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III. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Hira, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Salmon, Ms. Schafer,
Ms. Singh, Ms. White, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox,
Absent: Ms. Gray, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

IV. Statement of Public Notice

This is a special 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.

Public comment is welcome at the end of the meeting. 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.

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.

V. Town Hall Meeting: Communication and Collaboration

Superintendent Markarian presented an overview of the district's strategic plan goals focusing on the communication and collaboration goal. Mr. Markarian discussed five methods of communication that were a product of the strategic plan and nine additional methods that existed prior to the plan. Mr. Markarian provided instructions for the dynamics of the small groups including how to provide feedback through discussion and the presentation.

To view the presentation please click [here](#).

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Comments from the public, generated by small group discussion, included Friday Folder communication, potential roles of social media in education, in person meetings, the district website, curriculum/instruction communication through websites, school messenger, the Google classroom and other district technology programs used for communication.

VII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Schafer and seconded by Ms. Light and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin (in absentia)
Board Secretary