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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 5:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Beckman, 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. Executive Session – 5:01 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Room 116

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, c, f, g and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney – client privilege
- h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

On motion by Ms. Richman and seconded by Ms. Gray and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:06p.m.

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

On motion by Ms. White seconded by Ms. Korn and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:56p.m.

V. **Reconvene 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, 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.

VII. Student Representative - Jimmy Gao

Mr. Gao discussed key topics for students at Ridge High School. Those topics included the attendance policy, school bathrooms and potential meetings with Board of Education Members. Mr. Gao also noted that organizing a Senior Clap-Out is being discussed.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Board of Education does hereby approve the **8th Grade Washington D.C. overnight trip** scheduled for April 2 - April 3, 2020.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated February 10, 2020.

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

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

Superintendent Markarian provided information regarding the items on the Superintendent Report.

Ms. McKeon thanked the chaperones, teachers and parents who donate their time helping with the annual Washington D.C. trip.

IX. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

X. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

January 27, 2020 - Executive Session Minutes
 January 27, 2020 - Regular Session Minutes

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

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

XI. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a [list of disbursements](#) dated February 10, 2020 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$4,574,665.80.
- 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>
C. Howarth	Succeeding as a Female Leader	\$175	06/22/2020
E. Seiffert	Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals - Online Training	\$375	05/18/2020 - 06/08/2020
R. Shello	DAANJ Workshop	\$775	03/16/2020 - 03/20/2020
J. Raphaels	NJAGC Annual Conference	\$200	03/20/2020
D. Persily	NJAGC Annual Conference	\$190	03/20/2020
N. Beykirch	International Technology and Engineering Educators Association	\$390	03/12/2020
G. Ogitis	International Technology and Engineering Educators Association	\$390	03/12/2020
M. Potter	International Technology and Engineering Educators Association	\$390	03/12/2020
R. Riess	International Technology and Engineering Educators Association	\$390	03/12/2020
C. Sweeney	International Technology and Engineering Educators Association	\$390	03/12/2020

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #301938 from December 11, 2019 to December 20, 2019 at Professional Educational Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$779.80.

- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #302089 from December 11, 2019 to January 10, 2020 at Professional Educational Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,559.60.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a revision of consulting services by Robin Roscigno Educational Consulting, LLC, from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for a cost not to exceed \$36,300.00.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the utilization of the alternate revenue projection for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2020-2021 budget to reflect actual-health-related services provided and positive parental consents.

From: Medicaid- Eligible / Special Education Count – 51
District Revenue Projection – \$25,165
District Budgeted Revenue – \$22,649

To: FY 2020-2021 Alternate revenue
Estimated Medicaid – Eligible Special Education Students – 16
District Projected Revenue – \$7,648
District Budgeted Revenue – \$6,883

On motion by Ms. Schafer, seconded by Ms. White Items #1-6 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. Beckman, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon (abstain item #5 only),
Mr. Richman, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Schafer, Ms. White and Ms. Wooldridge
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - Ms. McKeon (Item #5 only)

Mr. Salmon provided a summary of finance items.

Business Administrator, Rod McLaughlin, provided a more detailed explanation of finance item #6.

Superintendent Markarian congratulated the staff from the William Annin Middle School Technology Education program that had been selected to attend the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, for being selected as recipients of the Middle School Program of the Year.

XII. Personnel Committee Report

No report.

XIII. Policy Committee Report

No report.

XIV. Curriculum Committee Report

No report.

XV. Wellness Committee Report

Ms. White discussed topics from the Wellness Meeting that took place on January 23, 2020. Topics included the launch of the new Wellness Committee, a review of committee goals, Character Strong training, guidance counselor looping at William Annin Middle School and BT Connect Meeting feedback.

XVI. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Korn discussed the Municipal Alliance meeting that was held on February 4, 2020. Topics included a county-wide program to eliminate the stigma of mental health issues. Ms. Korn also provided information regarding upcoming programs such as the Fentanyl Factor on March 31, 2020 at the Ridge High School PAC, Not Just for the Likes at the Municipal Building on April 30, 2020, a Stigma Free Concert on May 8, 2020, Charter Day on May 16, 2020 and the annual Twilight Challenge that will be held on June 7, 2020.

XVII. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

No comments were made.

XVIII. Board Forum

Superintendent Markarian noted that changing the March 9, 2020 Board of Education meeting to March 16, 2020 is related to the annual budget calendar.

XIX. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Beckman and seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary