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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Beckman, Ms. Gray, Ms. Korn, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Richman,
Mr. Salmon, Ms. Schafer, Ms. White, Ms. Wooldridge, Mr. Markarian,
Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox, Mr. McLaughlin, Board Counsel John Croot

ABSENT: None

IV. Executive Session – 6:01 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 Mr. Salmon and seconded by Ms. Beckman and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:01p.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 McKeon seconded by Ms. Wooldridge and approved by all present, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:56p.m.

V. **Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:02 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 the Open Public Meetings Act.

Due to the public health emergency in the State of New Jersey, as declared in Executive Order 103, the Board will be suspending its normal meeting procedures this evening and conducting a virtual meeting. Directions for accessing the virtual public meeting were posted on the District website: www.bernardsboe.com. These same directions were posted at our intended but unavailable meeting location.

We very much welcome input from the public. Because this is a virtual meeting, public comment will be handled as follows:

Instructions for submitting a public comment starting at 7PM:

- 1) Email to BTConnect@bernardsboe.com or text to (908) 292-3047.
- 2) Use PUBLIC COMMENT as the email subject or start of a text message.
- 3) Indicate your first and last name and address. ***THIS IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED.***
- 4) Please keep your comments to a maximum of approximately 3 minutes if read aloud.
- 5) Individuals are permitted a maximum of one public comment during public comment on agenda items. Individuals are permitted a maximum of one public comment during public comment on non-agenda items.
- 6) The Board of Education reserves the right to limit the length of time allotted for public comment (for both agenda items and non-agenda items). In the event

that time limitations prohibit the reading of a public comment received pursuant to these instructions, the comment will be published as part of the meeting minutes.

No public comments will be accepted before 7PM or after item XIX. 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 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 providing comments. 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 commenting 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.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Board of Education hereby approves the suspension of its normal meeting procedures pursuant to By-Law 131, and authorizes this meeting to be conducted as a virtual meeting, as described in the Statement of Public Notice, due to the public health emergency declared in Executive Order 103.

VII. Student Representative - Juliet Nolt

Ms. Nolt introduced herself as the Student Representative for the 2020-21 School Year. First and foremost, Ms. Nolt thanked the teachers and staff on behalf of the students, provided an update on Ridge High School sports and clubs and discussed the Freshmen Orientation and the importance of keeping the students engaged.

VIII. Board Presentation

1) Return to Instruction Update - Administrative Team

Superintendent Markarian provided an update regarding the return to instruction and noted that the presentation would discuss the re-opening plan for the schools. Mr. Markarian discussed the preparations that had occurred to bring the students back into the buildings.

Assistant Superintendent Siet discussed the staffing needs and thanked the community for the support in obtaining substitutes for the district. Mr. Siet provided an update regarding staffing noting that the district is stabilizing the vacancies resulting from resignations and retirements and numbers of vacancies are continuing to decrease and also discussed custodial staff vacancies and progress being made by the Aramark staff to fill vacant positions.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the benchmarks for reopening in person instruction.

Assistant Superintendent Fox discussed new security features in Zoom noting that students need to be authenticated and may do so by logging in with their district email.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the submission of the Daily Covid-19 Screening form. Families are to submit the form 30 minutes prior to the start of the school day, forms are available the day of reporting and that an instructional video regarding the submission is available in Genesis.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the return to in-person instruction as of September 22, 2020 and noted the times of the start of the school day and also discussed the return to instruction for the remainder of the students on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Mr. Markarian outlined the times and the logistics for the blended learning model noting the A cohort and B cohort days of the week. Grades 6-12 will be all virtual instruction on Wednesdays for blended students whereas grades K-5 blended students will alternate Wednesday in-person instruction between cohorts.

Superintendent Markarian provided reminders from the elementary school principals including the Mount Prospect Back to School Night, packing extra masks, arrival and dismissal times, for guardians to pack a snack and and this upcoming week's A and B cohort schedules.

Superintendent Markarian provided reminders from Ms. Hudock, the William Annin Middle School principal, and Mr. Lazovick the Ridge High School principal. Reminders included drop off times and pick up times, activities and reporting absences. Mr. Markarian also provided reminders regarding the schedules at both schools.

Superintendent Markarian reviewed general reminders such as the varying drop off and dismissal times, that there are no lunch periods and students are encouraged to bring snacks and water, chromebooks and that masks must be worn on school busses and in the buildings at all times and to pack extra masks. Mr. Markarian also provided reminders from Special Services including arrival and dismissal times, case managers and communications.

Superintendent Markarian discussed health considerations and reminders from the school nurses. Reminders included to stay home if you do not feel well, wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer, create social distance and wear a mask.

Superintendent Markarian thanked everyone for their support during the health crisis.

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

IX. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Markarian asked for everyone's support in keeping healthy and safe. Mr. Markarian also thanked parents that reached out with regard to bus passes and noted that the district is working as quickly as possible to rectify any transportation issues. Mr. Markarian discussed the bus passes that have been issued and stated that parents and guardians should have received them at this point and apologized for any errors, thanking parents for their patience.

X. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Comments from the public included a question regarding the plan for a positive Covid-19 test, virtual hybrid learning and the sustainability of the plan, student emotional and mental health during virtual learning, a request for the metrics and plan for a full return to school, concerns regarding pick up times for bussed William Annin Middle School students, email volume to guardians who are trying to keep track of their children's classes, a request for the timeline for return to full five day instruction, planned virtual days following school breaks, data security for systems being used for online learning, FFCRA questions, questions regarding making up curriculum missed, busing communication to parents that had been sent the prior week, screen time and fatigue concerns and the process for changing a virtual student to a hybrid student prior to October 1, 2020.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the return to instruction environment including the Covid-19 response and the complete opening for return to instruction five days per week. Mr. Markarian referred to a memo from the New Jersey Department of Health that was received in August 2020 noting the policy of the school district to work with the Bernards Township Health Department and relying on them to provide guidance. Mr. Markarian discussed the balance between bringing students back to school vs keeping them healthy

and safe. Mr. Markarian noted that the review of the return to five day a week instruction is ongoing. Mr. Markarian thanked members of the public for their comments. Assistant Superintendent Fox discussed the curriculum and rotation of specials during hybrid learning and Assistant Superintendent Siet discussed the logistics of the FFCRA.

Superintendent Markarian discussed the bus schedule timing and also noted that buses will only be transporting a fraction of the students. Mr. Markarian noted that the timing of the routes would be reviewed carefully and adjusted as needed during the next couple of weeks.

Superintendent Markarian and Assistant Superintendent Fox discussed the lunch schedule at the high school and noted that it is not a lunch period when students would be eating. Mr. Markarian referred to the school principals regarding lunch or snack times. Mr. Markarian also discussed holidays and travel out of state and the potential of a quarantine period upon return and recognized the concern.

XI. **Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

September 14, 2020 - Executive Session Minutes
September 14, 2020 - Regular Session Minutes

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

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

XII. **Finance Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated September 21, 2020 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$3,429,703.78.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the August 2020 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for August 2020, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for August 2020.

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 August 2020 line item transfers totaling \$298,863.33 the 2020-21 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 2020-21 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Name of Conference:</u> | <u>Cost:</u> | <u>Date(s):</u> |
|---------------|---|--------------|-----------------|
| R. McLaughlin | CFO Forum | \$289 | 10/15/2020 |
| R. McLaughlin | Forensic Auditing Investigative Practices | \$289 | 10/22/2020 |
| R. McLaughlin | Surgent's Top 10 Tax Topics | \$289 | 10/26/2020 |

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an independent educational/ literacy evaluation by Beyond Communication for student ID #306121 in the amount not to exceed \$2,950.00.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a psychological evaluation by Dr. Pamela Moss for student ID #303492 in the amount not to exceed \$1,350.00.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a bilingual Russian psychological and educational evaluation by Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting for student ID #2900814 in the amount not to exceed \$1,600.00.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve extended school year nursing services from July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 for student #303915 at Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$18,180.00.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year nursing services from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 for student #303915 at Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$86,860.00.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following students for services provided by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2020-20201 school year:

| <u>Student #:</u> | <u>Amount:</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 304051 | \$2,100.00 |
| 303915 | \$2,100.00 |
| 306911 | \$2,100.00 |
| 100569 | \$13,900.00 |

11) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the“Board”) to engage the services of an architect 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 Spiezle Architectural Group (120 Sanhican Drive, Trenton, N.J. 08618) for the Sanitary Line Renovation work at Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Spiezle Architectural Group to provide architectural 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 provide the architectural services specified for Sanitary Line enovation work for the term of the project in an amount not to exceed \$72,980:

Spiezle Architectural Group
120 Sanhican Drive, Trenton, N.J. 08618

2. The services to be rendered by the Board’s Architect 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.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve educational interpretive services by Dana Vander Meulen in the amount of \$65.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

On motion by Ms. Korn, seconded by Ms. Wooldridge Items #1-12 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Salmon provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting that took place on September 16, 2020. Topics included the renovation of the WAMS Science Labs, the Ridge High School sanitary line inspection, an update regarding bringing on an Assistant Director of Facilities, John Perrin, an update on hygiene product installation, Aramark staffing and an update for State and Extraordinary Aide.

Mr. Salmon also provided a description of finance agenda items.

Ms. Korn asked for clarification regarding hygiene product installation and the opening of in-person instruction. Mr. Salmon noted that delays would not occur.

XIII. 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 does hereby accept the resignation **Ben Askin** Instructional Aide William Aninn Middle effective on or before October 17, 2020
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Kajak Kochar** School Aide Cedar Hill School effective September 21, 2020.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave **Martha Harvey** Theater Teacher William Annin Middle School & Ridge High School effective March 22, 2021 through May 10, 2021 utilizing 29 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective May 11, 2021 through October 17, 2021 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective May 11, 2021 through October 17, 2021, returning October 18, 2021.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Krista Horvath** Italian Teacher Ridge High School effective March 8, 2021 through April 22, 2021 utilizing 27 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective April 23, 2021 through June 30, 2021 running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective April 23, 2021 through June 30, 2021, returning September 1, 2021.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Leave for Employee **Kimberly Clark** Physical Education/Health Teacher Ridge High School School effective October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, returning January 4, 2021.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the following Extra-Curricular Assignments for the 2020-21 school year:

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Amanda Reyes | AM Proctor LC |
| Brian McCarthy | Freshman Softball RH |

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **John Perrin** Assistant Director of Facilities at a salary of \$104,000 effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following staff members to the **Various Assignment** listed for the 2020-21 school year:

| <u>Staff Member:</u> | <u>Assignment:</u> | <u>Salary:</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Chiara Kupiec | ACT Testing Coordinator | \$4,000/year |
| Stacey Osucha | Summer 504 Meetings | Per diem rate/1.5 hours |
| Debbie Karuppan | Summer 504 Meetings | Per diem rate/1.5 hours |
| Steve Isaacs | Extra Section Game Design RHS | \$10,574/year |
| Ryan Kramer | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$68.30 per hour |
| Wendy Schlosser | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$68.30 per hour |
| Kristen Winters-Johnson | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$68.30 per hour |
| Rachel Orshan | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |
| Kathleen Genovese | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |
| Sandra Cafone | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |

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| Marilyn Askin | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |
| Mary Brinkworth | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |
| Alyssa Solli | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |
| Jane Conklin | Community Based Social Skills Program | \$30.91 per hour |

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Doug Marino**, Director of Facilities as New Jersey State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, Asbestos Management Officer, and Indoor Air Quality Coordinator for the 2020-21 school year.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Mike Stanzione** Instructional Aide Ridge High School at a salary of \$22.81 per hour 7.5 hours effective September 29, 2020 through June 18, 2021.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Maureen Fiorot** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$22.81 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 29, 2020 through June 18, 2021.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Lashanda Parrish** Special Education Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 1-4 MA \$59,355 effective September 22, 2020 through June 30, 2021 as a leave replacement for K. Swankie. Certificate of Eligibility-Alternate Route-Mentoring required. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Meire Morford Jamate** School Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$19.63 per hour 4.5 hours per day effective September 23, 2020 through June 18, 2021.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following Early Morning Drop off staff:

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| Vivian Miesner | Early Morning Drop off WAMS | \$40.00 per morning |
| Larry Migliore | Early Morning Drop off WAMS | \$40.00 per morning |
| Elizabeth Ciccarelli | Early Morning Drop off WAMS | \$40.00 per morning |
| Mary Beth Carlucci | Early Morning Drop off LC | \$50.00 per morning |

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|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Dorothy Machnowski | Early Morning Drop off LC | \$50.00 per morning |
| Sandra Somers | Early Morning Drop off LC | \$50.00 per morning |
| Phil Peluso | Early Morning Drop off LC | \$50.00 per morning |
| Liana LaVecchia | Early Morning Drop off OS | \$50.00 per morning |
| Adria Carbonaro | Early Morning Drop off OS | \$50.00 per morning |
| Linda Mullen | Early Morning Drop off OS | \$50.00 per morning |
| Amy Lynn | Early Morning Drop off CH | \$50.00 per morning |
| Judy Pennino | Early Morning Drop off CH | \$50.00 per morning |
| Marguerite LeBeouf | Early Morning Drop off CH | \$50.00 per morning |

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave for **John Paul Mahoney** Special Education Teacher effective November 17, 2020 through February 16, 2021, returning February 17, 2021.

16) Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 permits a board of education to include in its contract with the School Business Administrator, goal criteria and associated merit salary payments in recognition of their achievement during the school year, and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now developed a set of goal criteria for the 2020-21 school year that it wishes to include in its contract with the School Business Administrator now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education establishes the following goal criteria and merit salary payments for their achievement, and directs that the goal criteria and related merit payments be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before adding them to the contract:

Qualitative Goals

| | Description Of Goal: | Evidence of Completion: | Percentage: |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
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|---|---|--|-------|
| 1 | Improve district safety by facilitating installation of BlueTooth based building access system at (2) selected entrances of Oak Street Elementary, (1) additional entrance at Liberty Corner Elementary School and (1) additional entrance at Ridge High School for use by select building staff. To be funded at least 40% with alternative funding. | Installation proposal from awarded vendor. Copy of final invoice for installation. Copy of alternative funding agreement/grant award notification. | 3.33% |
|---|---|--|-------|

On motion by Mr. Salmon, seconded by Ms. White Items #1-16 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Gray also noted that the Personnel Committee had met on Friday, September 18, 2020. Ms. Gray highlighted the hiring of Mr. Perrin as the Assistant Facilities Director.

XIV. Policy Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies and regulations on **second reading** and adopt said policy:

- P 0155.1 - Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Devices (New)
- P1648 - Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (New)
- P 2431.3 - Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety (M) (Revised)
- P 2622 - Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- P 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
- R 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
- P 5200 - Attendance (M) (Revised)
- R 5200 - Attendance (M) (Revised)
- P 5320 - Immunization (Revised)
- P 5330.04 - Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised)
- R 5330.04 - Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised)
- P 5610 - Suspension (M) (Revised)
- R 5610 - Suspension Procedures (M) (Revised)
- P 5620 - Expulsion (M) (Revised)

- P 8320 - Personnel Records (M) (Revised)
- R 8320 - Personnel Records (M) (Revised)

On motion by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Korn Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Korn provided a report from the Policy Committee Meeting that had been held on September 14, 2020. Topics included the Restart and Recovery Plan, snow days, virtual days as school days during state of emergency, attendance policies for students that are quarantining, a discussion regarding in-person Board of Education meetings and executive orders that had been issued with regard to building capacity and other parameters, the use of social networking sites for teaching staff members and Ms. Korn also provided a summary of policies up for second reading.

XV. Curriculum Committee Report

No report.

XVI. Wellness Committee Report

No report.

XVII. Liaison Committee Reports

Ms. Richman reported that on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 she attended a meeting with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission.

XVIII. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public comment included a question regarding the upcoming ACT testing, a comment regarding the upcoming Board of Education election and a comment regarding the recent Back to School Night.

Superintendent Markarian provided an update regarding the upcoming ACT testing noting that the district is working on making a fall testing possible. Assistant Superintendent Fox described the potential logistics for upcoming testing noting MAP testing would occur during the fall of 2020.

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Mr. Salmon thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation to everyone for their hard work in getting to the point where the district may return to in-person instruction. Mr.

Salmon wished the students the best of luck and urged parents to support the staff and teachers to assist the start of the process and as it improves.

Board Members echoed the sentiments of Mr. Salmon also stating how excited that their own students at home are for the return to in-person instruction.

XX. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Salmon and seconded by Ms. Richman and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod McLaughlin
Board Secretary