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REGULAR SESSION 7:04 P.M.
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The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Koch.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch,
Ms. McGowan, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford

ABSENT: None

III. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium

IV. Statement of Public Notice

This was 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. We do not have a specific time limit, but we ask that you keep your comments brief. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your

thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, a member of the Board or Administration will address it in the Board Response portion of the agenda.

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.

V. President's Report

Board President Bill Koch congratulated and thanked Ann Marie Woolford for serving on the Board of Education the past 12 years. He reviewed her extensive volunteer activities prior to becoming a member of the Board and highlighted her participation on a number of Board committees during her tenure.

Ms. Woolford thanked the Board, the administration and the public.

VI. Public Forum on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

VII. Board Response

VIII. Acknowledgement of Ridge High School Athletic Teams

Athletic Director Rich Shello and Ridge High School Principal Frank Howlett introduced the following state championship teams and their coaches. Mr. Shello congratulated and announced each team's individual accomplishments.

Cross Country Team – Head Coach Tim Mooney

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| Sabina Bains | Amanda Gracia |
| Simran Bains | Dana Guglielmo |
| Emily Bradford | Jacqueline Madden |
| Caelainn Carney | Jennifer Ng |
| Francesca Carrone | Helen Stolyar |

Mary DeGregorio

Katrina Verbrugge

Fencing Team – Head Coach Vyacheslav Danylov

Andrew Ark

Conor Mullen

James Belardo

Paul Padian

Robert Butler

Cooper Pearson

Jason Choy

Connor Pelos

Tim Gaziano

Andrew Price

Ben Huh

Jon Wong

Ben Loft

Ski Team – Head Coach John Fico

Merritt Branch

Scott Koermer

Ben Carroll

Peter Marcano

Griffin Davis

James Needell

George Faison

Chris Samuels

Dane Klewsaat

James Scott

IX. Business Administrator's Report

Business Administrator Nick Markarian updated the Board of Education on the public sealed bid for facilities & maintenance services due to be opened in May, a grant application for security items, investigation of energy savings and an upcoming telephone billing audit. Mr. Markarian noted that Tuesday, April 14, is the last day for the county office to receive absentee ballots by mail.

X. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Chairperson Susan McGowan stated a date would shortly be scheduled for the committee's next meeting.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Lisa Winter stated the minutes from the previous committee meeting will be distributed and she will update the Board at its next meeting.

Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Susan Carlsson will meet with Senator Bateman on April 20 and intends to invite him to meet with the Board. Ms. Carlsson reviewed the recent group PTO budget presentation meeting she and Lisa Winter attended.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Lou Carlucci stated the committee would not be meeting prior to the school election. Dr. Goger stated all policies approved on first reading at the March 30 Board meeting will be approved and adopted on second reading at its April 27 meeting.

Liaison Reports

Liaison Susan Carlsson stated the results of the drug & alcohol survey through the Municipal Alliance are completed. She also inquired if any Board member would be interested in assuming the position of alternate to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

No comments were made.

XII. Board Forum

1) Goal Setting

A discussion was held on establishing Board goals for the 2009-10 year. Ms. Carlsson led the discussion by reviewing the guidelines already established (goals should be few in number, achievable in the 2009-10 year and measurable). Goal discussion revolved around public relations, enhancing community involvement, public image of the Board, review of all school district components, evaluation of district strengths and weaknesses, budget modeling, research high academic low cost districts, determining extent and providing solutions to student drug use.

Ms. Carlsson will compile a list of goals from tonight's meeting, distribute it to Board members and at its April 27 meeting, the Board will select its goals for the upcoming year.

2) Self-Evaluation Process as Required by QSAC

A self-evaluation by the Board is required by QSAC. Susan Carlsson and the Community Relations Committee will work on developing an evaluation instrument.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Woolford, seconded by Ms. Cwerner, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Markarian
Board Secretary