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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by President Cwerner.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Mr. McLaughlin

ABSENT: Ms. Gray, Board Counsel John Croot

IV. Executive Session – 6:31 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Conference Room

On motion by Mr. Fry and seconded by Ms. Richman, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:30p.m.

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

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. McKeon and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 7:00p.m

V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:04 p.m. – William Annin Middle 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 - Alexandra Donaldson

Ms. Donaldson provided a summary of the Student Council events including a fundraiser selling Camelback water bottles, the Teddy Bear Drive and an upcoming Junior Class versus Senior Class Volleyball tournament. Ms. Donaldson also noted that the Student Council would be meeting with the Bernards Student Government regarding the planning of "Pennies for Patients".

VIII. Student Recognition

1) Ridge High A Capella Choir Performance

Barbara Retzko, Director

With the guidance of Barbara Retzko, Director of the Ridge High A Capella Choir, the choir walked in to the William Annin Middle School Auditorium singing “Deck the Halls”. Once the students arrived on stage they sang “It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”, “Here we Come A'Caroling” and then finally “Gloria” from *Missa Kenya* with Senior Raveesh Koul as soloist.

2) Ridge High Girls Cross Country

Tim Mooney, Coach

Shayna Bains	Caitlin Haggard
Meghan Convery	Emily Hirsch
Alexandra Donaldson	Claire Jones
Brooke Fazio	Amanda Passman
Catherine Giuseffi	Kaitlyn Van Baalen

Rich Schello, the Director of the Athletic Department, introduced Tim Mooney, the Coach of the Ridge High Girls Cross Country Team. Mr. Mooney outlined the talent, commitment and success that these girls have displayed in placing first in the Somerset County Championships, NJSIAA Group 4 and NJSIAA Meet of Champions this past fall of 2016.

Mr. Shello and Mr. Mooney then presented certificates of recognition to each member of the Ridge High Girls Cross Country Team and congratulated them.

3) Ridge High Girls Varsity Tennis

Chad Griffiths, Coach

Casey Fern	Dilara Shahani
Annie Giberna	Camille Shen
Christina Giberna	Amanda Vinges
Lauren Kessler	Navya Yemula
Kruti Navin	

Mr. Shello introduced Chad Griffiths, the Coach of the Ridge High Girls Varsity Tennis Team. Mr. Griffiths outlined the talent, commitment and success and that as a team these girls have exhibited in becoming the Skylands Conference Champions, Somerset County Champions, North II Group IV State Sectional Champions and the Group IV Champions.

Mr. Griffiths then highlighted the following individual achievements of the team members. They included the following:

- All Skylands Conference Awards:
 - 1st team- Chrissie Giberna, Navya Yemula, Dilara Shahani and Camille Shen
 - 2nd Team - Amanda Vinges and Annie Giberna
 - Honorable Mention - Kruti Navin.
- All Group IV achievements:
 - 1st Team-Amanda Vinges and Annie Giberna
 - 3rd Team- Dilara Shahani and Camille Shen
- All-State: Dilara Shahani and Camille Shen.

Mr. Shello and Mr. Griffiths then presented certificates of recognition to each member of the Ridge High Girls Varsity Tennis Team.

IX. Board Presentation

1) Post Secondary Report - Jillian Shadis, Supervisor of Guidance

Dr. Brian Heineman, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Jillian Shadis, Supervisor of School Counseling, presented the Post Secondary Report. Key points of the presentation were:

- SAT and ACT Testing Trends
- Standardized Testing Part 1 – SAT vs. ACT testing; number of class of 2016 RHS students tested (SAT 310; ACT 316); a review of the SAT scores in the areas of Critical Reading, Math, Writing; the RHS ACT and SAT Mean Scores compared with the NJ average and national average over the past five years; ACT benchmark information
- A breakdown of ACT and SAT scores in comparison to other districts
- Update on SAT/ACT Test Preparation Method Test Prep 2.0 included student usage since the 2012-13 School Year
- AP Class Enrollment for the 2015-16 School Year
- AP Equity and Excellence five-year trends by grade and subject area
- RHS Class of 2016 Snapshot – 466 graduates with 98.1% continuing their education; Mean SAT Reasoning Test Scores (Critical Reading 606, Math 622, Writing 598); Mean ACT exam scores (Composite 26.8) and all notably up from last year
- A five-year class profile comparison of college admissions; list of current popular schools; participating in instant decision/interview days; comparison by category of number of Ridge High students accepted; teacher recommendation data and acceptance rates
- College admissions updates in regard to waitlists; top factors in admission; NJ tuition status; test options; The Coalition Application

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

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X. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **School Bus Evacuation Drill** for the 2016-17 school year:

School:

Ridge High School

Date:

11/14/2016

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated December 19, 2016.

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

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Wooldridge

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

Superintendent Nick Markarian noted that it was a pleasure to be able to recognize these students and their accomplishments, commitment and hard work. Mr. Markarian thanked Dr. Heineman and Ms. Shadis for their presentation.

Superintendent Markarian also noted that he and Assistant Superintendent Siet had the opportunity the prior Friday, December 16, to attend the “Day of Giving” at the William Annin Middle School. This event, in which students and staff participated, was led by Principal Hudock, and Vice-Principal Torrisi. Different service activities were set up throughout the building for the students.

Superintendent Markarian noted that the past month has been a tough one for the district and it is heartwarming to be able to celebrate the positive energy of the students and staff.

XI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comments were regarding how to ameliorate AP exams being administered prior to the completion of courses, disclosure of AP scores to prospective colleges and universities and the future of the SAT subject tests.

Dr. Heineman and Ms. Shadis addressed the comments stating that disclosing AP scores is a choice of the student, however, they cannot pick and choose which AP scores to Board of Education Minutes December 19, 2016

submit- they either submit all or none. Dr. Heineman and Ms. Shadis also noted that completing courses prior to AP exams is an ongoing topic of concern.

XII. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

November 28, 2016 – Executive Session Minutes

November 28, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes

It was noted prior to the vote by that in the November 28, 2016 Board of Education Minutes Dr. Dunten was absent for the Personnel vote and that the minutes submitted for approval would be revised to reflect same.

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

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Wooldridge

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

XIII. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated December 19, 2016 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$8,326,465.94.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the November 2016 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for November 2016, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for November 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e), the Bernards Township Board of Education, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, and to the best of their knowledge, certifies that as of the date of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report, no major account or fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the

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district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the November 2016 line item transfers totaling \$201,277.80 to the 2016-17 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with the **Department of Veterans Affairs** to provide career orientations in the healthcare industry for eligible students in the district for the 2016-17 school year at no cost.

5) 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 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
B. Retzko	All- Eastern Conference	\$825	04/05/2017 to 04/07/2017
V. Daglian	Google Certified Trainer	\$300	Various
K. Martin	PMT Re-Certification Training	\$600	11/17/2016*
J. DuBois-Heyder	PMT Re-Certification Training	\$600	11/17/2016*

*County-office retroactive approval given on 11/28/2016.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **field trip destination** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Group Attending:</u>	<u>Number of Students:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
Teen Tech Day: Drew University, Madison, NJ	8 th Grade Girls STEM	52	01/13/2017 Friday

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the **William Annin Middle School PTO** in the amount of \$3,041.00 for ten Chrome Books.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an amendment to the NCLB monies for the FY 2016-2017 for the carryover of the unexpended FY 2015-2016 funds increasing the total FY 2016-2017 allocation to the amounts of:

Title I -	\$652,218
Title II Part A -	\$60,855
Title III -	\$22,942
Title III Immigrant -	\$16,200

The Title I Allocation above includes \$327,144 of unexpended 2015-2016 funds.
The Title II, Part A allocation above includes \$4,941 of unexpended 2015-2016 funds.
The Title III allocation above includes \$8,426 of unexpended 2015-2016 funds.

The Title III Immigrant allocation above includes \$2,935 of unexpended 2015-2016 funds.

9) WHEREAS, the **Nonpublic Security Aid Program** has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016-17; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic Security Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide security services, equipment and technology to the nonpublic schools located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and agree upon the security to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon security which may include security services, equipment, and technology, and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Education Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township School District (District) enters into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic Security Aid Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2016-2017 school year and are awarded funding as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will invoice the District for security items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the Nonpublic Security Aid Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the agreement for participation in coordinated transportation services with **Somerset County Educational Services Commission** for the out-of-district Special Education and Vocational transportation services for the 2016-17 school year.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve Bilingual Speech, Educational and Psychological Evaluations for student #307718 from **Learning Tree Multicultural Educational and Consulting, LLC** in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #305247 from November 14, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at **Celebrate the Children** in the amount not to exceed \$74,768.40 including \$20,700.00 for an aide.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension of home instruction for student #303946 beginning November 4, 2016 and extended through December 15, 2016 from **Silver Hill Hospital** in the amount not to exceed \$1,920.75.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education hereby affirms the use of Competitive Contracting, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1, et seq., for the solicitation of proposals to provide student information systems to the District and, further, based upon the District's evaluation criteria and scoring of proposals, hereby authorizes and directs the award of the student information system agreement to **Follett School Solutions, Inc.**, in such form so as to comply with the laws of the State of New Jersey and to serve the best interests of the District.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #301350 from December 12, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at **Matheny School** in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00.

On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Shah Items #1 through #15 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah and Ms. Wooldridge

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

Ms. Wooldridge provided a summary of the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on December 13, 2016. Topics included the contract for Student Information Systems being awarded to Follett School Solutions, Inc. along with a timeline explaining how and when the new system would be implemented and a transportation update.

Ms. Wooldridge also provided a summary of Finance items.

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Elaine Moorman** Secretary Mount Prospect School effective June 30, 2017, with regret, for the purpose of retirement.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Megan Hoffman** Student Assistance Counselor Ridge High School effective February 1, 2017.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Amy Arthur** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School effective January 19, 2017.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Kimberly Bernardo** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School effective January 16, 2017.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the appointment of **Emily King** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School effective November 28, 2016.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Ariel Soto** Grade 4 Teacher Cedar Hill School utilizing 40 personal illness days effective April 17, 2017 through June 19, 2017 then an unpaid Child Care Leave effective June 20, 2017 through June 30, 2018 returning September 1, 2018.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby **rescind** the appointment of the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

David Aufiero	Weekend Detention RHS
Vivian Scaturro	Head Cheerleading Advisor Winter
Stephanie Villarino	Assistant Cheerleading Advisor Winter
Larry Migliore	Forensics WAMS

- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change in Assignments and/or Locations** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Deborah Savage	School Aide Liberty Corner School 3 hours per day \$20.00 per hour effective September 6, 2016 through June 16, 2017.	School Aide Liberty Corner School 3 hours per day \$20.00 per hour effective September 6, 2016 through December 9, 2016 then 4 hours per day effective December 12,

		2016 through June 16, 2017.
Sabina Ghesani	Science Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 2 MA \$55,080 effective September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 as a medical leave replacement.	Science Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 2 MA \$55,080 effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as a medical leave replacement.
Sherri Treseder	Grade 5 Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160.00 effective November 3, 2016 through December 2, 2016 as a medical leave replacement.	Grade 5 Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160.00 effective November 3, 2016 through December 22, 2016 as a medical leave replacement.
Adele Marky	Ridge High School	Mount Prospect School
Gerardo Acevedo	LAN Support Technician \$45,333 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.	LAN Support Technician \$45,333 effective July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 LAN Support Technician \$46,033 effective December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
Jacklyn Spina	Head Softball RHS \$9,188/n/a	Head Softball RHS \$9,188/0 years/0 points/\$0
Kaitlin Solon	Kindergarten Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160 per diem effective November 18, 2016 through January 31, 2017 as a medical leave replacement.	Kindergarten Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160 per diem effective November 18, 2016 through November 30, 2016 then at a salary of Step 1 BA \$48,426 effective December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 as a medical leave replacement.
Matt Lyons	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 4 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 4 hours
Danielle Sisto	At Home Program 7/5/16-	At Home Program 7/5/16-

	9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 4 hours	9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 4 hours
JP Mahoney	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 22 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 22 hours
Dawn Piper	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 4 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 4 hours
Allison Greer	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 12 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 12 hours
Cassandra Ehlbeck	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 20 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 20 hours
Kathy Forsell	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 20 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 20 hours
Will Mirra	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$66.30 per hour 20 hours	At Home Program 7/5/16-9/6/16 \$76.83 per hour 20 hours

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Elizabeth Braga** English Language Arts Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 MA \$54,515 effective February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 as a maternity leave replacement for Michele Goff.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Elgen Lee Lewis** LDTC Ridge High School at a salary of Step 22 MA \$88,450 effective on or before February 20, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Debbie Obligacion-Bune** LDTC Oak Street School at a salary of Step 20 MA+30 \$90,100 effective February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Deborah Sestokas** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of 1 BA \$48,426 effective December 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing - mentoring required.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Tiriq Callaway** Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$21.00 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective December 19, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Linda Gonzalez Hernandez** ESL Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of \$21.00 per hour 4 hours per day effective December 12, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Extracurricular Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>16-17 Stipend:</u>	<u>Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
RH	Elizabeth Braga	Assistant Indoor Winter Track	\$5,169	0 years/0 points/\$0
RH	Musical Director	Martha Harvey	\$4,387	n/a
WA	Site Manager	Andrew West	\$52.71 per day	none
WA	Forensics/Debate	Christian Soto	\$2,964	0 years/0 points/\$0

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Ambreen Razak	After School Care Program	\$20.00 per hour
Brenna Moore	After School Care Program	\$20.00 per hour
Angela Tong	After School Care Program	\$20.00 per hour
Millie Langston	After School Care Program	\$12.00 per hour
Paige Albertson	After School Care Program	\$12.00 per hour
Brielle Farrell	After School Care Program	\$12.00 per hour
Shannon Pokorny	After School Care Program	\$12.00 per hour
Jessica Dubois	After School Care Program	\$45.00 per hour
Kate Harvey	After School Care Program	\$45.00 per hour
Jane Conklin	Chorus Concert WAMS Aide	\$30.00 per hour/2

		hours/May 25, 2017
Jane Conklin	Band Concert WAMS Aide	\$30.00 per hour/2 hours total - December 7, 2016 1 hour/June 1, 2017 1 hour
Stephanie Sarafin	Twilight Program - SE	\$66.30 per hour
Stacy McAteer	PMT Training	\$25.79 per hour/2.5 hours
Justine Walker	PMT Training	\$25.79 per hour/2.5 hours
Jessica Boyle	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/2.5 hours
Jaclyn Spina	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/2.5 hours
Linda Picardo	PMT Training	\$25.79 per hour/2.5 hours
Vanessa Ventrice	PMT Training	\$26.86 per hour/2.5 hours
Roseanne Hogan	PMT Training	\$26.86 per hour/2.5 hours
Christine Feller	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/2.5 hours
Arati Nagaraj	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/1 hour
Jennie Colluccio	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/2.5 hours
Jennifer Scharf	PMT Training	\$21.00 per hour/2.5 hours
Laura Taylor	PAC Student Worker	\$12.00 per hour
Dylan Camp	PAC Student Worker	\$12.00 per hour
Danielle McGuire	PAC Student Worker	\$12.00 per hour
Avi Zucker	PAC Student Worker	\$12.00 per hour
Valerie Cetrulo	Translator	\$50.00 per hour
John Gullifer	Mini Unit - STEM Olympics	\$844.00
Pam Luthy	Band Mount Prospect - SE	\$28.24 per hour/10/17/16-6/5/17 .75 hours per day for a total of 29 days
Barbara Vega-Mercado	After School Care Program	\$20.00 per hour

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **mentors** for the 2016-17 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

<u>Provisional Teacher:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Mentor:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Marissa Sprofera	Music	Terri Weniger	\$550
Lacie Wolfe	Science	Dana Romano	\$129

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Substitute Teachers** at a salary of \$90 per diem with a valid County Substitute Certificate, \$110 per diem with a Valid New Jersey Instructional Certificate and **Substitute Nurses** at a salary of \$250 per diem effective 2016-17 school year:

Stephanie Zultanky
 Rachael Reichman
 Karen Ciaramella
 Christina Miller

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Student Interns** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>
Aleksandra Drobik	Kean	Art/S. Bivona/MP 1/17/17-3/17/17
Aleksandra Drobik	Kean	Art/C. Falb/RH 3/20/17-5/12/17
Julia Adesso	Kean	Occupational Therapist/ C.Skolnik CH & OS 12/22/16-1/13/17
Grace Makowski	University of Pittsburgh	Speech/MP & OS 12/19/16-12/21/16

20) Whereas, on October 19, 2015, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract with the Business Administrator, the Board of Education established quantitative merit goals, goal criteria, and associated merit payments for the Business Administrator for the 2015-2016 school year ending June 30, 2016, and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now reviewed indicators of the achievement of those goals, now therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education makes the following determinations and directs that its determinations be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before payment as required by law:

Type of Goal and Goal Description:	Status:	Percentage:
Quantitative: Improve district safety by enhancing the	Complete	3.33%

monitoring, communication and security systems.		
Quantitative: Harden building access for district elementary schools for enhanced security.	Complete	3.33%
Qualitative: Facilitate a AAA municipal bond rating for the districts' next bond refunding	Complete	2.50%

Total compensation: \$15,066.42

On motion by Ms. McKeon seconded by Ms. Wooldridge Items #1 through #20 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman (abstain Item #8), Ms. Shah and Ms. Wooldridge
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - Ms. Richman (Item #8 only)

Ms. McKeon stated that the Personnel Committee met on Friday, December 16, 2016 and that topics included the need for additional Speech Services and the application and interview process for the Ridge High School Principal position.

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the **2019-2020 School Calendar**.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies and regulations on **First Reading**:
 - P 2240 – Controversial Issues (New)
 - P 5535 – Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device (Revised)
 - R 5600 – Pupil Discipline/Code Of Conduct (M) (Revised)
 - P 8210 – School Year Calendar (Revised)

On motion by Mr. Fry seconded by Dr. Dunten Items #1 and #2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Shah and Ms. Wooldridge
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - Ms. Richman

Mr. Fry provided a brief summary of the Policy Committee Meeting that was held on December 2, 2016. Topics discussed included a new policy regarding controversial issues and review and revision of the Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device and School Year Calendar policies and the Pupil Discipline/ Code of Conduct regulation.

CURRICULUM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **change in course title** for the 2016-17 school year:

From:	To:
Honors Accounting	Honors Financial Accounting
Pre-Advanced French Honors	French IV Honors
Latin IV	Latin Culture and Society A
Latin V	Latin Culture and Society B
Pre-Advanced Spanish Honors	Spanish IV Honors
Latin American Culture and Society	Hispanic Culture and Society A
Spanish Culture and Society	Hispanic Culture and Society B
Pre-Advanced Italian Honors	Italian IV Honors
Italian Regionalism	Italian Culture and Society A
Topics in Italian Culture	Italian Culture and Society B

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah and Ms. Wooldridge
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - None

ADVOCACY

Ms. Richman noted that there was a meeting on December 5, 2017 and that the PTO meetings had been added to the calendar for the rest of the year.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Wooldridge reported that there was an SCESC Board meeting on December 7, 2016. The Board approved a new loyalty incentive for existing bus drivers and a sign on bonus for new drivers. Harold Dunsavage, the Superintendent at the SCESC, provided the SCESC Board with an update of the bus driver shortage.

Ms. Wooldridge also reported that the Municipal Alliance has several programs coming up including a March 22, 2017 Steered Straight program focusing on drinking, pills and Board of Education Minutes December 19, 2016

heroin use, the March 25, 2017 Prescription Drug Drop Off at Police Headquarters, two presentations by Chris Herren on April 7, 2017 for Ridge High School students and the April 10, 2017 Mental Health Resource Fair.

Ms. Wooldridge reported that she and three other Board Members had attended a Somerset County School Board Meeting on December 1, 2016 that addressed the topic of transgender students.

XIV. Public Comment

Public Comments were concerning the speed of the Home Access Center, the differences in STEM vs. STEAM and the sequencing of courses.

Dr. Brian Heineman, the Director of Curriculum, provided an explanation of the sequencing of science courses stating that they are subject to two sets of requirements. He noted that the state and Ridge High School both impose requirements and that changes in sequencing are considered in conjunction with other scheduling changes at Ridge High School. Dr. Heineman then outlined the differences between STEM and STEAM stating that STEM is for 8th Graders and that the STEAM Academy is at Ridge High School. He then provided a brief explanation on the selection process.

Superintendent Nick Markarian addressed the speed of the Home Access Center noting that the new Student Information Software would hopefully mitigate issues such as access speed.

XV. Board Forum

Board Members commented on the Science Curriculum at Ridge High School and the social and emotional climate at the schools.

XVI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Shah seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary