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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Cedar Hill 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 – 6:01 p.m. – Board of Education Conference Room

On motion by Ms. White and seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:01p.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. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Korn and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:55p.m.

V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:03 p.m. – Cedar Hill 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 - RJ Milligan

Mr. Milligan discussed the upcoming March 14, 2018 Nationwide Walk-Out designed for students to make a statement in a non-political way.

VIII. Student Recognition

- 1) **William Annin Boys Basketball**
Rita Zarabara, WAMS Athletic Coordinator
Francesco LoCascio, Head Coach

Arnav Arni	Zio Kim
Brett Astrin	Gavin Kreitz
James Deady	Colin Lombardi
Dillon DiDario	Nicolas Losada
Christopher Dong	Sean McCluskey
Matthew Fabbio	Michael Olivo

Will Hubert Russell Tam
Jayden Hylton

Superintendent Nick Markarian introduced Rita Zarabara, the WAMS Athletic Coordinator, to recognize the William Annin Boys Basketball Team. Ms. Zarabara provided some background to the program and thanked the students for a terrific season noting that they were crowned the champions of the Central Jersey Junior Schools Athletic Association.

Coach LoCascio discussed the exciting season of the William Annin Boys Basketball Team and how they only lost one game during the entire season and thanked the boys and their families for their support.

Coach Locascio introduced the students and presented them with award certificates.

IX. **Board Presentation**

1) **Class Size Report** - Nick Markarian, Superintendent

Superintendent Nick Markarian reviewed current year enrollment numbers and class sizes at each of the six schools and provided a breakdown of grades 6-12 by class size and type.

The breakdown included:

- The number of students, sections, class sizes and projections for Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner, Mount Prospect and Oak Street Elementary Schools.
- The average class size by grade and subject for William Annin Middle School
- The average class size by subject at Ridge High School

For the complete presentation click [here](#).

X. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated March 12, 2018.
- 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	Gay-Straight Alliance Club

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the Ridge High School French students' trip to Quebec, Canada from April 6, 2018 – April 8, 2018.

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (abstain #2 only), Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Richman, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - Mr. Byrne (#2 only)

4) School Security Update

Superintendent Markarian provided a security update stating that the Board of Education takes the security issue seriously pointing out the Standard Response Protocol shared recently with parents. Mr. Markarian went on to discuss how the Somerset County Prosecutor’s office works closely with local law enforcement and first responders and that there is also an Annual Law Enforcement Conference.

Superintendent Markarian reminded everyone that school security plans are not secure if they are broadcasted publicly and asked that discretion be used.

XI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comments were made concerning school safety and the special education program.

XII. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) 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 2017-18 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
K. Fox	Entering, Importing and Using Assessment Data in Aspen	\$350	03/20/2018

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated March 12, 2018 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$6,231,363.77.

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (abstain #2 only), Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Richman, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge

“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - Mr. Byrne (#2 only)

XIII. Personnel Committee Report

No report.

XIV. Policy Committee Report

No report.

XV. Curriculum Committee Report

No report.

XVI. Advocacy Committee Report

No report.

XVII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Wooldridge discussed the Municipal Alliance meeting that was held on March 6, 2018 where the Stigma Free Community resolution was approved by members. Ms. Wooldridge also discussed the announcement by Kaitlin Cartoccio that the Student Stressor Survey will be done in late May.

Upcoming events are the Mental Health Resources Fair on March 22, 2018 at the Bernards Township Library and “Teen Talk” presented by the RAAD group on April 11, 2018 in the Ridge High School cafeteria.

XVIII. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report

Ms. Gray provided a report from the February 22, 2018 Ad Hoc SEL Committee Meeting. The committee discussed a possible “Tech-Free Day” at Ridge High School, the Student Stressors Survey, the agenda for the upcoming March meeting, extracurricular activities and stress and that the next meeting would be held on March 22, 2018.

XIX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

A Public comment was made concerning school safety.

XX. Board Forum

1) NJSBA Strategic Planning 3D

Board members discussed interest in participating with the NJSBA for a three session Strategic Planning Process.

Ms. Korn made mention of the Ridge High School Girls Track Team who won the indoor 4x800 National Championship Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the New York Armory.

XXII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner and seconded by Ms. White and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary