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On motion by Ms. Korn and seconded by Ms. Cwerner, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:35p.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. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Wooldridge and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 7:00p.m.

- V. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:07 p.m. – Ridge High School Performing Arts Center**
- 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 Spring Break and Mr. Ridge fundraiser.

VIII. Board Presentation

1) **MAP Data Use** - Dr. Brian Heineman, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Kristin Fox, Supervisor of Social Studies

Dr. Heineman and Ms. Fox's presentation of the MAP Data Use highlighted the following areas:

- The purpose of using MAP
- Scope and timeline of the MAP Assessment
- Utilization of MAP data for student and professional growth
- An explanation of the breakdown of reports and data
- Benefits of the MAP Assessment

Click [here](#) to view the entire presentation.

Following the presentation the Board Members asked questions regarding the benefit of having the tests untimed and comparisons between classes, teachers and district results.

IX. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated April 9, 2018.

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

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

X. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comments were made concerning how scores from testing determine programs for the district.

XI. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

March 26, 2018 – Executive Minutes
March 26, 2018 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Wooldridge the foregoing were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

XII. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a [list of disbursements](#) dated April 9, 2018 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$4,330,483.93.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby **adopt the following resolution for out-of-district and intra-district travel 2018-2019:**

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction of furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to the maximum expenditure of \$125,000 for all staff and Board members.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent to apply for a Waiver of Requirements for the **Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)** program for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

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

XIII. Personnel Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Kathy Lime** Physical Education/Health Teacher Ridge High School effective June 30, 2018.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Jillian Shadis** Director of School Counseling effective June 30, 2018.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Alexandra DeVleeschouwer** Grade 3 Teacher Cedar Hill School effective June 30, 2018.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Jason Auricchio** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective April 2, 2018.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Carlos Espinoza** Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School effective May 25, 2018.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Christina Hendricks** Secretary to the Superintendent effective July 2, 2018 through October 25, 2018 then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective October 26, 2018 through December 7, 2018 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective October 26, 2018 through January 31, 2019, returning February 1, 2019.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change in Assignments/Locations/Leaves and/or Salaries** for the 2017-18 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Kate Fuoco	Paid Child Care Leave effective May 20, 2018 through June 19, 2018 utilizing 20 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 20, 2018 through October 16, 2018 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective June 20, 2018 through November 27, 2018, returning November 28, 2018	Paid Child Care Leave effective May 14, 2018 through June 12, 2018 utilizing 20 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 13, 2018 through October 10, 2018 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective June 13, 2018 through November 27, 2018, returning November 28, 2018

- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Ashley Roberts** Special Education ABA Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 5 MA+30 \$62,280 effective April 9, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as a medical leave replacement.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **mentors** for the 2017-18 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

<u>Provisional Teacher:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Mentor:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Scott Farro	Math-RHS	Kristy Fiorilli	\$275.00

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

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

Board Members commented on Personnel Item #2, the resignation of Jillian Shadis, and wished her luck thanking her for her hard work.

XIV. Policy Committee Report

Ms. Korn provided an update from the March 12, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting. Topics included the Bring Your Own Device Policy and a second reading of policies presented at the March 26, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

XV. Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. Cwerner noted that the next Curriculum Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2018.

XVI. Advocacy Committee Report

Ms. Richman noted that the Advocacy Committee Meetings have had to be rescheduled due to the weather.

XVII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Wooldridge provided a report from the Municipal Alliance meeting that was held on April 3, 2018. Topics included vaping and an upcoming event at the Ridge High School Cafeteria on April 11, 2018 called “Teen Talk”.

XVIII. Ad Hoc SEL Committee Report

Ms. Gray noted that the next meeting would be on April 30, 2018.

XIX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comments were made regarding modifying the school calendar to add Dawali as a holiday and the impact of MAP scores and placement into different district programs.

XX. Board Forum

Ms. Cwerner thanked the public for their comments. Superintendent Markarian presented several dates to Board Members for Strategic Planning Meetings. Board Members agreed upon the dates of October 1st and 15th of 2018 and November 5, 2018.

XXI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner and seconded by Ms. Wooldridge and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary