

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY  
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REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.  
WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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**I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 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, Ms. Fox, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

Absent: None

**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, when 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 matter of public concern related to the schools.

When you approach the microphone, please state your name and address. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration. No participant may speak more than once during a given public comment session. 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 different time limit for individual comments and/or to set an overall time limit for the public comment portion of the agenda. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.

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. The Board may or may not respond to public

comments. Any Board responses to public comments will generally be addressed during Board Forum, or during committee reports. However, all comments are considered and will be investigated and addressed as appropriate.

Please be courteous and mindful of the rights of others when speaking. Comments may not be abusive, obscene, threatening or irrelevant. Please understand that students and employees have specific legal and privacy protections. The Board is not permitted to respond in public to comments about students and employees. Please also understand that the Board will not be responsible for the content of comments made by members of the public. Members of the public are cautioned that they are speaking at their own risk and any personally directed statements they make may subject them to legal liability to the effected individual.

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. **Student Representative - Jimmy Gao**

On behalf of the student body Mr. Gao congratulated the re-elected and newly elected Board of Education members and thanked them for the work that they do for the students. Mr. Gao also provided updates for the Ridge High School Drama Club, student participation for the BT Connect meetings and student stress.

#### VI. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated November 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	French Club
Ridge High School	Have a Heart Club

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

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

**VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments were made.

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

On motion by Mr. Korn seconded by Ms. Salmon 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, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - None

**IX. Finance Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated November 11, 2019 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$5,965,062.87.

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 2019-20 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
J. DuBois	Ukeru Train the Trainer Program	\$1,225	12/02/2019 to 12/04/2019
K. Martin	Ukeru Train the Trainer Program	\$1,225	12/02/2019 to 12/04/2019
J. Raphaels	National Associated For Gifted Children Conference	\$199	11/22/2019
D. Glinsky	Gifted Education Conference	\$199	11/22/2019
J. Kovacs	Gifted Education Conference	\$199	11/22/2019
K. Linstra	Gifted Education Conference	\$199	11/22/2019

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

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

**X. Personnel Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the following Extra-Curricular resignations for the 2019-20 school year:

Tim Howard                      Assistant Indoor Winter Track RHS  
 Tim Howard                      Assistant Boys’s Track RHS

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change In Assignments/Locations and/or Salaries** for the 2019-20 school year:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>
Lauren Vail	Ethics Club RHS \$1,652.00	Ethics Club RHS \$1,677.00
Marguerite Cahill	Ethics Club RHS \$1,652.00	Ethics Club RHS \$1,677.00
Gina Giuditta	Instructional Aide MP PALS Program 4 days per week at a salary of Step 5 \$29.00 per hour 7 hours per day effective 10/28/19-6/18/20	Instructional Aide MP PALS Program 4 days per week at a salary of Step 5 \$29.09 per hour 7.25 hours per day effective 10/28/19-6/18/20
Gretchen Larsen	Instructional Aide MP PALS Program 4 days per week at a salary of \$22.15 per hour 7 hours per day effective 10/28/19-6/18/20	Instructional Aide MP PALS Program 4 days per week at a salary of \$22.15 per hour 7.25 hours per day effective 10/28/19-6/18/20

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Rachel Kane** Grade 2 Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 7 BA \$54,927 effective December 2, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as a maternity leave replacement for T. Gasek. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Rebecca Klein** School Aide Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$19.06 per hour 3 hours per day effective November 18, 2019 through June 18, 2020.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff members to the **Various Assignments** listed for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Melanie Steinberg	After Care Non-Certified Worker OS	\$22.00 per hour
McKenna Ganny	After Care Student Worker OS	\$12.00 per hour
Spencer Marks	After Care Student Worker OS	\$12.00 per hour
Kaitlin Kwiecinski	After Care Certified Worker LC	\$45.00 per hour
Donna Wilson	Swim Team Support-SE	\$30.00 per hour
Brian Aronoff	Swim Team Support-SE	\$30.00 per hour
Chet Lawson	Swim Team Support-SE	\$30.00 per hour

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>19-20 Stipend:</u>	<u>Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
RH	Stephen Kovacs	Head Boys' Fencing	\$8,452	n/a
RH	Zachary Brown	Assistant Girls' Fencing	\$5,578	n/a

RH	Tyler Brandt	Assistant Boys' Lacrosse	\$6,559	n/a
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7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff College Instructors** for the Winter, Spring, Fall 2019:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u># of Hours:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Dawn Piper	Genesis – Part III	1.5	\$150.00
Chiara Kupiec	Genesis – Part III	1.5	\$150.00

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **District Volunteers** for the 2019-20 school year:

Kevin Byelick	Boys' Basketball RHS
Adam Wells	Boys' Basketball RHS
Brian Aranoff	Boys' Basketball RHS
John Gerke	Ice Hockey RHS
Joe Narcise	Ice Hockey RHS
Paul Galipeau	Wrestling RHS

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Tom Palma** Science-Physics Substitute Teacher Ridge High School at a per diem rate of Step 23 MA+30 effective November 12, 2019 through end of assignment as a medical leave replacement.

On motion by Ms. Gray seconded by Ms. White Items #1-9 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **XI. Policy Committee Report**

Ms. Korn noted that the Policy Committee had just met in the morning. Board members discussed proposed upcoming school year calendars and graduation dates.

#### **XII. Curriculum Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT



1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve of the following **Change of Course Title** in the Program of Studies for the 2019-20 school year:

<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>
Telescope Math 4	Accelerated Math 4
Telescope Math 5	Accelerated Math 5
Accelerated Math 6 and 7	Accelerated Middle School Math
Algebra 1 - 07	Accelerated Algebra 1

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **New Course** for the 2020-21 school year:

<b><u>School:</u></b>	<b><u>Title:</u></b>
Ridge High School	Computer Science Principles

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

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

Ms. Gray provided a summary of the November 1, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Topics at the meeting included math course name changes, program of study changes and the AP Chinese exam.

**XIII. Advocacy Committee Report**

No report.

**XIV. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report**

No report.

**XV. Liaison Committee Reports**

No report.

**XVI. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

Public comments were made thanking the Board of Education for their consideration in planning to administer the AP Chinese exam.

Ms. Gray provided further explanation regarding the logistics of administering the AP Chinese exam in the current and 2020-2021 school years.

**XVII. Board Forum**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge and seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin  
Board Secretary