

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Ridge High School Performing Arts Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by President Cwerner.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call**

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

ABSENT: None

**IV. Executive Session – 6:01 p.m. – Ridge High School Principal's Conference Room**

On motion by Mr. Fry and seconded by Ms. Richman, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:01p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss: confidential personnel and contract items; 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. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Gray and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 7:00p.m.

**V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:07 p.m. – Ridge High School Performing Arts Center**

## 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. 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 time limit for individual comments and/or public comment portions of the agenda. 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. 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 Representative - Lucas Miller**

Lucas Miller, Student Representative, reported that the Teddy Bear Drive will begin on November 29, 2016 at Ridge High School. During this time students may pick up a bear, take it home to decorate it and then return it. Bears will then be given to Children's Hospitals for the Holiday Season.

Mr. Miller also reported that there will be a Breakfast with Santa fundraiser at Applebee's December 11, 2016, a volleyball tournament for the Junior and Senior classes that will take place the day prior to the Winter Recess and noted that water bottles will be on sale during the lunch period on December 19.

### VIII. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Nick Markarian discussed some recent student and staff highlights.

Mr. Markarian noted that Ms. Retzko, the Choral Director at Ridge High School, shared with him the names of five students who were accepted into the 2017 All- Eastern Honors Choir. The students are Rahul Mirchandani, Timothy Morrow, Paige Smyth, Sydney Vollmar and Virginia Lafean who also has received the NJ Governor's Award for the Arts. Mr. Markarian congratulated these students on their outstanding achievements.

Mr. Markarian then went on to commend several teachers whose observations of a student and proactive approach to help the student were commended by the child's pediatrician and a Guidance Counsellor who reached out to the family of a Ridge High Graduate who attends Ohio State University in the wake of the tragedy on that campus. Mr. Markarian commended all of these employees on their commitment and dedication to the students of this district.

### 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:

November 14, 2016 – Executive Session Minutes

November 14, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. McKeon seconded by Dr. Dunten the foregoing 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

### XI. Committee Reports

#### FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a [list of disbursements](#) dated November 28, 2016 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$3,746,353.39.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the October 2016 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for October 2016, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for October 2016.

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 October 2016 line item transfers totaling \$349,697.04 to the 2016-17 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education received bids for the **Oak Street School Unit Ventilator Replacement & HVAC Upgrades** project on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Bids were received from the following companies:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate (AB-1)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Thassian Mechanical	\$1,323,000	\$80,000	\$1,403,000
Preferred Mechanical	\$1,356,000	\$61,000	\$1,417,000
Sunnyfield Corp	\$1,342,000	\$84,000	\$1,426,000

Whereas, Thassian Mechanical is the lowest responsible bidder, the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby award Thassian Mechanical the contract as the lowest responsible bidder contingent upon attorney review and execution of a mutually agreeable contract.

5) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the "Board") to engage the services of an engineer to assist in the replacement of the **Lee Field Mondo Track**; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Boswell Engineering for this project; 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; and

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 serve as engineering services for the Board for the aforementioned project:

Boswell Engineering

330 Phillips Avenue  
 Hackensack, New Jersey 07606

2. The services to be rendered 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.

3. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the Board with said firm for an amount not to exceed \$15,500.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an amendment to the IDEA monies for the FY 2016-2017 for the carryover of the unexpended FY 2015-2016 funds. This amendment increases the total FY 2016-2017 allocation to the amount of:

<u>Basic</u>	
Public:	\$1,116,483
Non-Public:	<u>\$122,710</u>
Total	\$1,239,193

<u>Pre-School</u>	
Public:	\$43,581
Non-Public:	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$43,581

The Basic carryover represents unexpended 2015-2016 public and nonpublic funds of \$11,521 and \$56,578, respectively for a total of \$68,099.

The Pre-School carryover represents unexpended 2015-2016 public funds of \$568.

7) 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 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
M. Pepitone	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
J. Hozeny	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
D. Persily	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
K. Wolff	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
B. House-Quigley	Guided Math Conference	\$475	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
K. Linstra	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
J. Ganz	Guided Math Conference	\$400	12/05/2016 & 12/06/2016
D. Boudreau	Guided Math Conference	\$250	12/06/2016
K. Heitmann	Guided Math Conference	\$250	12/06/2016
J. Dyer	VMWare Training	\$4,125	Open Dates
D. Kulik	PROMPT Training	\$820	12/12/2016 to 12/14/2016



	Introductory Level		
K. Wolff	AMTNJ Conference	\$235	12/08/2016
N. Gilhuley	AMTNJ Conference	\$235	12/09/2016
T. Meyer	AMTNJ Conference	\$235	12/09/2016
D. Dehn	AMTNJ Conference	\$235	12/08/2016

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following field trip destinations for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Group Attending:</u>	<u>Number of Students:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
NJ Youth Symphony Building, New Providence	A Cappella Choir Honors	52	01/20/2017 - Friday
Harley Davidson Vehicle Operations Assembly Plant	Students in the Technology Education Department	48	12/14/2016 - Wednesday

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the **William Annin Middle School PTO** in the amount of \$1,119.55 for the following items:

Visa Gift Card for students with Behavioral Intervention Plans	\$250.00
Little Bits Gizmos and Gadgets Kit	\$189.00
LEGO Mindstorm EV3 Core Set	\$406.55
Drumset	\$274.00

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the **Cedar Hill School PTO** in the amount of \$3,200.00 for the following items:

Installation of a shed and stone pad for recess equipment: \$3,200.00

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the **Ridge High School PTO** in the amount of \$2,840.50 for the following items:

Vernier Emissions Spectrometer	\$972.40
Creative Design through Lego Robotics	\$991.13
Document Camera	\$341.99
Infrared Camera- Let's See the Heat	\$534.98

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **disposal of equipment/books** for the 2016-17 school year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the following **out-of-district students** for the 2016-17 school year and 2016 extended school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u>School District:</u>	<u>Annual Tuition:</u>	<u>ESY:</u>
305386	Bedminster School District*	\$35,953.00	\$3,774.07
304633	Bound Brook Board of Education	\$28,762.40	

\*Originally approved for Somerset Hills Regional Board of Education, should have been Bedminster Board of Education.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #300294 from October 25, 2016 to December 6, 2016 from **High Focus Centers/ Professional Education Services, Inc.** in the amount not to exceed \$1,920.75.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #307320 from October 25, 2016 to December 6, 2016 from **High Focus Centers/ Professional Education Services, Inc.** in the amount not to exceed \$1,920.75.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction for student #303946 from November 4, 2016 to December 9, 2016 from **Silver Hill Hospital** in the amount not to exceed \$1,920.75.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change from a part-time aide to a full-time aide for student #202695 from October 11, 2016 to December 31, 2016 from **MUJC/ Developmental Learning Center- New Providence** in the amount not to exceed \$18,745.00.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve nursing services for student #303915 from November 14, 2016 to June 30, 2017 from **Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.** in the amount not to exceed \$65,340.00.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve interpreting services for student #302387 from **SLI Services** in an amount not to exceed \$630.00.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **stipulation of settlement** for student ID #305247 and authorizes the administration to implement its terms.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **stipulation of settlement** for student ID #306233 and authorizes the administration to implement its terms.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the **2016 Annual Audit.**

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education is desirous of improving the drainage and macadam in front of the Ridge High School Wellness Center (in an area of

approximately 1,100 square feet) and whereas the Ridge Sports Foundation desires to conduct a fundraiser utilizing engraved paving stones.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bernards Township Board of Education hereby agrees to allow the Ridge Sports Foundation to utilize the aforementioned area for a fund-raiser of engraved paving stones on the condition that the Ridge Sports Foundation agrees to fund all costs associated with the paver project including saw cutting, site preparation, grading, paver stones, and final paving to match paver stone elevations. The Board of Education will provide for the cost of any drainage improvements made to the area.

Furthermore the Ridge Sports Foundation and Bernards Township Board of Education agree that no work will proceed until a mutually agreeable contractor is selected.

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education hereby **accepts a donation from the Oak Street School PTO** in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the following items:

Oak Street School Gym Sound System	\$2,300.00
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On motion by Ms. Wooldridge seconded by Ms. Shah items #1 through #24 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner (abstain item #21 only), Dr. Dunten, Mr. Fry, Ms. Gray, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman, Ms. Shah and Ms. Wooldridge
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - Ms. Cwerner (item #21 only)

Ms. Wooldridge provided a summary of the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on November 22, 2016. Topics included the annual audit results by Wiss & Company, LLC, the Oak Street School HVAC Project, the planning of upgrades and repairs to the Lee Field- Mondo Track, the Ridge Sports Foundation Paver Fundraiser, the Girls Varsity Softball Field and a transportation update.

Ms. Wooldridge also provided a summary of Finance items and thanked the PTO’s for their donations.

**PERSONNEL**

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Francis Howlett** Principal Ridge High School effective July 1, 2017, for the purpose of retirement, with regret.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Cheryl Zuppa** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School effective January 26, 2017 through March 3, 2017 utilizing 25 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective March 6, 2017 through April 14, 2017

running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective March 6, 2017 through May 16, 2017, returning May 17, 2017.

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change In Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>
Shari Juzel	ABA Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 11 MA \$64,295 effective December 14, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.	ABA Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 11 MA \$64,295 effective December 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.
Anna Hill	Assistant Boys' Ski Team \$5,160 6 years/1 point/\$198	Head Girls' Ski Team \$7,818 6 years/1 point/\$198

- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jennifer Scharf** Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$21.00 per hour 4 hours per day effective December 14, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jacklyn Spina** Instructional Aide Liberty Corner School at a salary of \$21.00 per hour 4 hours per day effective November 28, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<b><u>Loc:</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Member:</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	<b><u>16-17 Stipend:</u></b>	<b><u>Years/Points/Longevity:</u></b>
RH	Andrew Monagle	Assistant Debate-NFL	\$1,715	n/a
RH	Andrew Monagle	Assistant Debate-CFL	\$1,715	n/a
RH	Andrew Monagle	Assistant Debate-National Circuit	\$1,715	n/a
RH	Andrew West	Assistant Swim	\$5,160	0 years/0 points/\$0

RH	Tim Howard	Assistant Indoor Winter Track	\$5,160	10 years/2 points/\$399
RH	Anthony Arimenta	Assistant Wrestling	\$7,203	0 years/0 points/\$0
WA	Teresa Staats	Site Manager	\$52.71 per day	none
RH	Amber Lees	Assistant Boys' Ski Team	\$5,160	none
RH	Kate Bondy	Assistant Girls' Ski Team	\$5,160	none
RH	Lei Wang	Assistant Boys' Fencing	\$5,160	n/a

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	<b><u>Salary:</u></b>
Dan Smith	Mentor for Classified Students RHS	\$60.00 per hour
Nicole Hall	At Home Program-SE	\$66.30 per hour
Jane Conklin	At Home Program-SE	\$30.00 per hour/1.5 hours 1/4/17
Joe Flynn	Twilight Program-SE	\$66.30 per hour
Mark Galesi	Computer Science 7th	\$9,685 salary prorated to reflect actual dates
Mark Galesi	Project Lead the Way Training	\$4,000
Deb Goetjen	Project Lead the Way Training	\$4,000

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Math Contest Proctors** at a salary of \$30.00 per hour for the 2016-17 school year:

Mary Beth Gakos  
Troy O'Connor  
Victoria Thornton

Patricia Gambino  
Elizabeth Slack  
Jacqueline Geiger

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Student Interns** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>
Adriana Cometti	University for Foreigners of Siena - International University	Italian/F. Bologna/RHS 11/29/16 - 5/1/17
Raphael Reichman	Kean	Social Studies/A. Barry/WA 4 hour observation date TBD

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **District Volunteers** for the 2016-17 school year:

Anne Vag	Ski Race Team RH
John Brum	Ski Race Team RH
Alexander Ballas	Ski Race Team RH

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Emily King** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 3 BA+30 \$52,764 effective November 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as a leave replacement. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Olivia Triano** Special Education Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 MA \$54,515 effective November 22, 2016 through January 2, 2017 as a medical leave replacement. Salary to be prorated to reflect actual dates worked.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kaitlin Solon** Kindergarten Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160 per diem effective November 18, 2016 through January 31, 2017 as a medical leave replacement.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Sarah Tompson** English Language Arts Ridge High School at a salary of Step 2 BA \$48,926 effective December 5, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as maternity leave replacement for Emily Lipnick. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Substitute Teachers** at a salary of \$90.00 per diem with a Valid County Substitute Certificate, \$110.00 per diem with a Valid New Jersey Instructional Certificate and **Substitute Nurses** at a salary of \$250.00 per diem for the 2016-17 school year:

Elizabeth Alexander  
Neeru Chopra  
Caroline Fish  
Regina Hoffman  
Sadique Hoosein

Samy Mabrouk  
Walter Levy

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Megan Kern** as the Musical Director Ridge High School effective immediately.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Abigail Way** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$21.00 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective November 29, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Sherri Tresseder** Grade 5 Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$160.00 effective November 3, 2016 through December 2, 2016 as a medical leave replacement.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Extracurricular Assignments** for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>16-17 Stipend:</u>	<u>Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
WA	Peter Samila	Site Manager	\$52.71 per day	none
WA	Justine Walker	Site Manager	\$52.71 per day	none
RH	Michael Gilmore	National Honor Society	\$4,456	11 years/2 points/\$399
RH	Marguerite Cahill	National Honor Society	\$4,456	1 year/0 points/\$0

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Mary Grace Mullins** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School effective February 28, 2017.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kathy Lewandowski** English Language Arts Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$160.00 effective November 1, 2016 through December 8, 2016.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby **Terminate Employee** #7973 effective December 28, 2016.

On motion by Ms. McKeon seconded by Ms. Wooldridge items #1 through #22 were approved by 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  
“Absent” - Dr. Dunten

Ms. McKeon provided a summary of the Personnel Committee Meeting that took place on November 18, 2016. Topics included ESL program staffing and the long-term substitute rate.

Superintendent Nick Markarian made note of Personnel item #1, the retirement of Frank Howlett, the Principal of Ridge High School. He noted his 38 years of service in education and service to Bernards Township first as an Assistant Principal from 1999-2003 and then a Principal at William Annin Middle School before becoming the Principal at Ridge High School for the past ten years. Mr. Markarian described him as a hardworking, motivated and caring administrator who will be missed.

President Cwerner noted the Board’s gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Howlett’s service to the district.

**POLICY**

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve enrollment of the following staff member’s children for the 2016-17 school year:

Brendan Carter (child of Danielle Carter)	Grade 1 Liberty Corner School
Brynn Carter (child of Danielle Carter)	Grade 1 Liberty Corner School

On motion by Mr. Fry seconded by Ms. Wooldridge item #1 was 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

Mr. Fry provided a summary of the November 14, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting. Topics included the potential adjustments to the 2017-18 and 2018-19 School Year Calendars due to the upcoming HVAC and Science Lab upgrades scheduled for William Annin Middle School and pending policies.

**CURRICULUM**

No report.

**ADVOCACY**

No report.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

No report.



## **XII. Public Comment**

Public comments were regarding the retirement of Frank Howlett, Principal of Ridge High School and a transportation question related to subscription busing.

## **XIII. Board Forum**

- 1) Grading from the Inside Out - Part 1
- 2) Board Goals

Board of Education Members discussed their observations from the first three chapters from the book Grading from the Inside Out. Topics included Formative Assessment which elicits evidence of learning and Summative Assessment which compares learning by a standard benchmark such as a quiz or test at the end of a chapter, setting standards versus standardization, the workings of adolescent brain versus the adult brain and student accountability. Dr. Brian Heineman was also in attendance to answer Board questions.

The Board of Education discussed the Board Goals for the upcoming year in conjunction with the timing of deadlines for Committee goals.

## **XIV. Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Shah seconded by Ms. Wooldridge, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin  
Board Secretary