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I. Presentation on Solar Power – 5:00 p.m. Board of Education Building

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

II. Salute to Flag

III. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. McGowan, Ms. Smith, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Dr. Goger, Ms. Rudolph, Mr. Smith

ABSENT: None

IV. Executive Session – 6:01 p.m. – Board of Education Building

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: litigation; review of qualifications of persons under consideration for employment; matters pertaining to specific personnel; negotiations; 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. Winter, seconded by Ms. Carlucci, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Carlucci left the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m.
Ms. Carlsson entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Winter, seconded by Mr. Carlucci, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 6:59 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Board of Education Building at 7:00 p.m.

V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Building

VI. 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.

VII. Student Representative's Report

VIII. Superintendent's Report

IX. Public Forum on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

X. Board Response

XI. Approval of Minutes

July 30, 2007 – Regular Session
July 30, 2007 – Executive Session

On motion by Ms. Carlsson, seconded by Mr. Carlucci, the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - Ms. Smith

XII. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated July 2007 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$7,347,104.70 and August 27, 2007 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$3,399,841.86.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of July 2007 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the July 2007 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Line Item Status, the monthly Investment Report for June, and the Treasurer of School Monies report for July 2007 certifying that all reports are in agreement; and further,

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 line item transfers totaling \$321,398 to the 2007-08 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with **Somerset Hills YMCA** for use of the pool by the Ridge High School swim team for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of \$5,209.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the expenditure of the **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** grant for FY07.

Title II (Total Allocation \$69,105)

(*refused funds)

Bernards Township	\$52,727
*Pingry	\$10,146
St James	\$ 4,035
Albrook	\$ 1,589
*Somerset Hills Montessori	\$ 580
*Environmental Montessori	\$ 28

Title III (Total Allocation \$10,545)

Bernards Township	\$10,545 (including consortia monies)
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Title IV- (Total Allocation \$12,790)

Bernards Township	\$9,757
Pingry	\$1,878
St James	\$ 747
Albrook	\$ 294
Somerset Hills Montessori	\$ 108
Environmental Montessori	\$ 6

Title V- (Total Allocation 9,275)

Bernards Township	\$7,077
Pingry	\$1,362
St James	\$ 542
Albrook	\$ 213
Somerset Hills Montessori	\$ 77
Environmental Montessori	\$ 4

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the **IDEA** grant for FY08 as follows:

Basic	\$1,069,444
Preschool Nonpublic Schools	\$44,277
Nonpublic Schools – Basic	\$64,855
Preschool	\$ 4,479

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve expenditure of the **No Child Left Behind** carryover funds from FY06.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby award a contract for **printing services** to the lowest responsible bidders as follows and reject Item #9:

Advanced Printing Center – Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25,
26, 27

Bernardsville Print Center – Items 5, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21

Questions were asked regarding the printing bid and budget transfers.

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Carlsson Items #1 through 8 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Ms. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. Smith, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Matt Mingle** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School effective on or before October 1, 2007.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Yadira Salazar** Grade 4 Teacher Liberty Corner School effective on or before October 14, 2007.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Kacey Scorza** Kindergarten Teacher Oak Street School effective on or before October

15, 2007.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Patricia Appelbaum** Secretary Special Services effective August 16, 2007.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Mary Forte** School Aide Liberty Corner School effective August 31, 2007.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Gregory Zaleski** Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School effective August 31, 2007.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Colleen Nejmah** Special Education Teacher Cedar Hill School effective November 19, 2007 through January 14, 2008 utilizing 27 personal illness days and then an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective January 15, 2008 through February 29, 2008 returning March 1, 2008.

8) The Bernard Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Stephanie Orr** Grade 2 Teacher Cedar Hill School effective November 29, 2007 through January 29, 2008 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective January 30, 2008 through April 30, 2008 then an unpaid Child Care Leave effective May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Sandra Somers** Kindergarten Teacher Liberty Corner School effective January 2, 2008 through February 27, 2008 utilizing 40 personal illness days and then an unpaid Federal Family Leave of Absence effective February 29, 2007 through March 21, 2008 returning March 24, 2008.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid leave of absence for **John Dodds** Language Arts Teacher effective September 4, 2007 through October 1, 2007 and then an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective October 2, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following change in assignment and/or location:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Luise Graham	School Aide/Nurses Office & Pre School Autistic Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$18.52 per hour, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 7 hours per day 216 days effective July 23, 2007 through June 30, 2008	School Aide/Nurses Office & Pre School Autistic Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of \$18.52 per hour, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 8 hours per day 226 days effective July 23, 2007 through June 30, 2008
Colin Simpson	Language Arts Camp Jump Start \$168 per diem	Language Arts Camp Jump Start \$176 per diem
Tim Bouton	Math Teacher Camp Jump Start \$176 per diem	Math Teacher Camp Jump Start \$185 per diem
Dina German	Math Teacher Camp Jump Start \$176 per diem	Math Teacher Camp Jump Start \$185 per diem
Melanie Turtur	Special Education Teacher Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Special Education Teacher Camp Jump Start \$168 per diem
Elaine Matteo	Guidance Counselor 3 days Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Guidance Counselor 3 days Camp Jump Start \$185 per diem
Frank LoCascio	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$168 per diem
Catarina Gomes	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$176 per diem
Cheryl Stappenbeck	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$168 per diem
Derek Ressa	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Substitute/Chaperone Camp Jump Start \$168 per diem
Kathy Lime	Activities One Day Camp Jump Start \$160 per diem	Activities One Day Camp Jump Start \$176 per diem
Carole Deitchman	Autistic Primary Liberty Corner School	Transitions Class Oak Street School
Barry Saide	Grade 3 Teacher Mount Prospect School	Grade 5 Teacher Mount Prospect School
Jean Gospin	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 20 hours \$10 per hour	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 40 hours \$10 per hour

Rhonda Battenfelder	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 20 hours \$10 per hour	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 40 hours \$10 per hour
Pamela Luthy	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 20 hours \$10 per hour	Summer Clerical Help Mount Prospect School 40 hours \$10 per hour
Rowena Wu	Guidance Counselor Cedar Hill Step 1 MA \$45,782	Guidance Counselor Cedar Hill Step 1 MA \$48,071

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following salary guide advancements for the 2007-08 school year effective September 1, 2007:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>	<u>To Step:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
LC	Karen Finazzo	8 BA	\$45,707	8 BA+30	\$49,885
WA	Germaine Ogitis	7 BA	\$44,811	7 BA+30	\$48,907
CH	Colleen Nejmah	2 BA	\$40,587	2 BA+30	\$44,296
LC	Phillip Peluso	6 BA	\$43,932	6 BA+30	\$47,948
WA	Christine Corigliano	4 BA	\$42,226	4 MA	\$48,584
CH	Adria DeGregorio	9 BA+30	\$49,885	9 MA	\$53,641
OS	Kathleen Galdieri	3 BA	\$41,398	3 MA	\$47,631
MP	Patrick Vreeland	8 MA	\$51,558	8 MA+30	\$52,589
RH	Jennifer Curran	16 BA+30	\$60,518	16 MA	\$65,808
LC	Jennifer Mauro	13 MA	\$58,158	13 MA+30	\$64,639
WA	Amy Soltis	7 BA	\$44,811	8 MA	\$52,589
WA	Steve Isaacs	16 MA	\$63,798	16 MA+30	\$70,942
WA	Susan Wargo	6 MA	\$49,556	6 MA+30	\$54,490
CH	Allyson Sudol	9 MA	\$60,477	9 MA+30	\$57,825
LC	Eric Rauschenberger	9 MA	\$55,218	9 MA+30	\$57,825
OS	Lisa Latchaw	8 MA	\$51,558	8 MA+30	\$56,692
WA	Timothy Bouton	11 MA	\$54,713	11 MA+30	\$60,810
RH	Ellen Cheikes	7 MA	\$53,074	7 MA+30	\$55,580
RH	Margaret Wu	1 MA	\$48,071	1 MA+30	\$49,353
RH	Roseann Troullos	11 BA	\$48,505	11 BA+30	\$53,509
WA	Kristin Peters	7 MA	\$50,547	7 MA+30	\$55,580
WA	Jonathan Ost	5 BA	\$43,071	5 MA	\$49,556
LC	Jennifer Rothschild	1 BA	\$40,587	1 BA+30	\$43,428
RH	Ingrid Arosemena	3 BA	\$42,226	3 MA	\$47,631
MP	Michael Scheckman	2 BA	\$40,587	2 BA+30	\$44,296

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jeanne Broadley** School Psychologist Cedar Hill and Liberty Corner Schools at a salary of Step 8 MA+30 \$56,692, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

- 14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Jennifer Casale** Grade 4 Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 1 \$40,587, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing – mentoring required.
- 15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Jennifer Fowler** Special Education Teacher William Annin Middle School at salary of Step 1 BA \$40,587 to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- 16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Emily Frisch** Grade 3 Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 1 BA \$40,587, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing – mentoring required.
- 17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Kimberlee Gonzales** Primary Autistic Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 10 MA+30 \$58,982, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- 18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Karen Gonzalez-Pratt** Grade 3 Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 3 MA \$47,631, salary to adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 as a maternity leave replacement for Stephanie Orr.
- 19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Susan Kennedy** Math Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 7 MA+30 \$55,580 salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring Required.
- 20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Rhania McCabe** French Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 2 BA \$41,398, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring Required.
- 21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Marcella Arre** School Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$18.52, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 3 hours per day 183 days effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008 at an annual salary of \$10,168.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Vivian Meisner** School Aide/Clerk Nurse's office William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$18.52, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 6.5 hours per day 183 days effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008 at an annual salary of \$22,030.

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Kathleen Poles** Secretary William Annin Middle School Main Office at a salary of Step 9 \$41,087 effective September 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at an actual salary of \$34,240 to reflect start date.

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Lance Jordan** PC LAN Technician at a salary of \$166 per diem effective August 24, 2007 through September 14, 2007 and \$31,667 effective September 17, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Bryan Rosa** PC LAN Technician at a salary of \$166 per diem effective August 24, 2007 though October 1, 2007.

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following Administrative Interns at a salary of \$2,000 effective 2007-08 school year:

Lindsey Tennen
 Kerry Linstra
 Alice Keller
 Tom Blackwell

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following individuals to the extracurricular assignments listed below for 2007-08 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Payment/Longevity:</u>
Lina Terjesen	Assistant Marching Band Director	\$1,950/0 years/0 points
Scott Neigel	Assistant Girls Soccer	\$5,044/0 years/0 points
Joe Keefe*	Assistant Marching Band Percussion	\$1,950
Rebecca Stinehilber	Assistant Field Hockey	\$5,044/0 years/0 points
Siobhan Devlin	RHS Spring Intramurals X 5	\$2,580/7 years/1 point
Tara Todaro	RHS Fall Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548/3 years/0 points
Ken Marsh	RHS Fall Fitness Center X 5	\$2,580/5 years/1 point
Jay Roussey*	RHS Fall Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548
Ken Marsh	RHS Winter Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548/5 years/1 point

Tony Mottola	RHS Winter Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548/1 year/0 points
Nick Gregorio	RHS Winter Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548/1 year/0 points
John DeBisco	RHS Spring Fitness Center X 5	\$2,580/4 years/0 points
Tony Mottola	RHS Spring Fitness Center X 4	\$2,064/1 year/0 points
Tony Mottola	RHS Summer Fitness Center X 3	\$1,548/0 years/0 points
Jim Cahill	RHS Fall Site Manger	\$2,333/6 years/1 point
Tom Blackwell	RHS Winter Site Manager	\$2,333/6 years/1 point
Tim Mooney	RHS Equipment Manager	\$3,340/13 years/2 points

*Subject to County approval

28) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following volunteer paraprofessional aides for the activity listed:

Todd Hebden	Boys Soccer
Chris Zwarych	Marching Band

29) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Sandi Zimmerman** Piano Accompanist William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School at a salary of \$32 per hour effective 2007-08 school year, not to exceed \$12,336.

30) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following proficiency adjustments to the 2007-08 base salaries of the individuals listed below effective September 1, 2007:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Increase:</u>
Cathy Hall	\$350
Stevie Chatellier	\$350
Carol Dacey	\$350
Katie Farlow	\$350
Luli Feti	\$350
Erin Follet	\$700
Janice Greco	\$350
Judy Miller	\$700
Michelle Vitiello	\$350

31) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following individuals as Permanent Substitutes at the school listed at a per diem rate of \$90:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>
Kristen Turturiello	Liberty Corner School
Carol Jean Floegel	William Annin Middle School
Darren Bryden	William Annin Middle School

Jay Roussey	Ridge High School
Paul McLaughlin	Ridge High School
Peter Daut	Ridge High School

32) The Bernards Township Board of Education doe hereby approve the following staff members to staff the Before/After School Care Programs at Cedar Hill, Oak Street and Liberty Corner at a salary of \$50 per diem for the AM and \$50 per hour for the PM:

Lisa Latchaw	Leyna Bollwage
Liana LaVecchia	Dee Benson
Krisanne Scott	Sandy Russo
Linda Mullen	Sara Mastroianni
David Persily	Jenna Hoyt
Lisa Sweeny	Pam Agodon
Linda Mullen	Debbie Len
Elizabeth Lewis	Maryanne Climes
Anne Campbell	Alexis Carola
Tara Lebofsky	Eric Rauschenberger
Noreen Quinn-Foy	Tricia Manies
Phil Peluso	Beth Bierbower
Sandra Somers	Linda Saalfield
Cindy Mastrian	Dorothy Machnowski
Barbara Alfieri	Mariann Abbaticola
Jennifer Brown	Barbara House
Connie Semler	Jennifer Szmidt

33) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff members to staff the Before/After School Care Programs at Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner and Oak Street, hourly rate to be adjusted pending negotiations:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Per Hour Rate:</u>
Laurie Zimering	\$24
Mary Beth Carlucci	\$24
Judy Spero	\$24
Gail Truppi-Homza	\$24
JoEllen Giunta	\$24
Marilyn Askin	\$24
Valerie Bohren	\$24
Linda Blaber	\$24

34) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individuals as aides in the After School Care Program at salary of \$12 per hour:

Julie Hsieh	Krystie Wilson
Megan Devizio	Katie Finesmith
Hilary Giunta	Lauren DeAngelis
Nicole Behr	Nicole Giusti
Samantha Marr	

35) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff members for payment of mentoring services on August 29, 2007 and August 30, 2007 at a salary of \$50 per hour:

Nicole Knapp	Karen Maresca
Michaela Hanley	Carla Falb
Tom Napier	Greg Zande
Joanne Anderson	Nick Beykirch
Lika Ecke	Hanina Rawnicki
Catrina Gomes	Kathy Kowalska
Katie Whitely	Linda Mullen
Pam Agodon	Cheryl Sommese
Susan Bivona	Colin Simpson
Kara Seaton	Noreen Quinn-Foy
Rebecca Murphy	Kathy Simon
Ralph Corey	

36) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following substitute teachers for 2007-08 school year at a salary of \$80 per day and \$120 per day for substitute nurses:

Karen Gorczakowski*+
Amparo Parro*+
Carrie Presuto+*
Jessica Shupp+
Scott McLuskey*+
Elizabeth Killian+*
Paulina Bey-Kahn*+
Catherine Luke*+
Kristen Markferding
Ralph Corey

Katie Colcord*+
Katherine Beck
Alice Cizmar
Annette Colbertaldo
Kimberly Dellano
Celine Falchetta
Beth Grabowski
Judith Hahn
Jennifer Hutchings
Monique Krohn
Kimberly Lawson
Sadina Molander
Lauren Rosenthal
Michael Scott
Lizanne Smith
Ingrid Hughes*+

*Subject to County Approval
+Subject to Fingerprint Clearance

37) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Stephen Brennan** Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 \$20.24 per hour, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 183 days effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008.

38) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Halina Haring** Instructional Aide Oak Street School at a salary of Step 1 \$20.24 per hour 6.5 hours per day salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 183 days effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008.

39) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Ann Marie Muscato** Kindergarten Teacher Oak Street School at a salary of Step 8 BA \$46,621, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

40) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent of **Kimberly Rodgers** Special Education William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 9 BA \$47,554, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective on or before November 27, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

41) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Sheri Rosenbaum** Instructional Aide Oak Street School at a salary of Step 1 \$20.24 per hour, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 6.5 hours per day 183 days

effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008.

42) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Jessica Carabello** Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 1 \$20.24 per hour, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, 7.5 hours per day 183 days effective September 5, 2007 through June 12, 2008.

43) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Anna Thomas** Special Education Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 5 MA \$49,556, salary to be adjusted pending negotiations, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 as a maternity leave replacement for Kim Kranz.

44) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby ratify the agreement between the Bernards Township Board of Education and the Bernards Township Education Association covering the period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010.

Questions were asked regarding new hires meeting general guidelines and stipends for Camp BRidge and Camp Jump Start.

On motion by Ms. Winter, seconded by Ms. Carlsson, Items #1 through 44 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (except Item #44), Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci (except Items #33 & 44), Mr. Koch, Ms. McGowan, Ms. Smith (except Item #44), Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford
- “Noes” - Mr. Byrne (only Item #44), Ms. Smith (only Item #44)
- “Abstain” - Mr. Carlucci (only Items #33 & 44)

XIII. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the philosophy of the district interscholastic sports' program, payment of employee sick days and solar energy (to be addressed under Board Forum).

XIV. Board Forum

Mr. Carlucci reviewed the meeting held earlier in the evening regarding the installation of solar panels at Ridge High School. He briefly spoke about the research conducted by the Facilities Committee and the involvement of the district's architectural firm. Through government funding and utilizing money remaining from the renovation project, it will not put a financial burden on the district and will send a positive message to the town. In response to public concern regarding rushing into the project realizing that technology

will improve and costs will lower within the next three years, members of the Board

responded now would be the appropriate time to proceed with the initial paperwork for the state funding with the understanding that after further investigation the project could be halted.

Based on a 7-2 straw poll it was agreed that the Board would contact the architect to proceed with the next step.

Mr. Smith updated the Board on the “move-in” status of the three building additions. Inspections are scheduled for Friday with the anticipated temporary certificates of occupancy being issued at that time. The access road at Ridge High is completed with no safety issues of concern and furniture delivery is completed. The issue of storage at the high school is a priority concern. A tour beginning at Mount Prospect School at 4:30 p.m. on September 10 will continue at Oak Street School and conclude at William Annin Middle School prior to the Board meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend and Mr. Perry of the Bernardsville News was invited to participate and was requested to have a photographer accompany him.

A discussion followed on freshmen “playing up.” The Policy Committee has previously looked into this issue and it was decided that Mr. Shello, the district’s Athletic Director, would attend a Policy Committee meeting to update its members the number of students involved and address concerns of accountability by the coaches as well as physical and social concerns.

XV. Adjourn to Board Retreat Off Site

On motion by Ms. Woolford, seconded by Ms. Smith, and approved by all present the Board adjourned to an off-site retreat at 8:00 p.m.

New Jersey School Boards Association Field Representative Gwen Thornton facilitated discussion at this annual retreat.

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and approved by all present the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Ronald Smith

Interim Board Secretary