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- I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. – Ridge High School Performing Arts Center**

- II. First Executive Session – 6:31 p.m. – Ridge High School Principal’s 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.

On motion by Ms. Cwerner seconded by Ms. Gray, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into the first closed executive session at 6:31 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School PAC at 7:10 p.m.

- III. Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:10 p.m. – Ridge High School Performing Arts Center**

President Wooldridge reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School Performing Arts Center at 7:10p.m

- IV. Salute to the Flag**

- V. Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

ABSENT: None

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. We do not have a specific time limit, but we ask that you keep your comments brief. 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.

VII. Student Recognition

1) Ridge High School Marching Band – USBands Group IIIA Championship

Mr. Michael Fackelman, Supervisor, Visual & Performing Arts
 Mr. Dan Zugale, Director of Bands
 Assistant Directors: Joe Keefe, Joe Kirk, Casey Zampella, Christine Daly, and Chris Keri

| First: | Last: | | First: | Last: | | First: | Last: |
|---------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| Gabriella | Abbate | | Michael | Hackett | | Justin | Orthmann |
| Nikhil | Akenapalli | | Perry | Han | | Daniel | O'Sullivan |
| Joseph | Barr | | Jack | Hansen | | Emily | Pan |

| | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Ryan | Beaudet | Peter | Helverson | Sam | Paniccia |
| Sarah | Bedrosian | Ted | Hoeller | Isabel | Pardo |
| Yamini | Bokka | Edward | Hu | Jeesoo | Park |
| Anna | Bortner | Andrew | Ingling | Shivani | Pillalamarri |
| Isis | Cardenas | Ryan | Jurewicz | Scot | Policastro |
| Ryan | Carroll | Vishaal | Kasinath | Radhika | Puppala |
| Spencer | Charleson | Rebecca | Kilroy | Rahul | Puppala |
| Taewon | Chung | Kate | Kilroy | Moises | Rivadeneyra |
| Tarin | Clott | Hyei-Won | Kim | Evan | Shimoun |
| Chris | Conroy | Alekha | Kolli | Scott | Smith |
| Ciarra | Criscione | Emily | Kopchains | Vienna | Stack |
| Joseph | Criscione | Sean | Lane | Renee | Stemcovski |
| Joseph | D'Aries | Milli | Langston | Claudia | Taddeo |
| Emma | Dewil | Sydney | Lawrence | Christopher | Velasquez |
| Isabel | DiPalo | Matthew | LeBoeuf | Sydney | Vollmar |
| Alexandra | Eisenstein | Jennifer | Lee | Theresa | Waldron |
| Laila | El Agizy | Sydni | Machnik | Sameka | Watts |
| Kyle | Feigenwinter | Brynn | McKeon | Hannah | Welsh |
| Nicole | Fitzgerald | Devon | McKeon | Zachary | Wyman |
| Jeremy | Ganes | Will | McNey | Jonathan | Xu |
| Nathaniel | George | Lucas | Miller | Judy | York |
| Ayesha | Gurnani | Savitha | Mukundan | Mary | Zhang |
| Vivek | Gurumoorthy | Angelica | Naab | | |

Superintendent Nick Markarian recognized the Ridge High School Marching Band on behalf of the Board of Education as they earned the title of USBands Group IIIA Champions. He then introduced Michael Fackleman, the Director of the Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts.

Mr. Fackleman welcomed the Ridge High School Marching Band as State Champions noting that they beat out 21 other bands to gain the title and pointed out that being part of a marching band has both an athletic component and art component to it. He then introduced Drum Majors Joe Criscione, Devon McKeon and Kyle Feigenwinter who thanked the Board of Education for recognizing the Band, thanked the parents of fellow members and school staff for their support and noted that they hope to be back next year. Mr. Fackleman then introduced Dan Zugale the Band Director.

Mr. Zugale began by thanking Superintendent Nick Markarian and the Board of Education for honoring the Ridge High School Marching Band. He stated that he is proud to be able to celebrate the success of the marching band and recognized the students, parents and staff that worked together to make the Championship possible. He then pointed out that music can change lives and it is a big part of the community. He then called upon each member of the Band to come stand before the audience so that they could be honored.

Mr. Fackleman and Mr. Markarian then closed by once again thanking the Band members, parents and staff.

VIII. Student Representative

No report.

IX. Statements from Candidates for Board Vacancy

The candidates listed below were asked to provide written materials including a background statement, qualifications, philosophy of public education, role of a board member and committee interest.

In alphabetical order, each candidate read a prepared statement.

1. Rhonda Duntun
2. Lauren Salko
3. Ameetha Sankaranarayanan
4. Liz Vinhal

X. Second Executive Session - 7:57 P.M. - Ridge High School Principal's Conference Room

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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. Richman seconded by Mr. Fry, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into the first closed executive session at 7:57 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Shah seconded by Ms. McKeon and approved by all present, the Board closed the First Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School PAC at 8:32 p.m.

XI. Reconvene Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:32 P.M.

President Wooldridge reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School Performing Arts Center at 8:32 p.m.

XII. Appointment of New Board Member

President Linda Wooldridge thanked each candidate for their willingness to serve noting that all candidates were qualified and that choosing one candidate was a tough decision for the Board. Ms. Wooldridge then requested nominations for the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Ms. Cwerner made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKeon, to nominate Dr. Rhonda Dunten to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. President Linda Wooldridge asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The Board of Education then passed the motion to appoint Dr. Rhonda Dunten to the Board of Education Vacancy with the following roll call vote:

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

Board Secretary Rod McLaughlin administered the Oath of Office to Rhonda Dunten as the newly elected Board member.

XIII. Board Presentation

1) Special Education Update:

Jean O’Connell, Director of Special Education
 Lisa Vitale, Supervisor of Special Education K - 5
 Maria Mensinger, Supervisor of Special Education 6 – 12

Jean O’Connell, Director of Special Education, introduced the Special Education Update as an overview as to what has taken place in the last three months since the establishment of the K-5 Interventionist. Lisa Vitale is the Supervisor of Special Education K-5 and Interventionist and her functions are primarily early intervention, pre-referral strategies, managing I&RS, 504 and RTI plans and training staff in all four elementary schools in using above the line strategies. Maria Mensinger has been designated the Supervisor of Special Education grades 6-12 with the primary function of supervising the continuum of services for those students.

Lisa Vitale discussed the dynamics of the Interventionist position and how it has been assisting the district in meeting goals as well as needs regarding referral rates, I&RS action plans, monitoring staff progress, and training general education teachers in alternate methods. The position of the Interventionist is to create a collaborative environment between administrators, guidance counsellors, general education staff, support staff, speech, OT, and special education teachers. It also involves collaboration and communication with the parents. The Special Education Department is hoping to gain a more advanced Student Information System (SIS) as the current system being used has many challenges and is not efficient. The new system would enhance the development of current communication by giving the team more resources to develop, document, access, track and monitor I&RS, 504 and RTI plans while providing a centralized location of all documents with accessibility for staff, administration and parents.

Maria Mensinger, Supervisor of Special Education grades 6-12 discussed the dynamics of transitioning Special Education Students from middle school to high school. Ms. Mensinger also explained that the district is currently looking at school attendance from grades K-5. She cited an increased number of school refusal cases at the middle and high school levels. The goal is to more aggressively monitor and address any attendance issues at a younger age.

Jean O'Connell summarized the presentation by stating that the Special Education Department is hoping to fully implement their plan in three years.

Board of Education member questions followed.

For complete presentation click [here](#).

XIV. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the HIB Report dated January 18, 2016.
- 2) The Board of Education does hereby approve the 8th Grade Washington D.C. overnight trip scheduled for March 31 - April 1, 2016.
- 3) The Board of Education does hereby approve the following 2016 Board Committee Assignments:

Finance Committee

Linda Wooldridge (Chair)
John Fry
Mike Byrne
Priti Shah

Alternate: Robin McKeon

Personnel Committee

Robin McKeon (Chair)
Bev Cwerner
Linda Wooldridge
Karen Richman

Alternate: Karen Gray

Curriculum Committee

Karen Gray (Chair)
Robin McKeon
Karen Richman
Priti Shah

Alternate: Bev Cwerner

Advocacy Committee

Karen Richman (Chair)
Linda Wooldridge
John Fry

New Board member
Alternate: Mike Byrne

Policy Committee

John Fry (Chair)
Karen Gray
Bev Cwerner
New Board member
Alternate: Linda Wooldridge

Liaisons

Bernards Township Committee

Linda Wooldridge
R. McKeon

Bernards Township Municipal Alliance

L. Wooldridge

NJ & Somerset Co. School Boards Association

P. Shah

Somerset Co. Educational Services Commissions

L. Wooldridge
P. Shah – alternate

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the William Annin Middle School to submit a grant application to Steelcase for an “Active Learning Center” valued at \$62,000. If selected for the grant, it would include the design and installation of an “Active Learning Center” (agreed upon furniture and technology products chosen from specific options offered by Steelcase) and training for staff members using the space.

On motion by Ms. Richman seconded by Ms. Cwerner Items #1 through #4 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

XV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

XVI. Approval of Minutes

December 21, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes
December 21, 2015 – Executive Session Minutes
January 4, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes

January 4, 2016 – Executive Session Minutes

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (December 21, 2015 only), Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Wooldridge
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - Mr. Byrne (January 4, 2016 only), Dr. Dunten, Ms. Shah

XVII. Committee Reports**FINANCE****BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated January 18, 2016 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$13,065,692.22.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the December 2015 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for December 2015, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for December 2015.

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

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the December 2015 line item transfers totaling \$303,919.19 to the 2015-16 school budget, list on file in the Board office.
- 4) 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 2015-16 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Name of Conference:</u> | <u>Cost:</u> | <u>Date(s):</u> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| S. Siet | Greater Philadelphia Job Fair | \$175 | 04/06/2016 |
| K. Fox | Legal One- Overview of Discrimination Law in Schools | \$164 | 03/11/2016 |
| L. Thompson | Legal One: Bullying Law Update | \$169 | 03/03/2016 |
| C. Howarth | Legal One: Bullying Law Update | \$163 | 03/03/2016 |
| C. Slack | Understanding the Real Role of the School Safety Team | \$179 | 02/23/2016 |
| R. Shello | DAANJ Workshop | \$1,364 | 03/21/2016 to 03/25/2016 |
| K. Stotler | Greater Philadelphia Job Fair | \$206 | 04/06/2016 |
| C. Donahue | FLENJ Conference | \$165.00 | 02/26/2016 to 02/27/2016 |

- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the corrective action plan for the FY2015 Audit Findings (attachment F5).
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve disposal of equipment/books for the 2015-16 school year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the Liberty Corner School PTO in the amount of \$10,548.89 for 30 Dell Chrome Books including a Google Chrome OS Management Console License and one Dell Mobile Computing Cart.
- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following spring 2016 overnight trips for the Ridge High School Forensic Team:

| Dates | Tournament | City |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 01/22/2016 to 01/24/2016 | Columbia University | New York, NY |
| 02/05/2016 to 02/06/2016 | Pennsbury HS | Pennsbury, PA |
| 02/12/2016 to 02/15/2016 | Harvard University | Cambridge, MA |
| 02/12/2016 to 02/14 2016 | University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, PA |
| 04/29/2016- 05/02/2016 | Debate Tournament of Champions | University of Kentucky Lexington, KY |
| 05/27/2016 to 05/30/2016 | NCFL Grand Nationals | Sacramento, CA |
| 06/11/2016 to 06/18/2016 | National Forensic League National Championship | Salt Lake City, UT |

- 9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve nursing services during the 2015-16 school year for student #306120 from October 14, 2015 to June 19, 2016 at Bayada Nursing Services in the amount not to exceed \$4,360.00.
- 10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve nursing services during the 2015-16 school year for student #305383 from October 14, 2015 to June 19, 2016 at Bayada Nursing Services in the amount not to exceed \$2,086.00.
- 11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve nursing services during the 2015-16 school year for student #305303 from October 14, 2015 to June 19, 2016 at Bayada Nursing Services in the amount not to exceed \$4,360.00.

On motion by Mr. Fry seconded by Ms. Gray Items #1 through #11 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

President Wooldridge provided a summary of the finance items.

Ms. Cwerner noted a special thank you on behalf of the Board of Education to the Liberty Corner PTO for their generous donation.

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Gerry Burns** Secretary Liberty Corner School effective June 30, 2016, with regret, for the purpose of retirement.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Nancy Saccento** School Aide Ridge High School effective January 31, 2016, with regret, for the purpose of retirement.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Megan Hoffman** Student Assistance Counselor Ridge High School effective May 2, 2016 through June 30, 2016 utilizing 35 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective September 1, 2016 through October 13, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, then an unpaid child care leave effective December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017, returning February 1, 2017.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Jennifer Braun** Art Teacher Oak Street School effective April 25, 2016 through June 21, 2016 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective September 1, 2016 through October 13, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, returning December 1, 2016.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Annette Franco** Grade 5 Teacher Cedar Hill School effective May 2, 2016 through June 21, 2016 utilizing 35 personal illness days, returning September 1, 2016.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Michaela Stoudemayer** Special Education Teacher Ridge High School effective March 23, 2016 through June 13, 2016 utilizing 50 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 14, 2016 through September 27, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective June 14, 2016 through October 30, 2016, returning October 31, 2016.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave for **Megan Taxeras** Grade 5 Teacher effective April 5, 2016 through May 17, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective April 5, 2016 through

June 30, 2016 then an unpaid child care leave effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, returning September 1, 2017.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid Intermittent Leave for **Mary Ellen Peters** Secretary Ridge High School effective February 18, 2016 through April 1, 2016.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the following Extracurricular Appointments for the 2015-16 school year:

Megan Kern Musical Director RHS
Jen Hauser Assistant Girls Lacrosse

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Change In Assignments and/or Locations for the 2015-16 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>From:</u> | <u>To:</u> |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Brittani Troncone | Mount Prospect School | William Annin Middle School |
| Courtney Gluck | William Annin Middle School | Ridge High School |
| Lisa Landy | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 5 \$28.24 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through June 20, 2016 | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 5 \$28.24 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through January 8, 2016 then Mount Prospect School 7.5 hours per day effective January 11, 2016 through June 20, 2016 |
| Erik Dial | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 2 \$26.33 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through June 20, 2016 | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 2 \$26.33 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through January 8, 2016 then 7 hours per day effective January 11, 2016 through June 20, 2016 |
| Brian McCarthy | Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of Step 5 \$28.24 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through June 20, 2016 | Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of Step 5 \$28.24 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 8, 2015 through December 23, 2015 then William Annin Middle School 7.5 hours per |

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| | | day effective January 4, 2016 through June 20, 2016 |
| Haley Glennon | Approve a paid Child Care Leave effective January 25, 2016 through February 20, 2016 utilizing 19 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective February 21, 2016 through April 4, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective February 21, 2016 through May 23, 30, 2016 returning May 24, 2016. | Approve a paid Child Care Leave effective January 11, 2016 through February 4, 2016 utilizing 19 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective February 5, 2016 through March 18, 2016 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective February 5, 2016 through May 6, 2016 returning May 7, 2016. |

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Christina Boyland** English Language Arts Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 8 BA \$53,224 effective January 13, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Roxana Chaudhri** Spanish Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 2 BA+30 \$51,489 effective January 22, 2016 through April 5, 2016 as a maternity leave replacement for Yasmina Navarro. Salary to be prorated to reflect actual dates worked.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kerstin Stewart** Guidance Counselor Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 MA+30 \$57,419 effective January 19, 2016 through April 6, 2016 as a maternity leave replacement for Linda Cuccaro.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Joseph Flynn Special Education Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 BA \$47,724 effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring Required.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Diana Evans** Instructional Aide Cedar Hill Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 4 \$27.52

per hour 7.5 hours per day effective January 18, 2016 through May 6, 2016 as a maternity leave replacement for Hayley Glennon.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Ryan Orden** District LAN Support Technician at a salary of \$44,510 effective January 19, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Various Assignments for the 2015-16 school year:

| Name: | Assignment: | Salary: |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Katherine McGrath | At Home Program-SE | \$66.30 per hour/20 hours per month |
| Marisa Marcus | At Home Program-SE | \$66.30 per hour/2 hours per week |
| Josh Gebhardt | At Home Program-SE | \$66.30 per hour/2 hours per week |
| Will Mira | At Home Program-SE | \$66.30 per hour/2 hours per week |
| Kara Higgins | At Home Program-SE | \$66.30 per hour/2 hours per week |

