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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

IV. Executive Session – 6:31 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Room 110

On motion by Ms. Korn and seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:31p.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. White seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:58p.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 discussed recent Ridge High School Girls and Boys Basketball Team achievements, the first planning meeting of the event "Mr. Ridge" and an upcoming Student Government's tour of Hunterdon Central High School to review the rotating drop schedule.

VIII. Board Presentation

1) **Enrichment/Gifted & Talented Program Recommendations for 2019-2020** - Kristin Fox, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

The presentation was postponed until the February 25, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated February 11, 2019.
- 2) 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	Esports Club

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Yasmina Navarro** to conduct a research project in conjunction with graduate work at New Jersey City University for the 2018-19 school year.

On motion by Ms. Gray seconded by Ms. Korn Items #1-3 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (Item #1 only), Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Schafer, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge
“Noes” - Mr. Byrne (Items #2-3 only)
“Abstain” - None

Superintendent Markarian provided an explanation of items.

X. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

XI. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

January 28, 2019 - Executive Session Minutes
January 28, 2019 - Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Gray seconded by Ms. Korn the foregoing were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

“Abstain” - Ms. Wooldridge

XII. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a [list of disbursements](#) dated February 11, 2019 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$4,445,845.65.
- 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>
M. Scheckman	Guided Math Conference	\$260	02/28/2019
P. Lawrence	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	\$240	02/28/2019
M. Kopecki	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	\$240	02/28/2019
J. Glaydura	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	\$240	02/28/2019
D. Turner	Using Guided Math to Strengthen Your Student’s Math Proficiency	\$260	02/28/2019

On motion by Ms. White seconded by Ms. Richman Items #1-2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

XIII. Personnel Committee Report

No report.

XIV. Policy Committee Report

No report.

XV. Curriculum Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following new courses for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
William Annin Middle School	8th Grade Dance Elective

William Annin Middle School	7th Grade Dance Elective
William Annin Middle School	Intro to Theater, 8th Grade
William Annin Middle School	Accelerated Math 7
Ridge High School	Game Design and Development

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (no to Game Design and Development in Item #1), Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Schafer and Ms. White
 “Noes” - Mr. Byrne (game Design and Development only)
 “Abstain” - None

Ms. Gray provided a report from the February 1, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Topics included new course approvals, the Gifted & Talented program, course recommendations and the Ridge High School Health curriculum.

XVI. Advocacy Committee Report

Ms. White provided a report from the February 4, 2019 Advocacy Committee Meeting. Topics included a recent meeting with the Liberty Corner Elementary School Student Council and the Kids for Character (KFC) students, an introduction of new Advocacy Committee members and PTO Presidents, teacher course recommendations and the Ridge High School Health curriculum.

XVII. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report

Ms. Richman provided a report from the January 24, 2019 Ad Hoc SEL Committee meeting. Topics included counseling program updates, aligning the K-12 counseling program with the ASCA National Model, the healthy stress campaign and the January 30, 2019 In-Service day.

XVIII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Wooldridge provided a report from the February 5, 2019 Municipal Alliance meeting. Topics included the Angst documentary screening on January 24, 2019, the Youth Mental Health First Aid training on January 17, 2019, RAAD students working on a vaping presentation for April 24, 2019 at Town Hall and William Annin Peer Educators presentations to the 6th grade morning meetings.

Ms. Wooldridge also noted that Kaitlin Cartoccio, Bernards Township Health Department, reported that the Pride Plus survey will be administered in early March to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 at William Annin and Ridge. Survey questions include topics of drug and alcohol use, including vaping and opioids as well as SEL.

XIX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comments were made in regard to the proposed changes of the Ridge High School Health curriculum and potential impacts on student life, the tarp on the Ridge High School track and students with disabilities.

Board members discussed the factors that are impacting students that increase student stress and thanked the public for the input.

XX. Board Forum

1) *Higher Expectations*

Board of Education members discussed the book *Higher Expectations*. Topics included staff mental health, health curriculum requirements and student sense of self-worth and acceptance.

XXI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Korn and seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary