

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY  
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**I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.**

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call**

Present: Ms. Gray, Ms. Hira, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Schafer (arrived 7:24 p.m.), Mr. Salmon, Ms. Singh, Ms. White, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

Absent: None

**IV. Executive Session – 5:31 p.m.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, b, e, 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. White seconded by Ms. Gray and approved by all present, the Board recessed into executive session at 5:45 p.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. Light and approved by all present, the Board closed executive session at 6:55p.m.

**V. Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:09 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 there are two livestream links of the meeting posted through the district website, [www.bernardsboe.com](http://www.bernardsboe.com). The two livestream links are both airing our meeting, each simply backs up the other to be prepared for possible technical difficulty.

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](http://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 XXI. 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 Representatives – Gordon Li**

Mr. Li discussed the final week of classes and excitement at Ridge High School noting the challenges and accomplishments of the student body during the past school year. Mr. Li provided an update on the Ridge High School student clubs, a Ridge Forensics Team's upcoming event and recent accomplishment and the RHS annual awards night in which athletic and academic achievements were recognized. Mr. Li also provided an update for the Arts department including and extended a sincere thank you to everyone working behind the scenes.

Mr. Li also informed us that student government elections are complete and that he looks forward to welcoming a new student body government for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Li thanked everyone for their support during the year in which he had a great experience as the Student Representative.

Grace Li, student representative from William Annin Middle School discussed the various events of the past couple weeks at William Annin Middle including the Student Principal Advisory Council communications, the end of the spring sports season, recent

field trips for all three grades and a recent competition at Six Flags Great Adventure to compete in the annual music competition. Ms. Li discussed spirit week leading up to the recent Field Day on June 10, 2022 in which students participated in games and team building activities and that during the event William Annin Middle School was awarded “Schools to Watch” recognition.

President McKeon thanked Mr. Li for his amazing work during the past year and board members echoed those sentiments.

### VIII. **Board President Comments**

President McKeon discussed the recent June 6, 2022 BT Connect meeting. Assistant Superintendent Fox provided an update for the Curriculum Department and the Health Program and development of standards. Ms. Fox stated that the next BT Connect meeting will be on August 24, 2022 to discuss updates for the health curriculum and receive input.

President McKeon welcomed the teachers and family members at the meeting noting how lucky our students are to be a part of the Bernards Township School District.

### IX. **Acknowledge 2021-22 Retirees**

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>School:</u></b>
Linda Metcalfe	Cedar Hill School
Deborah Savage	Liberty Corner School
Barbara Kwityn	Mount Prospect School
Mary Henry	William Annin Middle School
Mary Knell	William Annin Middle School
John Brum	Ridge High School
Karen Maresca	Ridge High School
Bill Tracy	Ridge High School

Superintendent Markarian thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting. Mr. Markarian made note of the many positive accomplishments of the retirees and thanked them for all of the years of service to the Bernards Township School District.

Administrators introduced the retirees from their buildings and/or departments and discussed the contributions made by each staff member and their impact on students and other staff members.

Board President McKeon presented each retiree with a gift on behalf of the Board of Education.

X. **Acknowledge 2021-22 Teacher of the Year**

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>School:</u></b>
Emily Jones	Cedar Hill School
Nicole Williams	Liberty Corner School
Nancy Lechleider	Oak Street School
Sheri Jakubowski	Mount Prospect School
Evona Panycia	William Annin Middle School
Emily Lipnick	Ridge High School

Administrators presented the Teacher’s of the Year for their respective schools noting the contributions made by the teacher and their impact on students and other members of the staff.

XI. **Superintendent’s Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated June 13, 2022.
- 2) RESOLVED, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Negotiations’ Committee, approves the Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Guides between the Bernards Township Board of Education and the Bernards Township Education Association for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

On motion by Mr. Salmon seconded by Ms. Gray Items #1-2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Ms. Gray, Ms. Hira, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Schafer, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Singh, Ms. White  
“Noes” - None  
“Abstain” - None

President McKeon thanked the members of the BTEA, Board of Education and the Administration teams that led the negotiations. Mr. Salmon echoed those sentiments noting the professionalism of the staff during the negotiations.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the last full week of school and the upcoming graduations at William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School and congratulated the families that are moving on to new endeavors. Mr. Markarian thanked the staff during the challenging 2021-22 school year and recognized the efforts made to return to normalcy.



**XII. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments were made.

**XIII. Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

May 23, 2022 - Executive Minutes

May 23, 2022 - Regular Session Minutes

June 6, 2022 - BT Connect Meeting Minutes

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

“Ayes” - Ms. Gray, Ms. Hira, Ms. Light, Mr. Khanna, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Salmon,  
Ms. Schafer, Ms. Singh, Ms. White

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - None

**XIV. Finance Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a [list of disbursements](#) dated June 13, 2022 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$5,913,920.01 including a \$10,000.00 manual check issued on May 23, 2022.

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 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
S. Smith	ASCA National Conference	\$179	07/11/2022-07/12/2022
L. Tan	CSTA Conference	\$500	07/14/2022-07/17/2022
R. Tritt	Advance Placement: Motivating Unmotivated Students	\$550	07/01/2022-01/01/2023
S. Scriffiano	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	\$165	06/21/2022-06/23/2022
L. Valera	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	\$165	06/21/2022-06/23/2022

M. Rossi	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	\$165	06/21/2022-06/23/2022
T. Brown	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	\$165	06/21/2022-06/23/2022
M. Mckay	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	\$165	06/21/2022-06/23/2022

3) WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education (the “District”) sought bids in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., and N.J.A.C. 6A:27-9.1, et seq., for the provision of Transportation Services during the 2022-23 school year (the “Services”); and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for each of the following Routes was received from Kensington Bus Company, with offices located in Lebanon, New Jersey:

Kensington Bus Company								
	Per Diem	Per Diem	Per Diem	Per Diem	Incr/Dec	Per Diem		Total
	Route Cost	Route Cost	Route Cost	Tier Cost	Adjustment	Aide		Costs
Route #	AC 24 PAX Only	AC 24 PAX Only	AC all routes	AC all Vehicles	Cost	Cost		Per Route / Per Tier
RH 22			\$272.00		\$0.95			
ROS 05			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RH 16	\$244.50				\$0.95			
ROS 01	\$244.50				\$0.95			
		\$489.00						\$489.00
RH 06			\$272.00		\$0.95			
RLC 02			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RH 20			\$272.00		\$0.95			
RLC 03			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA 01			\$272.00		\$0.95			
ROS 02			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA 02			\$272.00		\$0.95			
ROS 03			\$272.00		\$0.95			

				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA 19			\$272.00		\$0.95			
RCH 02			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA11			\$272.00		\$0.95			
RCH04			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA10			\$272.00		\$0.95			
RLC01			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWA03			\$272.00		\$0.95			
ROS04			\$272.00		\$0.95			
				\$544.00				\$544.00
RWAS1*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
RCH11*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
		\$489.00					\$100.00	\$589.00
RWAS2*	\$294.50				\$1.10	\$75.00		
RMP05*	\$294.50				\$1.10	\$75.00		
		\$589.00					\$150.00	\$739.00
RWAS3*	\$294.50				\$1.10	\$75.00		
RMPPE01 *	\$294.50				\$1.10	\$75.00		
		\$589.00					\$150.00	\$739.00
RHS101*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
RLCS11*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
		\$489.00					\$100.00	\$589.00
RHS102*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
RCH09*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
		\$489.00					\$100.00	\$589.00
RHS103*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
RLCS10*	\$244.50				\$1.10	\$50.00		
		\$489.00					\$100.00	\$589.00

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been allocated and are available in the District's 2022-23 budget for the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows: The District hereby authorizes and directs the award of the aforesaid routes to Kensington Bus Company and the execution of a Transportation Services Agreement with same in accordance with the District's specifications and the submitted bid.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education approves the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount not to exceed \$45,500.00 to cover the architect costs, and in the amount not to exceed \$561,223 to cover the construction costs awarded to Pravco, Inc. for the approved project for the Oak Street School Roof Project.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an amendment to the IDEA monies for the FY 2021-2022 for the reallocation of funds for the Basic and Pre-school programs to fund salaries, benefits, and supplies for Basic CEIS and supplies and professional development for Pre-school as follows:

Basic	FROM	TO
100-100		\$ 18,220
100-500	\$172,799	
100-600		\$153,185
200-200		\$ 1,394
Pre-school	FROM	TO
100-500	\$27,019	
100-600		\$ 25,419
200-300		\$ 1,600

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

“Ayes” - Ms. Gray, Ms. Hira, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Schafer,  
Mr. Salmon, Ms. Singh, Ms. White  
“Noes” - None  
“Abstain” - None

Ms. Gray provided a summary of the finance agenda items.

Business Administrator McLaughlin provided further information for agenda items 3-5.

**XV. 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) For reasons of economy, due to a reduction in the number of pupils, and/or for other good cause, the Bernards Township Board of Education hereby abolishes the following teaching positions, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2022: **(.4) Spanish & (1) Special Education LLD**. The affected staff member shall be non-renewed, terminated or re-assigned based on their tenure and seniority and any reduced tenured staff shall be placed on a recall list consistent with their seniority, certifications and applicable law.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Dorothy Vignali** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective June 30, 2022.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Will Alston** Instructional Aide Ridge High School effective June 17, 2022.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Matthew Blackman** Physics Teacher Ridge High School effective June 30, 2022.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Lisa Bodaj** Special Education Pre-K CBAP Teacher Mount Prospect School effective August 31, 2022.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Christine Cancellieri** Instructional Aide BD Program Cedar Hill School effective June 17, 2022.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Kelly Flannigan** Special Education CBAP Teacher Mount Prospect School effective June 30, 2022.
- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Dallas Harvey** PAC Manager Ridge High School effective August 5, 2022.
- 9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Martha Harvey** Theater Teacher .5 Ridge High School effective June 30, 2022.
- 10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Chloe O'Malley** Instructional Aide Media Center William Annin Middle School effective June 17, 2022.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Brooke Zammit** Grade 4 Teacher Mount Prospect School effective June 30, 2022.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid Federal Family Leave & New Jersey Family Leave for **Catarina Alves** Spanish Teacher William Annin Middle School effective June 6, 2022 through June 30, 2022, returning September 1, 2022.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Changes In Assignments** for the 2021-22 school year:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>
Allison Young	Physics Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of \$125.00 per day effective April 26, 2022 through June 20, 2022 as a leave replacement for E. Slupski	Physics Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of \$125.00 per day effective April 26, 2022 through May 31, 2022 and then Step 1 MA \$60,958 effective June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 as a leave replacement for E. Slupski

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2021-22 or 2022-23 school year:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	<b><u>Salary:</u></b>
Cherie Ackerman	Before/After Care Parent Relations/Treasurer	\$18,000
Alex Blinder	Website Accessibility Coordinator	\$4,500
Alex Blinder	After Hours IT Security Support	\$65.77 per hour
Lisa Brouillard	Co-Director Before & After Care LC	\$9,000
Matthew Cahill	Math Placement/Proficiency Exam Coordinator	\$40.00 per hour
Marguerite Cahill	Summer Guidance RHS	Per diem rate/13 days
Nicole Cataldi	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$69.33 per hour
Elizabeth Ciccarelli	8th Grade Dance Assistance-SE	\$31.37 per hour

Linda Cuccaro	Summer Guidance RHS	Per diem rate/14 days
Daniel Dasziewicz	Educational Technology Assistant	\$22.50 per hour 2022-23 school year
Lidia D'Armiento	Teacher in Charge 2021-22 CH	\$1,500
Ashley Dunker	Social Media Coordinator	\$3,500
John Dyer	After Hours IT Security Support	\$46.82 per hour
Theresa Emma	Summer Finacial Literacy	\$5,284
Rich Hartman	Dungeons & Dragons Club Pay To Play WAMS	\$2,544
Christina Hendricks	District Webmaster	\$9,000
Ryan Hughes	Summer Guidance RHS	Per diem rate/13 days
Lance Jordan	After Hours IT Security Support	\$42.26 per hour
Renee Kiernan	Writing Warriors-WAMS	\$1,000
Ryan Kramer	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$69.33 per hour
Ryan Kramer	Referral Bonus	\$1,000
Abby LaGreca	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$31.37 per hour
Eddie Lara	After Hours IT Security Support	\$33.84 per hour
Amy Lynn	Before & After care Director CH	\$18,000
Jordan Marcus	Student Assistance-SE	\$200
Brian McCarthy	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$31.37 per hour
Sydney McGivney	Summer Guidance RHS	Per diem rate/10 days
Vivian Miesner	Assistant Director WAMS	\$5,000
Dariusz Milewski	After Hours IT Security Support	\$37.50 per hour
Jennifer Nicholson	Board Recorder	\$4,500
Laura Page	8th Grade Dance Assistance SE	\$31.37 per hour
Phil Peluso	Co-Director Before & After Care LC	\$9,000
David Persily	Before & After Care Director OS	\$18,000

Dawn Piper	Summer Finacial Literacy	\$5,284
Steven Rabinovich	After Hours IT Security Support	\$37.50
Diane Ragsdale	SIS Manager WAMS	\$5,000
Corey Richardson	Before & After Care Director MP	\$18,000
Jackie Treanor	Summer Guidance RHS	Per diem rate/10 days
Linda Valera	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$69.33 per hour
Michele Vitiello	SIS Manager RHS	\$5,000
Donna Wilson	Graduation Assistance RHS-SE	\$31.37 per hour

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **ACT Proctors** for June 11, 2022:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	<b><u>Salary:</u></b>
Dawn Piper	Extended Time	\$185.00
Georgiana Paril	Standard Time	\$125.00
Christine Corigliano	Standard Time	\$125.00

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Camp Jump Start Staff** for the 2022-23 school year:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	<b><u>Salary:</u></b>
Jill Blumenthal	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Pia Capone	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Anita DeAngelis	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Dan Georgetti	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Rich Hartman	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Kevin Karch	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Kristin Leskowits	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Brian McGowan	Teacher	\$220.00 per day



Germaine Ogitis	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Jonathan Ost	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Ryan Riess	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Cara Rychecky	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Courtney Slack	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Victoria Sikora	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Sarah Tompson	Teacher	\$220.00 per day
Caitlin Annese	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Christine Corigliano	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Marissa Fuellhart	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Monica Gupta	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Jill Ann Hamilton	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Dina Noel	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Michael Orr	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Stacey Osucha	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day
Jaclyn Pistilli-Urena	Subsistute	\$180.00 per day

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff for **ESY Testing/Referrals** at their per diem rate for the summer 2022:

Phyllis Bresner	Debbie Bune	Patricia Coto
Jennifer Dempsey	Jessica DuBois	Stephanie Isaacson
Jordan Marcus	Karen Martin	Jane McGarry
Margie Murray	Cristin Roach	Lisa Romano
Meredith Ross	Marie Wurtemberg	Rebekah Blackwell

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

<b><u>Student Teacher:</u></b>	<b><u>College/University:</u></b>	<b><u>Placement:</u></b>
Rebecca Cardinal	Saint Elizabeth University	Elementary/Oak Street School M. Sackie 9/1/22-5/19/23

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. Gray Items #1-18 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. Gray, Ms. Hira, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Schafer,  
Mr. Salmon, Ms. Singh, Ms. White  
 “Noes” - None  
 “Abstain” - None

#### **XVI. Policy Committee Report**

No report.

#### **XVII. Curriculum Committee Report**

Ms. White provided a report from the June 3, 2022 Curriculum Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included textbooks, summer assignments, a summer geometry update, K-12 music, the Health curriculum and evidence based instruction and intervention.

#### **XVIII. Wellness Committee Report**

No report.

#### **XIX. Liaison Committee Reports**

Ms. White reported from the end of Bernard's PEC meeting and highlighted that the group was able to restart all programs and discussed the group's growth and events.

Mr. Salmon discussed the June 1, 2022 SCESC meeting. Topics at the meeting included trade opportunities and accomplishments for students and an enrollment update.

#### **XX. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

Comments from the public included the topics of school security and safety, the Ridge High School Varsity Softball field conditions, a comment about state rankings of the school district, a recent LGBTQ video, a congratulation to the retirees and teachers of the years, the current and future Health curriculum and a meeting with a consultant group and the voluntary drug testing policy.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the ongoing conversations and challenges with regard to the Ridge High School Girls Varsity Softball Field and current work being done to mitigate issues. President McKeon and Ms. Gray also discussed work being done and efforts being made to correct the field.

Superintendent Markarian addressed the comments regarding the Health Curriculum. Assistant Superintendent Fox provided further explanation into the curriculum and encouraged parents and guardians to reach out to instructors to understand what is being taught in the classroom and also provide answers to the survey questions that had been sent out.

Superintendent Markarian provided insight into the drug testing program and the NJSIAA testing requirements and spoke to school safety and stressed that the physical and emotional safety of the students is an ongoing priority for the Bernards Township School District.

Ms. Light pointed out that providing detailed information for all security measures for the school district in a public forum is not safe but stressed the continued effort of safety.

#### **XXI. Board Forum**

Ms. White pointed out that there are different points of view expressed by the community for each and every topic and stressed the need for communication and bringing everyone together. Ms. White noted that the BT Connect meetings are a great opportunity to have discussions and foster conversation around topics that have varying points of view.

Mr. Salmon reinforced the point that the BT Connect Meetings are a great source of information for parents and guardians to converse with each other, teachers, and administrators. Mr. Salmon stressed that the kids that presented during public comment about the RHS Girls Varsity Softball Field handled their persuasive case well.

Ms. Gray congratulated all of the Teacher of the Year recipients and retirees and Ms. Schafer acknowledged the cast of Matilda for their recent accomplishments and acknowledged and celebrated the upcoming 2022 graduates.

#### **XXII. Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Salmon and seconded by Ms. Light and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin  
Board Secretary