

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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NOVEMBER 11, 2019
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I. Salute to the Flag

II. 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: Ms. Fox

III. Call to Order – 5:01 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Room 116

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by President McKeon

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 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.

V. Board Retreat – Board of Education Training

- 1) Mandatory Training
- 2) Governance
- 3) BOE Communications

The Board of Education received information from Assistant Superintendent Siet on the subject of sexual harassment and Board of Education Counsel John Croot provided the Board with training in the subject of HIB. Both Mr. Siet and Mr. Croot provided the Board Members with hard copies of training materials.

The Board of Education discussed its current use of the committee system for its operation, the viability of each committee and the number of board members assigned to each committee.

The Board of Education discussed the use of email for communications specifically the system for the public to email the full Board at boardmembers@bernardsboe.com.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

VII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Richman and seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:50p.m.