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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Ms. Bossart

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 – 6:16 p.m. – Board Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: review of qualifications of persons under consideration for employment; matters pertaining to specific personnel; 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. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Zarabara, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:16 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Zarabara, seconded by Mr. Koch, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 7:17 p.m.

V. **Discussion with Student Government Representatives & Class Presidents – 7:17 p.m. Cedar Hill School All-Purpose Room**

VI. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:00 p.m. - Cedar Hill School All-Purpose Room**

VII. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

No comments were made.

VIII. **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative James Gates reported on end-of-year activities at Ridge High School including: prom, drug & alcohol assembly, senior boat ride, student elections and “Hero Day” at Liberty Corner School.

IX. **President's Report**

X. **Superintendent's Report**

1) Recognition Dare to Dream Student Leadership Convention – Ridge High School
Teacher Dee Sedlak

Margeaux Dueno
Josh Frisoli
Justin Kramer
Kristine Kung
Lindsey Manganelli
Noelle Marvel

Rachel Price
Marcy Schnitzer
Emely Velez
Alexandra Waller
Casey Windisch
Hayley Zimmerman

2) Recognition Destination Imagination – Assistant Principal William Annin
Middle School Nick Markarian & Assistant Principal Ridge High School
Kathleen McDonough

William Annin Middle School
Jimmy Fogel
Kristi Fogel
Amy Gianforcaro
Taara Ness-Cochinwala

Chris Marazzo
Andrew Oury
Kate Perkowski

Ridge High School

Dan Bigini
Sarah Carpenter
Maja Falcon
Jacki Fogel

Courtney Halpern
Mark Perkowski
Caroline Stork

Ridge High School

Kate Berkeimer
Pete Lauer
Kelly McAleney
Nick Mitilenes

Manette Ness-Cochinwala
Kerri Scharff
Lauren Siegel

- 3) Recognition New Jersey Junior Classical League – Latin Teacher
Joshua Gebhardt

John Clark
Justin Lo
Brendan McNamara
Alasdair Wilkins

- 4) Recognition Forensics Team – Advisor David Yastremski

Selin Alkan
Kate Bracaglia
Deepa Cherla
Adam Dorsky
David Fan
Andrea Hsu
Subash Iyer
Shilpa Joshi
Payal Kapadia

Michael Luo
Michael Scharff
Caleb Seeley
Clara Shaw
Rebecca Shuster
Kathy Stout
Monica Thanawala
Nina Thanawala
Norman Yao

- 5) Assistant Principal Mount Prospect School William Kimmick presented a status report on the implementation of the Schoolwide Enrichment Model.

- 6) Liberty Corner Principal Kathy Pecoraro presented a report on the success of the first year of full day kindergarten.

XI. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,965,000.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$6,300,000 aggregate principal amount of school bonds dated April 1, 1994 (the “1994 Bonds”), issued \$37,745,000 aggregate principal amount of school bonds dated September 1, 1997 (the “1997 Bonds”) and issued \$2,910,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding school bonds dated September 1, 1997 (the “1997 Refunding Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board had determined that the interest rate environment enabled it to realize debt service savings for the taxpayers of the School District through the issuance by the Board of not to exceed \$43,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to refund all or a portion of the \$3,860,000 1994 Bonds maturing in the years 2005 to 2014, inclusive (the “1994 Refunded Bonds”), the \$35,140,000 1997 Bonds maturing in the years 2007 to 2023, inclusive (the “1997 Refunded Bonds”) and the \$635,000 1997 Refunding Bonds maturing in the years 2007 and 2008 (the “1997 Refunded Refunding Bonds” and together with the 1994 Refunded Bonds and the 1997 Refunded Bonds, the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Bond Ordinance”) introduced on first reading by resolution of the Board on September 24, 2001, authorized the issuance of the bonds for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board on September 24, 2001, authorized the filing of an application with the Local Finance Board, in the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the “Local Finance Board”), in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 *et seq.*, seeking the Local Finance Board’s consent to enact and adopt the Bond Ordinance and its endorsement to be placed thereon and to authorize the issuance of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2001 the Local Finance Board considered the Board’s application in connection with the issuance of the bonds and gave its consent to the Board’s adoption and enactment of the Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2001 the Board held a public hearing on the Bond Ordinance and finally adopted the Bond Ordinance and also adopted a resolution authorizing certain actions necessary in connection with the sale and issuance of the bonds and authorizing the appropriate officials to do all acts and things deemed necessary and advisable in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of said bonds; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2002 the Board issued \$15,035,000 Refunding School Bonds, Series 2002 which bonds refunded the 1994 Refunded Bonds, the 1997 Refunded Refunding Bonds and the 1997 Refunded Bond maturing in the years 2007 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, the current interest rate environment now permits the Board to complete it's refunding goal by refunding the remainder of the 1997 Refunded Bonds which are those maturing in the years 2015 to 2023 (the "Remaining 1997 Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to (1) seek approval of the Local Finance Board to complete its refunding goals through the issuance of not to exceed \$27,965,000 refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") to refund the Remaining 1997 Refunded Bonds (2) reaffirm the provisions of the resolution adopted by the Board on October 22, 2001 authorizing the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and (3) authorize and approve certain matters in connection with the hereinafter defined Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement prepared in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The preparation of an application and the filing of same with the Local Finance Board for its approval for the issuance of not to exceed \$27,965,000 bonds to refund the Remaining 1997 Refunded Bonds is hereby approved, and the school officials and officers, including but not limited to, the Board President and Vice President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, together with the financial advisor, Capital Financial Advisors, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and bond counsel, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, are each hereby authorized and directed to represent the Board in such matters pertaining thereto.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$27,965,000 Refunding Bonds to refund the Remaining 1997 Refunded Bonds pursuant to and in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board on October 22, 2001 the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. The Official Statement (the "Official Statement") prepared in connection with the offering and sale of the Refunding Bonds is hereby "deemed final" for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, with the exception of certain

information permitted to be omitted thereby and is hereby approved and authorized for the information of the purchasers of the Refunding Bonds, with such changes and corrections not inconsistent with the substance thereof, including those as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel to the Board (“Bond Counsel”).

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, be and hereby is authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to approve of the distribution of the Official Statement in preliminary form (the “Preliminary Official Statement”), to be dated the date of its mailing to prospective purchasers of the Refunding, and to approve its use in connection with the marketing of such Refunding Bonds.

The Preliminary Official Statement shall be so modified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and Capital Financial Advisors, Inc., the Financial Advisor to the Board (the “Financial Advisor”), to reflect the effect of the Bond Purchase Agreement and any other revision not inconsistent with the substance thereof deemed necessary or advisable by the Bond Counsel or the Financial Advisor and said Preliminary Official Statement as so modified shall constitute the Official Statement (the “Official Statement”). The President, Vice-President or Business Administrator/Board Secretary be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolution in regard to roof and repointing exterior brickwork at Oak Street School.

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education has determined that the roof and repointing of the exterior brickwork at Oak Street School is in need of renovation and repair; and

WHEREAS, funds for the project were approved in the 2003-2004 budget; and

WHEREAS, the project has received final approval from the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education seeks a grant from the State of New Jersey for 40% of the total project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Business Administrator, Joseph Barcellona, to execute and deliver the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement for the renovation and repair of the roof and repointing of the exterior brickwork at Oak Street School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education does furthermore authorize the Business Administrator, Joseph Barcellona, to supervise the required renovation and repair work to ensure that the work is completed in accordance with the specification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator, Joseph Barcellona, to review all payment vouchers and submit all required

On motion by Mr. Carlucci, seconded by Ms. Seitz, Items #1 & 2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford,
Ms. Zarabara, Ms. Bracaglia
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Mr. Barcellona explained that subscription or eligible student busing to township daycare facilities would continue for the 2003-04 school year. Beginning with the 2004-05 school year, two facilities will be designated within each elementary school’s sending area to which busing will be offered.

Personnel Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted the Personnel Committee met on June 9 – minutes to follow.

Policy Committee

No report.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted the committee will meet on Friday, June 13.

Technology Committee

No report.

Interschool Council

No report.

New Jersey School Boards Association

No report.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the Enrichment Program.

XII. Board Forum

Comments were made regarding rain damage in the district, grounds, Newsweek's ranking of Ridge High School and the Municipal Alliance report.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Carlucci, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Alexander
Assistant Board Secretary