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following District Translators at a salary of \$50 per hour for the 2015-16 school year:

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| Karen Pellicone | Fiorella Bologno | Alex Ballas |
| Kristin Wingate | Stephanie Villarino | Catarina Gomes |
| Monica Mejia | Jessica Greene | Graciela Caldero |
| Vivian Meisner | Yasmina Navarro | Natalia Joffee |
| Gerardo Acevedo | Carlos Espinoza | Daria Pizzuto |
| Lucy Valerio | Joelle Gozlan | Micheline von Doehren |
| Cynthia Ni | Amita Govani | |

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Substitute Teachers** at a salary of \$90 per diem and **Substitute Nurses** at a salary of \$250 per diem for the 2015-16 school year:

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| Susan Vogt | Laura Fahey |
| Elyse Climes | Neil Nemetz |
| Leah Solomon | Kari Pollio |
| Lynn Mourey | Daniel Goldberg |

*Denotes a Substitute Nurse

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Ameetha Sankaranarayanan Volunteer Coach for the Ridge High School National Science Bowl Competition.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Erin Sterenczak LDTC Oak Street School effective January 15, 2016.

On motion by Ms. McKeon seconded by Ms. Cwermer Items #1 through #21 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

POLICY

Mr. Fry noted that the Policy committee has not met and there will be an update after the February 2016 Policy meeting.

CURRICULUM

- 1) Change in Course Title – from: *Introduction to Computer Graphics* to: *Introduction to Photoshop*
- 2) Change in Course Title - from: *Marketing and Distribution* to: *Principles of Marketing*

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

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

Ms. Gray noted the course title changes and stated that the report from the Friday, January 15, 2016 Curriculum meeting would be provided at the February 8, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

ADVOCACY

Ms. Richman provided a report from the Advocacy Committee Meeting that took place on January 11, 2016 and noted that the new committee was introduced to the PTO. Ms. Richman noted the following events that all members of the Board of Education and district parents are invited to:

- January 21 -- Google Parent Academy at Liberty Corner, 9am
- January 27 -- World Languages at Ridge, 7 pm
- February 10 -- Elementary G&T/PARCC at Mt Prospect, 9 am

Ms. Richman noted that the PARCC presentation from the prior Board of Education meeting was discussed. There is some relief that the assessment will have fewer units and take less time with a larger window from April 4th-May 13th. As requested, special permission was granted to Ridge High School to test earlier so that they would be farther away from AP testing dates. Frustration was expressed by everyone as to how long it took to get the PARCC results from 2015.

LIAISON REPORTS

President Wooldridge reported that on January 5, 2016 there was a Municipal Alliance Meeting. In that meeting they discussed the success from the fundraiser at Panera Bread that was held on November 12, 2015 to benefit the RAAD group (Ridge Against Alcohol and Drugs).

Upcoming events are as follows:

- March 19, 2016- Municipal Alliance and Bernards Township Police Department are holding a Prescription drug drop off day from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Bernards Township Police Department
- May 21, 2016- Municipal Alliance will participate in Charter Day
- April 5, 2016 - June 16: Girls on Track program takes place to promote a positive image, abstaining from drugs and alcohol, topped off by a 5k at the end of the session. The program is for girls in grades 6-8 at William Annin.
- June 5, 2016- Twilight Challenge, the Municipal Alliance annual fundraiser

On January 13, 2016 Robin McKeon and Linda Wooldridge met with Bill Koch, Jody D'Agostini and Katie Soulas of the Community in Crisis Group to provide updated information about drug and alcohol education and substance abuse prevention.

XVIII. Public Comment on Other Than Agenda Items

It was addressed to the Board of Education that The National Science Bowl Team was still awaiting approval for the parent-coach.

Superintendent Nick Markarian noted that Personnel item #20 addressed this issue and that approval of the coach with the National Science Bowl would be taken care of during the week of January 18, 2016.

XIX. Board Forum

Topics discussed by the Board Members were concerns that students who had appeared on the Suspension list were being provided counseling to mitigate future, recurring instances of misconduct.

Ms. McKeon congratulated Dr. Dunten on her appointment to the Board of Education and noted that it was a very difficult decision to make as all candidates were highly qualified.

XX. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. Gray, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary