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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:39 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox, Board Counsel John Croot

Absent: Ms. Hira

IV. Executive Session – 6:40 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, 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. Light seconded by Ms. McKeon and approved by all present, the Board recessed into executive session at 6:40p.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. Light seconded by Ms. White and approved by all present, the Board closed executive session at 6:57 p.m.

V. Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.

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.

For those members of the public who are unable to attend our meeting in-person, a livestream link of the meeting is posted on the district website, www.bernardsboe.com.

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 three (3) 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 portions of the agenda. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.

As a courtesy to those individuals unable to attend our meetings in person, public comment may be made remotely through Zoom. Interested individuals should navigate to the district webpage, www.bernardsboe.com, and select "Board of Education" followed by "Public Comment" to review specific instructions, or click [here](#).

Public comments made in-person will be processed first, then comments via Zoom. No public comments will be accepted before 7PM or after item XX. Board Forum of the agenda begins.

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/Administration will respond to public comments to the extent possible. 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 – Kyle Swan

Mr. Swan discussed current events at Ridge High School including the upcoming Ridge's Senior Talent show on April 26, the upcoming wellness day on February 1, bathroom vandalism and mitigation efforts by the student body, Ridge Winter Sports and continued efforts to make Ridge welcoming.

VIII. Board President Comments

President Molinari commented on the upcoming Chinese New Year's event at Ridge High School.

IX. Board Presentation

1) **Class Size Report** – Kristin Fox, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Nick Markarian, Superintendent

Superintendent Markarian discussed the need for the Class Size Report. Superintendent Markarian and Assistant Superintendent Fox reviewed current year enrollment numbers and class sizes at each of the six schools and provided a breakdown of grades 6-12 by class size and type.

The breakdown included:

- The number of students, sections, class sizes, types and projections for Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner, Mount Prospect and Oak Street Elementary Schools.
- The average class size by grade and subject for William Annin Middle School
- The average class size by subject at Ridge High School

For the complete presentation click [here](#).

X. Superintendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Board of Education does hereby approve the following **2023 Board Committee Assignments**:

Finance Committee

Kirsten Light (Chair)
Robin McKeon
Lawrence Rascio
Tim Salmon
Alternate: Csilla Csipak

Curriculum Committee

Tim Salmon (Chair)
Csilla Csipak
Keith Molinari
Alternate: Jennifer White

Personnel Committee

Nimish Amin (Chair)
Csilla Csipak
Robin McKeon
Jennifer White
Alternate: Lawrence Rascio

Wellness Committee

Jennifer White (Chair)
Csilla Csipak
Ruchika Hira
Alternate: Keith Molinari

Policy Committee

Robin McKeon (Chair)
Nimish Amin
Keith Molinari
Alternate: Lawrence Rascio

- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the establishment of the following **New Board Committee** for the 2022-23 school year:

Operations & Facilities Committee

Lawrence Rascio (Chair)
Nimish Amin
Kirsten Light
Alternate: Tim Salmon

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following overnight field trips for the **Ridge High School Forensics Team** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Date(s):</u>	<u>Tournament/City:</u>
2/3/2023 – 2/4/2023	Pennsbury High School, Fairless Hills, PA
2/10/2023 – 2/12/2023	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2/17/2023 – 2/20/2023	Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
3/3/2023 – 3/5/2023	Lakeland High School, Shrub Oak, NY
3/17/2023 – 3/18/2023	NJSDL State Championships, Flemington, NJ
3/31/2023 – 4/2/2023	Parliamentary Debate Tournament of Champions, Virtual
4/15/2023 – 4/18/2023	Tournament of Champions, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
5/12/2023 – 5/14/2023	National Individual Events Tournament of Champions, Chanhassen, MN
5/26/2023 – 5/29/2023	NCFL Grand Nationals, Louisville, KY
6/10/2023 – 6/17/2023	National Speech & Debate National Championship, Phoenix, AZ

4) The Board of Education does hereby approve the overnight field trip for the **Ridge High School Youth Research Team** to attend the American Education Research Association (AERA) Conference in Chicago, Illinois on April 13 – April 15, 2023.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated January 23, 2023.

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. White Items #1-5 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

Mr. Salmon asked for clarification about the proposed Operations & Facilities Committee. Mr. Rascio and Mr. Salmon discussed the logistics and need for the committee and the need to work in tandem with the Finance Committee. Board members discussed the potential overlap for the proposed committee with other committees.

XI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Comments from the public included facility concerns from students including the bathrooms, pest control and possible solutions for cleaning methods, health curriculum concerns, a request for that status of families that have opted out of the health program, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) increases and inappropriate student body behavior and concerns with the change in committees and use of a floating alternate member.

XII. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

January 3, 2023 – Regular Session Minutes

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

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

XIII. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated January 23, 2023 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$5,615,083.34.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the December 2022 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for December 2022, the weekly reports of Electronic Fund Transfers and Bank Wires for December 2022, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for December 2022.

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 2022 line item transfers totaling \$99,663.84 the 2022-23 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 2022-23 school year:

Name: Name of Conference: Cost: Date(s):

A. Abundiz	CompTIA A+ IT Certification	\$492	02/28/2023
A. Blinder	NJ TechSPO '23	\$815	01/25/2023-01/26/2023
R. Shello	DAANJ Conference	\$760	03/13/2023-03/17/2023
P. Craig	Annual Northeast Conference	\$841	03/02/2023-03/03/2023
C. Donahue	FLENJ	\$170	03/17/2023
S. Serafin	FLENJ	\$315	03/17/2023-03/18/2023
R. Pulgarin	FLENJ	\$170	03/17/2023
S. Camooso	FLENJ	\$170	03/17/2023
J. Solodkin	NECTFL Conference	\$690	03/03/2023-03/04/2023
J. Koch	JNCL Language Advocacy	\$160	02/09/2023-02/10/2023
H. Werner	School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management	\$185	02/28/2023
T. Statts	American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/ AED Instructor Training	\$350	12/29/2022*

*County-office retroactive approval given on January 19, 2023

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the Red Devil Wrestling Club in the amount of \$16,050.98 for the wall mats in the Ridge High School wrestling room. The Bernards Township School District will contribute \$14,932.00 for new floor mats for the Ridge High School wrestling room for a total project cost of \$30,982.98.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve disposal of equipment/ books for the 2022-23 school year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #304436 from January 24, 2023 to June 30, 2023 at Educere-Art Studies- Basic, self-paced in the amount not to exceed \$399.00.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve therapy services for student #303219 with KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach for Therapeutic and Training Services in the amount not to exceed \$4,312.50.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a psychiatric evaluation for student #308327 with Dr. Bryan Fennelly in the amount not to exceed \$740.00.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #2501983 from October 18, 2022 to June 30, 2023 at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County, in the amount not to exceed \$66,220.00.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the stipulation of settlement for student ID #2301187 and authorizes the administration to implement its terms.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the submission of an amendment to the ESEA monies for the FY 2022-2023 for the carryover of the unexpended FY 2021-2022 funds increasing the total FY 2022-2023 allocation to the amounts of:

Title I -	\$ 258,693
Title II Part A -	\$ 147,152
Title III -	\$ 31,582
Title IV -	\$ 43,772

The Title I Allocation above includes an additional \$25,428 of unexpended 2021-2022 funds.

The Title III allocation above includes an additional \$16,296 of unexpended 2021-2022 funds.

The Title IV allocation above includes an additional \$7,435 of unexpended 2021-2022 funds.

13) RESOLUTION OF THE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ct. seq. authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen hereinafter referred to as "the Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance #CK-04 – a Cooperative Purchasing System the purchase of goods and services and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education in the County of Somerset desires to participate in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution with the Contracting Unit.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the “Board”) to engage the services of an engineer to develop plans, drawings, specifications and provide project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Boswell Engineering (330 Phillips Avenue, P.O. Box 3152, South Hackensack, NJ 07606 -1722) to provide professional services for drainage, and field improvements at the Ridge High School Varsity Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services to the Board has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The services of the following firm are hereby engaged to provide the engineering services inclusive of Conceptual Design (\$12,400), Topographic Survey (\$10,400), Soil Borings and Geotechnical Report (\$10,200), Design and Specification of Contract Documents (\$82,400), Bid Administration (\$5,400) and Construction Administration (\$43,600). The total for all of these services is \$164,400.

Boswell Engineering
330 Phillips Avenue
P.O. Box 3152
South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1722

2. The services to be rendered by Boswell Engineering are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

On motion by Mr. Salmon seconded by Mr. Rascio Items #1-13 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Ms. Light provided a summary of the December Finance Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included a food service update, the Oak Street School roofing project, Turf Field, HVAC and flooring updates and a NJ Department of Education memo regarding submission of the ACFR.

Ms. Light provided a summary of the Finance Agenda items.

Board members discussed Finance Agenda item #14 and concerns with wanting it to be reviewed more in depth. Mr. Salmon discussed the logistics for the agenda item and noted it is the first step in gaining further information about the project to mitigate potential issues. Superintendent Markarian provided further information to the tasks outlined in the project contract.

Ms. Light motioned Mr. Rasio seconded it; all Board members were in favor of postponing #14 until the next Board Meeting.

XIV. **Personnel Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Patricia Sugrue** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective June 30, 2023.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Emmanuel Cruz** Music Teacher Liberty Corner School effective March 12, 2023.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Dustin Gerding** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective February 5, 2023.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Gretchen Larsen** Instructional Aide-PALS Program Mount Prospect School effective February 17, 2023.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Megan Bonk** Special Education Teacher Cedar Hill School effective June 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023 utilizing 9 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave effective September 1, 2023 through November 24, 2023 then an unpaid child care leave effective November 25, 2023 through June 30, 2024, returning September 1, 2024.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Christine Gadd** District Nurse effective May 19, 2023 through June 14, 2023 utilizing 14 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave effective June 15, 2023 through November 10, 2023, returning November 13, 2023.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey & Federal Family Leave for **Thomas Liska** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School effective March 3, 2023 through April 2, 2023, returning April 3, 2023.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approves a paid Child Care Leave for **Sydney McGivney** School Counselor Ridge High School effective April 3, 2023 through May 23, 2023 utilizing 31 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave effective May 24, 2023 through October 18, 2023, returning October 19, 2023.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave for **Barbarann Wacha** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective January 23, 2023 through February 21, 2023, returning February 22, 2023.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change in Assignments** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Heather Botcowsky	Approve a paid Child Care Leave utilizing 40 personal illness days effective October 12, 2022 through December 13, 2022 then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave and Federal Family Leave effective December 14, 2022 through March 15, 2023, returning on March 16, 2023.	Approve a paid Child Care Leave utilizing 50 personal illness days effective October 12, 2022 through January 4, 2023 then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave and Federal Family Leave effective January 5, 2023 through March 29, 2023, returning on March 30, 2023.
Niall Caldwell	Winter Intramurals 3 days per week, \$2,076.00, 16 years/3 points/\$598.00	Winter Intramurals 4 days per week, \$2,768.00, 16 years/3 points/\$598.00
Jennifer Ferguson	AM Proctor LC \$1,330.00 3 years/0 points/\$0 2022-23 school year	AM Proctor LC \$665.00 3 years/0 points/\$0 September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023
Alyse Horowitz	Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 \$24.46 per hour 5.5 hours per day effective January 3, 2023	Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 \$24.46 per hour 5.5 hours per day effective January 3, 2023 through

	through June 16, 2023.	January 23, 2023 then 7.5 hours effective January 24, 2023 through June 16, 2023.
Kathy Kowalewski	Approve an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective December 16, 2022 through February 1, 2023, returning February 2, 2023.	Approve an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective December 16, 2022 through April 1, 2023 1, 2023, returning April 3, 2023.
Brian McGowan	Before School String Rehearsals Elementary \$1,168 per month 10/10/22-2/1/23	Before School String Rehearsals Elementary \$1,168 per month 10/10/22-11/28/22
Caitlin Price	Instructional Aide CBAP Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 3 \$25.85 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective January 3, 2023 through June 16, 2023.	Instructional Aide CBAP Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 3 \$25.80 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective January 9, 2023 through June 16, 2023.
Joanna Rice	Approve a paid Child Care Leave for Joanna Rice Math Teacher Ridge High School effective December 8, 2022 through February 10, 2023 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave and Federal Family Leave effective February 13, 2023 through May 15, 2023 then an unpaid Child Care Leave effective May 16, 2023 through June 30, 2023, returning September 1, 2023.	Approve a paid Child Care Leave for Joanna Rice Math Teacher Ridge High School effective December 8, 2022 through February 28, 2023 utilizing 50 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave and Federal Family Leave effective March 1, 2023 through June 9, 2023 then an unpaid Child Care Leave effective June 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023, returning September 1, 2023.
District Student Workers (list on file)	After Care Program at an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour effective September 1, 2022 through December 31,	After Care Program at an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour effective September 1, 2022 through December

