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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 1:00 p.m. – Board of Education Office Conference Room

President Wooldridge reconvened the regular meeting in the Board of Education Office at 1:00p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne (exited the meeting at approximately 2:35p.m.), Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

ABSENT: Ms. Shah

IV. 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

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.

V. Executive Session – 1:01 p.m. – Board of Education Office Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss: personnel and contract negotiations; matters of litigation; confidential student 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.

VI. Reconvene Regular Session for Board Retreat

The Board of Education determined that an Executive Session was not necessary and consequently the Board went directly to the regular session agenda.

- 1) Board of Education Communication
- 2) Board of Education Self-evaluation
- 3) Goals

With input from Superintendent Nick Markarian and the Board of Education Attorney, John Croot, the Board reviewed and discussed Board communication practices. The Board also reviewed current policies and guidance documents from the NJSBA regarding communication, Board of Education self-evaluation and goals. Mr. Markarian provided a progress update for the proposal for district goals for the 2016-17 School Year and he also explained the difference between district, board, personnel and merit goals.

Mr. Markarian also provided the Board with documents related to the role of the Board and the role of the Superintendent.

VII. Public Comment

No comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Dr. Dunten, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary