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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carlucci.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Bossart, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Zarabara, Mr. Murray,
Ms. Rudolph

ABSENT: Dr. Goger

III. 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.

IV. Executive Session – 7:01 p.m. – Oak Street School Main Office Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: 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.

V. Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:00 p.m. – Oak Street School Gymnasium

VI. Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Aniket Shah reported on the student fundraising efforts for Tsunami relief.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- 1) Business Administrator John T. Murray II presented the 2005-06 preliminary budget.
- 2) Board President Louis Carlucci, Finance Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Woolford and Business Administrator John T. Murray II presented a plan for addressing the district's K-12 growth. Architect William R. Corfield presented the proposed school expansion construction plan.

VIII. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the school expansion plan costs, inadequacy of the high school auditorium, lack of support for the arts, operating costs after construction, parking concerns, courtesy busing and the 2005-06 preliminary budget.

IX. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

No report.

Personnel Committee

Personnel Committee Chairperson Debbie Bracaglia noted that the Personnel Committee met prior to the Board meeting.

Policy Committee

No report.

Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Patty Seitz noted that the Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 18, in the Board Office conference room.

Community Relations

Community Relations Chairperson Rita Zarabara reported on a meeting with the Township Committee regarding shared costs on additional parking and financial support for the proposed auditorium.

New Jersey School Boards Association

No report.

X. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding residential tax trends, joint funding with the township to offset auditorium costs, proposed staffing, community support for the referendum and a request for the Board to assess all available alternatives.

XI. Board Forum

Comments were made regarding parking at Cedar Hill School, board office renovations, air conditioning costs, budget impact, school expansion plan, Senate Bill S1701, enrollment projections and the independent demographic verification report.

XII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Bossart, and approved by all present the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Murray II, RSBA