchase and installation, invoice and payment of same. Alternative funding award and application for project.

- 3** Harden building access for district elementary schools for enhanced security.

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved 3.33%

Using at least 50-60% alternative funding facilitate installation of electronic door access systems, teller exchange windows for ID/visitor pass exchange and additional storefronts and architectural modifications at each elementary school as necessary to restrict access to authorized individuals issued visitors passes. Contracts for construction and Installation services, invoices and documentation of payment from alternative funding including invoices and bills list.

Qualitative Merit Goals

- 4** Facilitate a AAA municipal bond rating for the districts next bond refunding.

Merit Criteria - Documentation

Achieved 2.50%

Rating call report from a bond market recognized ratings service,

which reflects a AAA rating after the next bond refunding ratings call.

On motion by Ms. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Wooldridge Items #1 through #11 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (not including items #10 & #11), Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. McKeon
 “Noes” - Mr. Byrne (only items #10 & #11)
 “Abstain” - None

Ms. Cwerner discussed several topics from the Personnel Meeting such as determining a higher rate to offer to pay substitute nurses as there is a need for nursing support in the district. Another topic Personnel will be looking into in the future is the policy with regard to when parents volunteer as club advisors for school activities, particularly when overnight trips occur.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Wooldridge provided an update from the October 9, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting. In that update she stated that Dr. Brian Heineman, the Director of Curriculum, calculated the average grade in every Ridge High School course given in the 2014-15 school year, based on the final course grades for all of the students. Dr. Heineman also calculated the average grades in Algebra II and Precalculus over the past six years.

Ms. Wooldridge also reviewed the recent visit that Ridge High School had from Italian Exchange Students. These 30 students visited from Aprilia, Italy during October 1st through 11th and stayed with host families of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who are taking Italian courses at Ridge. The visiting students were able to attend Ridge High School for four days with their hosts, following their host’s school schedule. The program was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Other topics discussed at the Curriculum Meeting included an update with regard to the different scheduling options for the school day at Ridge High School, the Algebra I Summer School results, notification that students who are in the AP Language program at Ridge are exempt from the Grade 11 PARCC ELA, STEM updates including the possible addition of Biomedical Science to the program and Curriculum highlights from this past summer for World Languages, Mathematics, and Special Education.

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

- a) 2468 Independent Educational Evaluations
- b) 3322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices
- c) 4322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices
- d) 5339 Screening for Dyslexia (M)
- e) 5615 Suspected Gang Activity
- f) 5756 Transgender Students
- g) 8540 School Nutrition Programs
- h) 8550 Outstanding Food Service Charges
- i) 8820 Opening Exercises/Ceremonies

On motion by Ms. Shah seconded by Ms. Richman Items #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (not including item #1, letters e & f), Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kusel, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. McKeon
 “Noes” - Mr. Byrne (only items #1, letters e & f)
 “Abstain” - None

Ms. Shah discussed the issue of a safe food list that will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting. There were three other topics which were discussed, but require administration to work out some issues with district attorney. They are advertisements/campaigning on school grounds, electronic fund raising (i.e. GoFundMe), and informal unapproved use of facilities. Also discussed were other policies that were passed by the committee.

ADVOCACY

No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Shah spoke about the social media presentation at the Somerset County School Boards Association meeting on October 14.

XII. Public Forum on Other than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the STEM program and the demand for Biomedical Science, the concern over changes in transportation and questioning when the PARCC test results will be available to parents. Other comments centered around the GT Program currently being used by the third grade and concerns with the current Enrichment Program being used by the 4th and 5th grade classes.

XIII. Board Forum

Items discussed by the Board included the District Evaluation Advisory Committee which consists of both Teacher and Administrator participants, concerns relative to the current teacher evaluation rubric and how the PARCC delays impact the timeline for completing annual teacher evaluations.

XIV. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary