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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 5:00 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, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

Absent: None

IV. Executive Session – 5:01 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Room 116

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge and seconded by Ms. Richman, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:01p.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. Korn and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:53p.m.

V. Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:03 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 reported about the Senior Spirit Week that had recently taken place, provided an update for winter season sports at Ridge High School, the Teddy Bear Drive, the upcoming volleyball tournament, provided an update with regard to access to the vending machines by the cafeteria and a discussion that took place with Aramark. Ms. Athanasiou also noted that several students would be traveling to other schools to research the dynamics of block scheduling and made remarks regarding the Elementary School Chamber Orchestra.

VIII. Board Presentation

1) Ridge High School Choir - Barbara Retzko

Under the guidance of Barbara Retzko, Director of the Ridge High A Capella Choir, the choir walked in to the William Annin Middle School Auditorium singing "Deck the Halls".

Once the students arrived the Voices of Ridge performed "Up on the Housetop" followed by the Madrigal Singers who sang "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and then the

Ridgemen sang “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”. The entire Ridge High School A Capella Choir sang “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town”.

IX. Superintendent’s Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated December 17, 2018.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve of an **overnight annual Model United Nations Conference field trip** to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA for Ridge High School Model UN Club students on January 31-February 3, 2019.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby recognize the inception of the following **New Extra-Curricular Clubs**:

| <u>School:</u> | <u>Club:</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ridge High School | Operation Smile Club |
| Ridge High School | Physics Olympics Club |
| Ridge High School | Ridge Science Research Club |

On motion by Ms. Cwerner seconded by Mr. Wooldridge 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

Superintendent Markarian provided an explanation of items and thanked Ms. Retzko and the Ridge High School A Capella Choir wishing everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Superintendent Markarian made note of concerns surrounding the Elementary School Chamber Orchestra and referred to Assistant Superintendent Siet. Mr. Siet explained an option for the Elementary Chamber Orchestra to urn as a mini-unit.

X. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Board President McKeon stated that since the Elementary Chamber Orchestra issue had been brought up during the Superintendent’s report that the public would be allowed to make comments about the subject during this session.

A comment was made regarding the Elementary Chamber Orchestra.

XI. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

November 26, 2018 - Regular Session Minutes
November 26, 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

XII. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated December 17, 2018 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$6,849,244.09.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the November 2018 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for November 2018, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for November 2018.

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 November 2018 line item transfers totaling \$654,976.31 the 2018-19 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) 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> |
|--------------|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Y. Navarro | NECTFL Conference | \$260 | 02/09/2019 |
| S. Orr | High Impact Strategies to Reduce Chronic Misbehavior | \$200 | 01/24/2019 |
| A. Blinder | Discovery Education Training Tech Expo | \$315 | 02/10/2019 and 02/11/2019 |
| S. Serafin | Strengthening Students' Communicative Proficiency | \$270 | 02/28/2019 |
| J. DuBois | High Impact Strategies to Reduce Chronic Misbehavior | \$200 | 01/24/2019 |
| D. Schwartz | NJ TESOL Conference | \$260 | 05/30/2019 |

5) 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> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lyceum Theater | Theater Class | 23 | 05/08/2019 |
| Longaore Theater | Theater Class | 22 | 01/02/2019 |
| Somerset County Courthouse | Mock Trial Group | 20 | 01/03/2019; 01/09/2019 and 01/30/2019 |

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the **William Annin Middle School PTO** in the amount of \$5,000 toward the purchase of a Laser Cutter.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education received bids for the William Annin Middle School Unit Ventilator Replacement , HVAC Upgrades and Curtain Wall Renovation project on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM Bids were received from the following companies:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate Bid (AB-1)</u> | <u>Alternate Bid (AB-2)</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Thassian Mechanical | \$1,219,000 | \$82,000 | \$102,000 | \$1,403,000 |
| Performance Mechanical | \$1,318,000 | \$74,000 | \$64,000 | \$1,456,000 |
| Sunnyfield Corp. | \$1,272,000 | \$98,000 | \$137,000 | \$1,507,000 |

Whereas, Thassian Mechanical is the lowest responsible bidder, the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby award the contract to **Thassian Mechanical**, 641 State Route 36, Belford, NJ as the lowest responsible bidder contingent upon attorney review and execution of a mutually agreeable contract.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby **accept the 2018 Annual Audit** based on the draft financials and recommendation of Wiss and Co., the district's audit firm.

9) Whereas, the Bernards Township Board of Education issued a request for proposals for Student Information Systems and

Whereas, this request and the submitted proposals were issued and evaluated pursuant to the competitive contracting provisions of NJSA 18A:18A-4.1 (b)(2)(f)

Whereas, the proposal submitted by **Genesis Educational Services, Inc.** is the most advantageous, price and other factors considered

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the award of the 2019-2020 Student Information System contract to Genesis Educational Services, Inc. 300 Buckelew Avenue, Suite 201, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #302910 from November 26, 2018 to November 30, 2018 at **LearnWell** in the amount not to exceed \$325.85.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #302364 from November 21, 2018 to January 21, 2019 at **Educational Services Commission of New Jersey** in the amount not to exceed \$3,105.00.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #302910 from November 30, 2018 to December 19, 2019 at **Silver Hill Hospital** in the amount not to exceed \$1,152.45.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #306700 from November 12, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at **ECLC of New Jersey** in the amount not to exceed \$65,599.71, including \$25,687.50 for a full time aide.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a revision to a service provider contract for student #307689 with the provided **Bass, Behavior Analysis and Support Services**. The revised contract calls for an increase in the number of ABA Therapy hours required. The total additional costs associated with these required changes in services for the 2018/2019 year are not to exceed \$1,650.00 bringing the total approved costs to an amount not to exceed \$41,850.00.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve Occupational and Speech Therapy for student #301350 at **Oxford** in the amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an AAC communication evaluation and report for student #301314 with **AAC Evaluation** in the amount not to exceed \$1,305.00.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an AAC communication evaluation and report for student #307397 with **AAC Evaluation** in the amount not to exceed \$1,305.00.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an augmentative and alternative communication evaluation for student #305383 with **New Jersey Institute for Disabilities** in the amount not to exceed \$1,200.00.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a Psychological evaluation for student #305953 with **Dr. Richard DiTuri** in the amount not to exceed \$900.00.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a Psychological evaluation for student #302979 with **Dr. Seth Dorsky** in the amount not to exceed \$1,800.00.

On motion by Ms. Korn seconded by Mr. Salmon Items #1-20 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 provided a report from the December 12, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting. Topics included an Aramark facilities update, a QSAC update, budget submissions for the FY1920 and the dynamics of the bidding process and points award system for the Student Information Systems RFP.

Ms. McKeon also provided a summary of action items.

XIII. Personnel Committee Report

1) BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4, that the August 27, 2018 resolution appointing employee #B0008907 as a per diem substitute Spanish teacher is hereby rescinded, effective November 30, 2018.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Kathleen Sjolund** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School effective December 31, 2018.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Ashley Roberts** Special Education/ABA Teacher Ridge High School effective February 10, 2019.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Jennifer DiGiuseppe** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective January 18, 2019.

- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Dominic Vignali** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective January 7, 2019.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Enzo Minicozzi** as Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach effective November 28, 2018.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Megan Heckman** Special Education Teacher Cedar Hill School effective Mary 16, 2019 through June 30, 2019 utilizing 32 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective September 1, 2019 through October 15, 2019 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective September 1, 2019 through November 26, 2019, returning November 27, 2019.
- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave for **Frank LoCascio** Physical Education Teacher William Annin Middle School effective February 25, 2019 through March 22, 2019, returning March 25, 2019.
- 9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Laura Phillips** Art Teacher Ridge High School effective May 20, 2018 through June 30, 2019 utilizing 23 personal illness days, returning September 1, 2019.
- 10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Change in Assignments, Salaries and/or Locations for the 2018-19 school year:

| <u>Staff Member:</u> | <u>From:</u> | <u>To:</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Stephanie Dean-Zichichi | Speech Language Specialist/ESY Mount Prospect School 1.05 at a salary of 15 MA \$76,445 effective July 23, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as maternity leave replacement for N. Vohden. | Speech Language Specialist/ESY Mount Prospect School 1.05 at a salary of 15 MA \$76,445 effective July 23, 2018 through December 31, 2018 as maternity leave replacement for N. Vohden, then a Speech Language/ESY Mount Prospect School 1.05 effective January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. |

- 11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Patricia Craig** Spanish Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 21 MA \$87,100 effective on or before February 18, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Melissa Donlay** Music Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 1 BA (1)\$50,812 effective January 4, 2019 through June 30, 2019 as a maternity leave replacement for M. Eskow. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Alyssa Richman** Art Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 4 BA \$51,562 effective January 2, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Maria Elina Santisteban-Armanini** Occupational Therapist .8 Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 13 MA \$68,625 effective January 2, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Salary to be prorated to reflect .8 status and start date.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Shawn Scriffiano** District Behaviorist 1.10 at a salary of Step 19 MA+30 \$97,927.00 effective December 18, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **David Totin** Special Education Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1-3 BA (2) \$50,812 effective February 13, 2019 through June 30, 2019 as a maternity leave replacement for Caitlin Annese. Certificate of Eligibility-Alternate Route mentoring required. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **William Fratto** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$21.50 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective December 18, 2018 through May 17, 2019 as a maternity leave replacement for A. Santacroce.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Susan Madorma** as an LDTC District Wide at a salary of \$69.00 per hour effective December 18, 2018 through end of assignment.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Linda Cuccaro** Advanced Placement Testing Coordinator at a salary of \$5,445 effective 2018-19 school year.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kim Sweet** Assistant Advanced Placement Testing Coordinator at a salary of \$3,594 effective 2018-19 school year.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff members in the Various Assignments listed for the 2018-19 school year:

| <u>Staff Member:</u> | <u>Assignment:</u> | <u>Salary:</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Roseanne Hogan | WAMS Concert Assistance-SE | \$26.86 per hour/2 |

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | | hours/December 5, 2018 |
| Roseanne Hogan | WAMS CML Assistant-SE | \$26.86 per hour/1 hour per week (5 days total) November 1, 2018 through March 7, 2019 |
| Louis Puopolo | Swimming Assistance-SE | \$28.24 per hour/8 hours per week/November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2018 |
| Chet Lawson | Swimming Assistance-SE | \$28.24 per hour/8 hours per week/November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2018 |
| Donna Wilson | Swimming Assistance-SE | \$21.50 per hour/8 hours per week/November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2018 |
| Joe Flynn | Swimming Assistance-SE | \$21.50 per hour/8 hours per week/November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2018 |
| Ann Delaney | Winter Track Assistance RHS-SE | \$28.24 per hour/2 hours/December 7, 2018 |
| Linda Cuccaro | AP Coordinator Honorarium | \$1,500/2017-18 school year |
| Nazan Bulca | PMT Training | \$21.50 per hour/2.25 hours |
| Alpha Hamann | PMT Training | \$21.50 per hour/2.25 hours |
| Elizabeth Cimaglia | PMT Training | \$21.50 per hour/2.25 hours |
| Brittany Troncone | Social Skills Program SE | \$25.78 per hour |
| John Brum | Mentoring Classified Students | \$60.00 per hour |
| Frank Caccavale | Mentoring Classified Students | \$60.00 per hour |
| Christina Onorato | Mentoring Classified Students | \$60.00 per hour |
| Michaela Stoudemayer | Mentoring Classified Students | \$60.00 per hour |
| Valerie Cetrulo | Spanish Class RHS (6th period) | \$51.00 per diem |
| Yasmina Navarro | Spanish Class RHS (6th period) | \$51.00 per diem |
| Chiara Kupiec | Spanish Class RHS (6th period) | \$51.00 per diem |

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Extra-Curricular Assignment for the 2018-19 school year:

| <u>School:</u> | <u>Staff Member:</u> | <u>Assignment:</u> | <u>Stipend:</u> | <u>Years/Points/Longevity:</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| RH | Will Alston | Assistant Girls' Indoor Winter Track | \$5,496.00 | 0 years/0 points/\$0 |

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Student Workers** for After Care at a salary of \$12.00 per her hour for the 2018-19 school year:

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mary Shea | Ingie Ravie | Devraj Duttagupta |
| Fiona He | Brian Yoon | Nishanth Rajan |
| Adam Miesner | Sarah Miesner | Owen Trainor |
| Stephanie Dobbie | | |

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following Substitute Teachers at a salary of \$90.00 per diem with a Valid County Substitute Certificate, \$110.00 per diem with a valid New Jersey Instructional Certificate and Substitute Nurses at a salary of \$250.00 per diem for the 2018-19 school year:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Dominic Vignali | Barbara Trokan |
| Shannon Pokorny | Anthony Lentini |
| Richard Sumliner | Katie Cornet |
| Morgan Tobia | Tania Dulyan |
| Karen de la Maza | Luke Hoffman |

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **District Volunteers** for the 2018-19 school year:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Frank LoCascio | WAMSAO Boys' Basketball |
| Brian McCarthy | WAMSAO Girls' Basketball |
| Teresa Staats | WAMSAO Boys' Volleyball |
| Joe Cambria | RHS Indoor Winter Track |
| Patrick Rynearson | RHS Indoor Winter Track |

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Student Teacher Placement/Intern for the 2018-19 school year:

| <u>Student:</u> | <u>College/University:</u> | <u>Placement:</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dominic Vignali | Capella University | Guidance/A. West 1/17/19-6/14/19 |

27) Whereas, on September 25, 2017, pursuant NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract with the Business Administrator, the Board of Education established quantitative merit

goals, goal criteria and associated merit salary payments for the Business Administrator for the 2017-2018 school year ending June 30, 2018 and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now reviewed indicators of the achievement of those goals, now therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education makes the following determinations and directs that its determinations be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before payment is required by law:

| | <u>Type of Goal and Goal Description</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Percentage:</u> |
|---|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Quantitative: Improve district safety by facilitating installation of Blue Tooth based building access system along with an integrated alarm system at selected entrances of Ridge High School for use by select building staff. The alarm system shall be wireless with a central panel, which will enunciate unauthorized access or doors left ajar. To be funded at least 40% with alternative funding. | Complete | 3.33% |
| 2 | Quantitative: Improve district safety by facilitating installation of 3M or similar product safety and security window film at targeted entrance areas at the following elementary schools to be funded at least 40% by alternative funds: Mount Prospect, Liberty Corner and Oak Street. | Complete | 3.33% |

Total compensation = \$11,936.38

On motion by Ms. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Wooldridge Items #1-27 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. Cwerner noted that the Personnel Committee had met on Friday, December 14, 2018 and part of the discussion was with regard to the funding for Staff Appreciation in the Spring of 2019.

XIV. Policy Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the second reading of the **2021-2022 School Calendar** and adopt.

On motion by Mr. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Wooldridge 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

Ms. Korn stated that no changes had been made to the 2021-2022 School Calendar since the last Board of Education meeting on November 26, 2018.

XV. Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. Wooldridge provided a report from the November 14, 2018 Curriculum Meeting. Topics included a QSAC review, Ridge High School program of studies changes, a meeting of fifth grade teachers to discuss platooning, the Elementary Gifted and Talented program and the rotating drop schedule.

XVI. Advocacy Committee Report

Ms. Richman provided a report from the December 3, 2018 Advocacy Committee Meeting. Topics included a recent meeting with the William Annin Middle School Student Government, the PTO meeting schedule and a Strategic Planning update.

XVII. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report

Ms. Gray provided a report from the November 15, 2018 Ad Hoc SEL Committee Meeting. Topics included the elementary counseling curriculum, stress, staff wellness and a healthy stress campaign.

XVIII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Wooldridge reported on the recent Municipal Alliance meeting. Ms. Cwerner reported on a recent meeting in Trenton with the NJSBA that centered on the topic of additional school funding allocations.

XIX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comments included the topics of the Elementary Chamber Orchestra and the STEAM Engineering program at Ridge High School.

President McKeon noted the concerns of the public and stated that the topics would be discussed in the upcoming Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Board members noted the concerns of the parents and students who spoke and thanked them for taking the time to share their thoughts.

XX. Board Forum

1) Competition Recognitions

Board members discussed different options in honoring the many successes of the talented and dynamic students in the Bernards Township School District. President McKeon reminded the Board that they had agreed at an earlier meeting that Superintendent Markarian would ask the administration their feelings regarding student recognition at Board of Education meetings. Superintendent Markarian reported that the administration felt that students should come to Board meetings to showcase programs rather than being recognized for winning competitions.

President McKeon noted that this would be the last meeting for long time Board Member Beverly Cwerner and thanked her for her ten years of service. Superintendent Markarian and other Board members also noted her hard work and support over the years and thanked her.

XXI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner and seconded by Ms. Korn and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary