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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES INDEX
DECEMBER 20, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Carlsson at 7:00 p.m.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel,
Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke

ABSENT: None

III. Executive Session – 6:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education met in closed session to discuss: litigation; negotiations; 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. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. McKeon, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Sherwyn, seconded by Mr. Wilke, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 6:58 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the William Annin Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

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

V. 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.

VI. Student Representative

Student Representative Kathleen Kirk updated the Board on the status of service projects at the high school including a donation thus far of 125 teddy bears decorated by students and staff to various charities. Also noted is the upcoming Junior/Senior and faculty volleyball tournament scheduled for December 23.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger updated the Board on the following items:

Kindergarten

- Transportation for the mid-day kindergarten bus runs combining Liberty Corner/Mount Prospect Schools and Cedar Hill/Oak Street Schools would realize a cost savings of \$65,000.
- Unemployment costs beyond 26 weeks are now a federal responsibility realizing a cost savings for \$15,000 per non-renewed position with a total unemployment cost savings of \$120,000 for kindergarten.
- The total savings of a part-time kindergarten program is \$420,000. If this amount of money is raised by January 21, the Finance Committee has proposed that the full Board accept these funds at its January 24 meeting reinstating the full day kindergarten program for the 2011-12 school year. The understanding is that going forward the money to sustain a full day program would need to be raised by January of each year.

Science Q&A

- The questions and responses from colleges can be found on the website.
- 31 colleges either from the top tier or ones receiving applications of 10 or more district students in an average year were surveyed.
- Consensus is that the change in the academic day at the high school will not have an impact on how students are viewed by the admissions departments.
- A schedule of writing changes to labs is planned.

Admission to Honors Classes

- Every effort is made to keep enrollment in college prep courses at a lower level.
- Past experience has shown that approximately 20% of students drop down from honors to college prep creating a higher enrollment.
- Criteria for admissions to honors will be tightened to eliminate this drop down issue.

High School Play

- The play, Rent, was initially canceled due to numerous objections to content.
- In meeting with the officers of the drama club, the students spoke with Dr. Goger on anti-bullying issues and embracing tolerance at their school. It was decided that Rent would be performed at the high school.

State Mandate Relief

Ray Pinney with NJSBA highlighted the following issues facing school districts:

- Public education absorbs 1/3 of state budget
- Cuts are common in all districts
- Significance of 2% cap
- Governor's tool kit is not helpful
- County executive superintendents are due for reappointment
- Importance of passing QSAC monitoring

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the need to keep schools strong, the percent of Advanced Placement & Honor students, budgetary concerns, reimbursement by ARAMARK, the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and content of Executive Session minutes.

Board Attorney Phil Stern stated the ARAMARK issue is a criminal investigation which may go to trial or a plea bargain. Therefore, the district may not comment. He did state that all monies, plus ARAMARK's profit on projects related to the embezzlement, have been returned in full to the district.

IX. Public Comment on Other Than Agenda Items

Public Support of Full-day Kindergarten

Adam Hecht spoke of the organization of parents willing to contribute funds to maintain a full day kindergarten program highlighting:

- Current kindergarten enrollment for 2011-12 is 321 students.
- Parents will need to donate a lump sum of \$420,000 to the district.
- Approximately 70% of student would utilize YMCA program at an anticipated cost of \$3,000 per student.
- Monies would be returned to parents if project is not successful.
- Realization that 100% funding would be necessary going forward to maintain a full day kindergarten program.
- Request for three items from school district: utilization of FridayFolder for contact information; endorsement of PTO organizations; draft letter of understanding signed by the superintendent.

Additional comments were made regarding criteria for admission to honors courses and grade standard required to remain, eight-period day at the high school and impact of science changes on college admission, extracurricular attendance policy regarding mid-term exams and family vacations, qualifying selection process for advanced placement

vs. college prep classes, the production of Rent, and inequity in state aid cuts.

X. Approval of Minutes

November 22, 2010 – Executive Minutes

November 22, 2010 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. Sherwyn, the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon,
Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Carlsson

“Noes” - None

“Abstain” - Mr. Koch

XI. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated December 20, 2010 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$9,179,473.36.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the November 2010 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for November 2010, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for November 2010.

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 November 2010 line item transfers totaling \$491,459.63 to the 2010-11 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following out-of-district students for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Student #:</u> | <u>Tuition:</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 200331 | \$12,000.00 |
| 203481 | \$26,044.20 |
| 110013 | \$43,176.00 |

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **field trip destination** for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Destination:</u> | <u>Group attending:</u> | <u>Number of students:</u> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Community Theatre at Mayo Center, Morristown, NJ | Oak Street School Students | 117 |

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **2010-11 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the implementation of the terms of the administrative law agency's reference number 2011-16310.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the implementation of the terms of the administrative law agency's reference number 2011-16528.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract for professional services to **Linda S. Meyer Consulting LLC** for educational consultation at a rate of \$200 an hour, consulting for the middle school and high school autistic program.

10) Whereas the Bernards Township Board of Education issued an RFP for professional services for a Health Insurance Broker on April 28, 2010 to 9 firms.

And, whereas the Bernards Township Board of Education retained a professional consultant to narrow the field to four finalists and conduct interviews in the summer and fall of 2010.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Wells Fargo Insurance Services as Health Insurance Broker of Record for \$120,000 annually effective January 1, 2011 contingent on attorney review of a mutually agreeable contract.

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Byrne, Items #1 through 10 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Carlsson
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Kathy Bubser** Speech Teacher Liberty Corner School effective June 30, 2011, with regret, for the purpose of retirement.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Ariel Cohen** Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School effective January 10, 2011.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Jocelyn Bizzarro** Social Studies Teacher William Annin Middle School effective and including April 29, 2011 through June 23, 2011 utilizing 38 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective June 24, 2011 through June 30, 2011 running concurrently with the Federal Family Leave effective June 24, 2011 through June 30, 2011 returning September 1, 2011.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave for **Glen Denys** Grade 4 Teacher Oak Street School effective March 28, 2011 through April 29, 2011, returning May 2, 2011.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Cristin Lee** Grade 1 Teacher Oak Street School effective and including March 7, 2011 through and including May 4, 2011 utilizing 37 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective May 5, 2011 through June 18, 2011 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective May 5, 2011 through September 23, 2011 then an unpaid child care leave September 24, 2011 through June 30, 2012 returning September 1, 2012.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid child care leave for **Kathy Van Natta** Grade 3 Teacher Mount Prospect School effective and including January 10, 2011 through February 17, 2011 utilizing 29 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave effective February 18, 2011 through March 15, 2011 running concurrently with Federal Family Leave effective February 18, 2011 through June 3, 2011 then an unpaid child care leave June 4, 2011 through June 30, 2011 returning September 1, 2011.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid Federal Family Leave for **Nancy Saccento** School Aide Ridge High School effective November 16, 2010 through January 7, 2011 returning January 10, 2011.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the following resignations from the previously appointed extracurricular assignments:

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| Bob Cantono | Assistant Baseball Coach |
| Gina Annuziatto | Assistant Fencing Coach |

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following change in assignments and/or locations for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>From:</u> | <u>To:</u> |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Lauren McManus | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School 6.5 hours per day effective 09/07/10-06/22/11 | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School 7.5 hours per day effective 12/15/10-6/22/11 |
| Kristina Kanaropolous | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School 7.5 hours per day effective 9/7/10-6/22/11 | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School 5.5 hours per day effective 12/15/10-06/22/11 |
| Ariel Cohen | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School 7.5 hours per day effective 9/7/10-06/22/11 | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School 6.5 hours per day effective 12/10/10-1/10/11 |
| Vanessa Ryan | Instructional Aide Mount Prospect School | Instructional Aide Cedar Hill School |
| Debra Scharff | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School Media Center 7 hours per day effective 9/7/10-6/22/11 | Instructional Aide William Annin Middle School Media Center 8 hours per day effective 1/3/11 through end of assignment |

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| Lynn Barrueco | Instructional Aide Oak Street School Step 3 (10-11 Step) \$24.50 per hour (09-10 salary) 6.5 hours per day effective September 7, 2010 through June 22, 2011 | Instructional Aide Oak Street School Step 3 (10-11 Step) \$24.50 per hour (09-10 salary) 6.5 hours per day effective September 7, 2010 through January 11, 2011 then a per diem nurse Oak Street School at a per diem rate of \$221 per day effective January 12, 2011 through June 22, 2011 |
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10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Denise Druce** Grade 3 Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 3 BA (2010-11 Step) \$45,973 (2009-10 salary) effective January 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011 as maternity leave replacement for K. Van Natta.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Brandy Jimdar** Special Education Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 3 MA (2010-11 Step) \$51,858 (2009-10 salary) effective December 13, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Susan Marks** Grade 4 Teacher Oak Street School at a salary of \$221 per diem effective March 21, 2011 through May 2, 2011 as a paternity leave replacement for G. Denys.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **athletic and extracurricular assignment** for the 2010-11 school year; longevity will be approved upon BTEA contract settlement:

| <u>School:</u> | <u>Staff Member:</u> | <u>Assignment:</u> | <u>Stipend:</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| LCS | Andrew Henthorn | Winter Intramurals 4 x week | \$2,356 |

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following additions to the mini units 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Last:</u> | <u>First:</u> | <u>School:</u> | <u>Course:</u> | <u>Stipend:</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--|-----------------|
| Russo | Christine | OS | Magical Mixtures | \$827 |
| DeFilippis | Rosemary | CHS | 5 th Grade Musical (Mondays) | \$827 |
| Legvari | Amy | MP | Cartooning Comic Book | \$827 |

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Joanne Russak** Permanent Substitute William Annin Middle School at a per diem rate of \$90 effective November 29, 2010 through June 22, 2011.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following staff for the **At Home Programs** for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Assignment:</u> | <u>Salary:</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Wade Molinari | Teacher | \$60 per hour |
| Chris Pereira | Instructional Aide | \$23.10 per hour |
| Pete Samila | Instructional Aide | \$25.24 per hour |

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff College** instructor for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Course:</u> | <u># Of hours:</u> | <u>Amount:</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Mark Mautone | The Nature of Autism | 3 | \$150 |

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **student interns** for the 2010-11 school year:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>College/University:</u> | <u>Cooperating Teacher:</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Robert Chartowich | Kean | K. Clark/Physical Education RHS 3/14/11-5/9/11 |
| Lisa Weisman | Rutgers | E. Stianchi/Elementary LCS 1/3/11-1/7/11 |
| Theodroa Church | Rutgers | E. Stianchi/Elementary LCS 1/3/11-1/14/11 |
| Katharine Lech | Kean | PALS Program/MPS 1/3/11-05/31/11 |
| Leanne Klarer | Marist | M. Taxeras/Elementary CHS 12/15/10-1/10/11 |
| Matthew Bonder | Drew | E. Seiffert & E. Wolf/Social Studies RHS 1/24/11-5/21/11 |
| Megan Roth | James Madison | M. Mensinger/CST RHS 11/22/10 |
| Kellie Hicks | Caldwell | J. Rothschild/Special Education CHS 12/9/10-12/10/10 |
| Tifanie Ribeiro | Kean | D. Ressa & C. Leiwant/CST WAS 1/3/11- 06/22/11 |
| Ariana Cohn | Endicott | Rich Shello/Sport Management/RHS 1/3/11-1/31/11 |

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| Anthony Armiento | Kean | A. Henthorn/Physical Education LCS 1/18/11-5/9/11 |
| Gina Campo | Kean | C. Stappenbeck/Physical Education WAMS 3/14/11-05/09/11 |

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **volunteers** for the William Annin Middle School Drama Club 2010-11 school year:

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Yolanda Cohen | Sharon Hernandez | Jean D'Ambrosia |
| Jennifer Kisker | Myra Herrle | Steve Hultman |
| Pam Luthy | Serena Keough | Kathy Bassiaccs |
| Donna Forman | Meera Bagle | Jenifer Behrins |
| Claire Haggard | Karen Gray | Claire Haggard |
| Melissa Castner | Julie Berry | Allyson Hughes |
| Candy Hull | Liz Broos | Michele Campbell |
| Sarah Herndon | David Brown | Lou Chiafullo |
| Julie Feeley | Gerard Burdi | Serena Keough |
| Carol Munir | Sarah Herndon | Janine Klimczak |
| Laurie Piro | Brian Herrle | Greg Cordasco |
| Gabby Schnell | Ingrid Cordasco | Jane Kolarik |
| Alex Ursino | Susanna Kopchains | Claudia Cox |
| Loreen Lum | Pam Davies-Kundro | Marion McGlynn |
| Jean D'Ambrosia | Elaine Edge | Beth Fain |
| Christina Ehret | Vivian Miesner | Carmela Pankow |
| Stacy Fairley | Patty Vollmar | Donna Forman |
| Amy Sherman | Nandini Umesh | Jan Williams |
| Denise Fedorchak | Mary Ann Feuerback | Jenny Woo |

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **athletic volunteer**:

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|--------------|------------------|
| Lauren Cubas | Girls Basketball |
|--------------|------------------|

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individuals as student aides for the **After School Care Program** at a rate of \$12 per hour for the 2010-11 school year:

Vanessa Welsh
 Vincent Fiorilli
 Lisa Giordano

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **substitute teacher** at a salary of \$80 per day and substitute nurses at salary of \$120 for the 2010-11 school year:

Jean Melillo

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Koch, Items #1 through 22 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Carlsson
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies on First Reading:

- a. Policy File Code: M2430 Extracurricular Attendance
- b. Policy File Code: M5338 Diabetes Care of Students

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies on Second Reading and adopt said policies:

- a. Policy File Code: M5460 High School Graduation
- b. Policy File Code: 5470 Photographs of Pupils

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following 2013-14 school district calendar:

SEPTEMBER 2013

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday the 4 th | In-service Day - Staff Reports |
| Thursday the 5 th | Closed – Rosh Hashanah |
| Friday the 6 th | In-service Day – Staff Reports |
| Monday the 9 th | Students Report |

OCTOBER 2013**NOVEMBER 2013**

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| Thursday the 7 th | Closed – NJEA Convention |
| Friday the 8 th | Closed – NJEA Convention |
| Wednesday the 27 th | Abbreviated Schedule – Thanksgiving Recess |
| Thursday the 28 th | Closed – Thanksgiving Recess |
| Friday the 29 th | Closed – Thanksgiving Recess |

DECEMBER 2013

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| Monday the 23 rd | Closed – Winter Recess |
| Tuesday the 24 th | Closed – Winter Recess |
| Wednesday the 25 th | Closed – Christmas |
| Thursday the 26 th | Closed – Winter Recess |
| Friday the 27 th | Closed – Winter Recess |
| Monday the 30 th | Closed – Winter Recess |
| Tuesday the 31 st | Closed – Winter Recess |

JANUARY 2014

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| Wednesday the 1 st | Closed – New Year’s Day |
| Monday the 20 th | Closed – Martin Luther King |

FEBRUARY 2014

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| Monday the 24 th | Closed – Mid-Winter Recess |
| Tuesday the 25 th | Closed – Mid-Winter Recess |
| Wednesday the 26 th | Closed – Mid-Winter Recess |
| Thursday the 27 th | Closed – Mid-Winter Recess |
| Friday the 28 th | Closed – Mid-Winter Recess |

MARCH 2014**APRIL 2014**

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| Friday the 18 th | Closed – Good Friday |
| Monday the 21 st | Closed – Spring Recess |
| Tuesday the 22 nd | Closed – Spring Recess |
| Wednesday the 23 rd | Closed – Spring Recess |
| Thursday the 24 th | Closed – Spring Recess |
| Friday the 25 th | Closed – Spring Recess |

Snow days in excess of three will be made up during the spring recess beginning with Friday, April 25.

MAY 2014

Friday the 23rd In-service day – Staff Reports
 Monday the 26th Closed – Memorial Day

JUNE 2014

Wednesday the 25th Graduation – William Annin School
 Wednesday the 25th Abbreviated Schedule – K-5 Students
 Thursday the 26th Graduation – Ridge High School
 Thursday the 26th Abbreviated Schedule – Last Day for Students
 Friday the 27th Last Day for Staff

On motion by Ms. Sherwyn, seconded by Ms. McKeon, Items #1 through 3, including revisions to Policy File Code: M2430 Extracurricular Attendance, were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne (except Item #1a), Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel,
 Ms. McGowan, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Carlsson
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - Mr. Byrne (only Item #1a)

AD HOC FACILITIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the business administrator to execute a contract with R.J. Donnelly not to exceed \$82,437.62 for the installation of energy savings measures at Cedar Hill and Liberty Corner Schools. Contract execution contingent upon mutually agreeable terms and attorney review. The value of the contract would represent 40% of the cost of the actual work being done. The remaining 60% of the project cost would be paid for by the Board of Public Utilities through the New Jersey Clean Energy Direct Install Program. Project costs as follows:

| | Cost of Identified Projects | NJ Clean Energy Direct Install Incentive* | Cost to Board of Education |
|----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Cedar Hill | \$94,100.31 | \$50,000 | \$44,100.31 |
| Liberty Corner | \$88,337.31 | \$50,000 | \$38,337.31 |
| Totals | \$182,437.62 | \$100,000 | \$82,437.62 |

*Maximum \$50,000 per building

Typical measures include replacement of old inefficient HVAC units and motors, occupancy lighting sensors, light fixtures, etc.

On motion by Mr. Wilke, seconded by Mr. Byrne, Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch, Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Carlsson
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Chairperson Ken Wilke spoke on the energy monitoring and awareness program.

CURRICULUM

Chairperson Bev Cwerner spoke on items recently discussed at the Curriculum Committee meeting including the honors math criteria and course changes, programmatic and cycle changes at the middle school, and ideas for future BTEF fundraising.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chairperson Robin McKeon stated in addition to attending the PTO Advisory Board meeting on December 6, the committee attended two sessions at Liberty Corner School on the 2011-12 school budget.

LIAISONS REPORT

Audrey Sherwin spoke on recent activity by the Municipal Alliance including upcoming neighborhood coffees, the joint presentation of “21 for a Reason,” at the district schools on February 2, the success of the high school poinsettia sale to benefit Project Graduation, and Race to Nowhere being shown on January 26, 2011.

Board President Susan Carlsson stated that the committee for BT250 held its last meeting and acknowledged the assistance of Kristin Fox during this year-long celebration.

The PEC group raised \$65,000 through its last fundraiser. The Cedar Hill School PTO has a goal of raising \$100,000 for its library renovation project and Oak Street School is working on various service projects.

Mr. Byrne left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

XII. Board Forum

1) Discussion of Board Self-Evaluation

Board President Susan Carlsson distributed results of the Board Self-Evaluation online survey. The Board discussed the results of this evaluation survey. Ms. Cwerner stated using an automated survey made compiling the results simpler.

Comments were also made on mandatory busing distances to the schools and the eight-period day.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Mr. Koch, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Markarian