	2022 then at an hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023 through June 16, 2023.	31, 2022 then at an hourly rate of \$14.13 per hour effective January 1, 2023 through June 16, 2023.
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- 11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Christine Donnelly** Kindergarten Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 8 BA \$58,378 effective January 3, 2023 through end of assignment as a medical leave replacement.
- 12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Linda Erickson-Paul** Grade 2 Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 1 MA \$61,956 effective March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023 as a leave replacement for J. Scheffler. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.
- 13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Michele Robinson** Special Education Teacher Resource Room Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 9 MA \$66,436 effective February 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023 as a leave replacement for L. Hull. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.
- 14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Mark Matarazzo** School Aide Oak Street School at a salary of \$20.89 per hour 4 hours per day effective January 24, 2023 through June 16, 2023.
- 15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jeyanthi Ponnusamy** Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of Step 2 \$25.04 per hour 4 hours per day effective January 25, 2023 through June 16, 2023.
- 16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Allen Abundiz	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Sadia Aftab	After School Activities Assistance SE	\$31.37 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Keerthana Bonthala	After School Student Worker MP	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Linda Blaber	Winter Dance Showcase Assistance-SE	\$31.37 per hour 2022-23 school year
Alex Blinder	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year

Adria Carbonaro	Twilight Program - SE	\$69.33 per hour 2022-23 school year
Jane Conklin	Winter Dance Showcase Assistance-SE	\$69.33 per hour 2022-23 school year
Stephanie Corcoran	Sound Technician OS	\$50.00 per hour
Teresa Delia	Winter Dance Showcase Assistance-SE	\$31.37 per hour 2022-23 school year
John Dyer	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Lindsey Evans	After School Student Worker OS	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Nick Falcone	After School Student Worker MP	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Erin Giacchi	Chous Assistance SE	\$31.37 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Suhanee Guglani	After School Student Worker MP	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Henry Hansen	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Lance Jordan	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Eddie Lara	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Matthew Leopold	PAC Student Worker	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Jennifer Marney	Camp Jump Start Director	\$7,500.00 2022-23 school year
Darek Milewski	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year

Tanya Minassian	Band Concert WAMS Assistantance SE	\$31.37 per hour 2022-23 school year
Rachel Orshan	Winter Dance Showcase Assistance-SE	\$31.37 per hour 2022-23 school year
Gregory Petrewski	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Steve Rabinovich	BOE Meeting Live Streaming	\$50.00 per hour effective 2022-23 school year
Avery Schneider	After School Student Worker CH	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Vanessa Ventrice	Choir Concert Assistance SE	\$30.44 per hour 12/21/22
Chad Visintainer	District Assistant	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/30/23
Aidan Weisgerber	After School Student Worker CH	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23
Hank Werner	BOE Meeting Security	\$65.00 per hour effective 2022-2023 school year
Cy Westbrook	PAC Student Worker	\$14.13 per hour effective 1/1/23-6/16/23

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>2022-23 Stipend/Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
OS	Intramural Coordinator Winter	Kerry Bowdent Testa	\$922.00, 1 year/0 points/\$0
OS	Winter Intramurals 2 x week	Kerry Bowdent Testa	\$1,384.00, 0 years/0 points/\$0
OS	Winter Intramurals 2 x week	Shannon Baumann	\$1,384.00, 0 years/0 points/\$0

LC	AM Proctor	Megan Licata	\$665.00, 1 year/0 points/\$0
RH	Assistant Fall Play	Bonnie Grube	\$2,760.00 n/a
RH	Assistant Musical-Choreographer .5	Rachel Miranda	\$2,091.00, 9 years/1 point/\$198
RH	Assistant Musical-Choreographer .5	Jennifer DiGiuseppe	\$2,091.00, 3 years/0 points/\$0
RH	Assistant Musical Costumes/Hair & Makeup	Bonnie Grube	\$4,182.00 n/a

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Mentors** for the 2022-23 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

<u>Provisional Teacher:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Mentor:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
John Kalian	Social Studies	Liz Seiffert	\$165.00

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Sections** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Brendan Amicone	Social Studies WAMS	\$1,168 per month effective 1/12/23-2/24/23
Jocelyn Bizzaro	Social Studies WAMS	\$1,168 per month effective 1/12/23-2/24/23
Christine Corigliano	Social Studies WAMS	\$1,168 per month effective 1/12/23-2/24/23
Heather Ferino	Social Studies WAMS	\$1,168 per month effective 1/12/23-2/24/23
Brian Montalbano	Social Studies WAMS	\$1,168 per month effective 1/12/23-2/24/23

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **District Secretaries** salary increase due to proficiency tests effective January 1, 2023:

<u>District Secretary:</u>	<u>Proficiency Test:</u>	<u>Increase:</u>
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Judee Schroeder	Google Forms	\$500.00
Jessica Frank	Google Sheets/Publisher/Google Forms	\$1,500.00
Kristine Voorhees	Google Forms/Canva	\$850.00
Sharon Good	Google Sheets/Google Slides	\$700.00
Kristina O'Donnell	Google Forms	\$500.00
Meghan Toolan	Google Sheets/Google Slides/ Google Forms/Canva	\$1,700.00
Christine Guibord	Google Forms/Publisher	\$1,000.00
Pam Collins	Google Forms	\$500.00

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff College Instructors** for the winter, spring 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Course Description:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Amy Lynn	AHA Heartsaver First Aid, CPR AED 3 dates	\$1,350.00
Pat Miller	AHA Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, AED 3 dates	\$1,350.00
Erin Noonan	AHA Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, AED 3 dates	\$1,350.00
Kimberly Clark	Coach's Roundtable	\$1,050.00
Jill Stedronsky	Cultivating Critical Thinkers in Your Classroom	\$1,050.00
Lori Thompson	Are You in a Pickle Trying to Figure Out How to Manage Stress?	\$525.00
Mel Doering	Are You in a Pickle Trying to Figure Out How to Manage Stress?	\$525.00
Michelle McKay	Effective Programming in the CBAP Classroom	\$525.00
Shawn Scriffiano	Effective Programming in the CBAP Classroom	\$525.00
Jeff Stellitano	Hapara for Classroom Use	\$525.00

Jen Kaltenbach	Hapara for Classroom Use	\$525.00
Ed Doerr	How to Read a Poem and Fall in Love with Poetry	\$1,050.00
Tara McDonough	Incorporating Exercise and Fitness into your Busy Day to Support Mental Health and Wellness	\$1,050.00
Emily Jones	K- 5 Picture Book Tasting	\$525.00
Vicki Daglian	K- 5 Picture Book Tasting	\$525.00
Stephanie Ruggiero	K-5 Technology	\$1,050.00
Jill Stedronsky	Reflection as a Daily Practice for Students Growth	\$1,050.00
Carson Michura	Stretching for Beginners & The Brain Dance	\$1,050.00
Michelle Lenzi	Using Central Reach in CBAP Classrooms	\$1,050.00
Michelle McKay	Utilizing Technology to Promote Student Success for Learners with Special Needs	\$1,050.00
Jill Stedronsky	Writing as a Tool for SEL	\$1,050.00
Vicki Daglian	Proactive Strategies to Maximize Effective Communication	\$563.00

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Mini Unit Instructors** for 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Mini Unit:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Marybeth Carlucci	LCS	Toy Factory	\$971.00
Cassandra Nerger	LCS	Art Creations	\$971.00
Emily Barisonek	LCS	Legos	\$971.00
Stephanie Ranieri	LCS	Mind over Matter	\$971.00
Leyna Lillia	LCS	Coding and Game Design	\$971.00

Phillip Peluso	LCS	Sports Fanatic	\$971.00
Kristine Karnick	LCS	STEAM	\$971.00
Devin Glinsky	LCS	Problem Solvers	\$971.00
Marguerite LeBoeuf	LCS	Simple Crafts	\$971.00
Samantha Arrieta	LCS	Slime Factory	\$971.00
Jessica DeRose	OS	Games Galore	\$971.00
Melanie Sackie	OS	Clay It Up	\$971.00
Carly Long	OS	I Can Draw!	\$971.00
Megan Broadhurst	OS	Passport to the World	\$971.00
Theresa Glazier	OS	Super Scientists	\$971.00
Christine Buckner	OS	Crochet Kids	\$971.00
Adria Carbonaro	OS	Animal Art	\$971.00
Glen Denys	OS	Nature Quest	\$971.00
Bill Baker	OS	Lego Lovers	\$971.00
Jesica DeRose	OS	Slime Lab and More!	\$971.00
Kathy Balzarotti	OS	Chess and Board Games Galore	\$971.00
Christine Buckner	OS	Crochet Kids	\$971.00
Sheri Smith	OS	Rainbow Looms	\$971.00
Nancy Lechleider	OS	Bullet Journaling for Beginners	\$971.00

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **District Translators** at a salary of \$50.00 per hour for the 2022-23 school year:

Meredith Ross	Celine Chambron	Nazan Bulca	Eric Rauschenberger
Fiorella Bologno	Jessie Jiang	Alex Blinder	Stephanie O'Brien
Mousumi Biswas	Joseph Bae	Sireen Hashem	Christine Giacalone
Maliha Merchant	Suzete Pinto	Stephanie Camooso	Lucy Vaerio-Arvelos

Yasmina Navarro	Camelia Suris	Kim Marie Kopeck	Maria Elina Santisteban-Armani
Jessica Solodkin			

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Student Teacher/Intern Placement** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Student Teacher:</u>	<u>College/University:</u>	<u>Placement:</u>
Ronald Rumsby	Kean University	Physical Education & Health K. Immerman Mount Prospect School 1/24/23-6/17/23

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Adriana Pasquale** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 1 \$24.58 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective February 6, 2023 through June 16, 2023.

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. White Items #1-25 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - None

XV. Policy Committee Report

Superintendent Markarian provided a brief report from the January 9th Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Markarian noted the School Visitors Policy and Board Member Use of Electronic Communication/ Communication between Board Members and Board Members and the public.

XVI. Curriculum Committee Report

Ms. White provided a report from the December 2, 2022 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Topics at the meeting included DIBELS, program of studies for 2023-24 including new courses, course name changes, course prerequisite changes, a Marking Period 1 grade review and an Add/Drop analysis.

Board Members discussed the self study program.

XVII. Wellness Committee Report

Assistant Superintendent Siet provided a report from the December 22, 2022 Wellness Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included the WAMS Wellness program, a RHS Wellness update, a Wellness Day survey and the results, a counseling update, a Lifelines Suicide Prevention programming update, planned in-service days and the drug and alcohol survey.

XVIII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. White reported out the dates for the next few Lunch and Learns coming up and the topics for these meetings noting that they are virtual meetings.

XIX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Comments from the public included Board Member Ethics training, Board Member conduct and communication, the health and wellness curriculum and board discussion and a concern with the timing of committee reports.

Assistant Superintendent Fox provided an update for the health participation rates in the district.

XX. Board Forum

1) New Health Standards/Content in Grades KG - 8

Mr. Salmon read from minutes he had taken during a Curriculum Committee meeting on Friday January 20th where the committee had discussed the idea of delivering some pieces of the health curriculum in grades K-8 through homework only. Following Mr. Salmon's report, there was a Board discussion.

Board members discussed the health survey results and resulting statistics, the state mandate and the controversy surrounding it, how to manage opt-out content in health curriculum, the importance of community input and coming to a solution that will encompass all points of view.

A motion was made to have the Board of Education Curriculum Committee explore alternative options in teaching controversial health topics in the new 2020 health curriculum by Mr. Amin and seconded by Ms. Light. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Amin, Mr. Molinari, Mr. Rascio, Ms. Light, and Ms. Csipak voted yes.

Ms. McKeon, Ms. White, and Mr. Salmon voted no. The motion therefore carried.

Superintendent Markarian noted the bathroom and pest concerns at RHS and that issues would be further explored with Principal Lazovick. Mr. Markarian discussed the issues

along with the student representative. Mr. Markarian thanked the students for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns

XXI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Light and seconded by Mr. Rascio and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Brooks
Acting Board Secretary