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

**I. Salute to Flag**

**II. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Koch, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn,  
Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge

ABSENT: Ms. Kusel, Ms. McGowan

**III. Executive Session – 5:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Conference Room**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education met in closed session to discuss: award of contract; 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 Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. McKeon, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Sherwyn entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

On motion by Ms. McKeon, seconded by Mr. Koch, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 6:16 p.m.

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

- IV. **Meeting with Ridge High School Student Government – 6:30 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**
- V. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**
- 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. District Recognition

### 1) 2011 Retirees

Margaret Alexander	Bookkeeper/Assistant Business Administrator
Janet Ankiel	Supervisor Language Arts
Robert Cherdak	Ridge High School Science
John Clark	William Annin Middle School Language Arts
Judy Green	Ridge High School Media Aide
Ken LeCour	William Annin Middle School Social Studies
Robert VanWageninge	Cedar Hill/Liberty Corner Schools Music
Alexis Wintle	William Annin Middle School Instructional Aide

Administrators introduced this year's retirees providing background on their career in Bernards Township, congratulating them for their service to the district and wishing them well as they begin this new chapter in their life.

### 2) 2011 Teachers of the Year Recognition

Carley Aroldi	Cedar Hill School
Barbara House-Quigley	Liberty Corner School
John Gullifer	Mount Prospect School
Glen Denys	Oak Street School
Josh Gebhardt	Ridge High School
Janet Marino	William Annin Middle School

Board President Susan Carlsson introduced each school's 2011 Teacher of the Year. These individuals are selected by their peers for the qualities they bring to their classroom and students. A written statement prepared by each recipient regarding their philosophy of education was read.

### 3) 2011 Destination ImagiNation Global Qualifiers

#### **Team - The T-Birgers**

Matthew Dennis, Riley Handabaka, Will McNey, Marty Rusas, Abby Riegler, Evan Shimoun, Anna Tulenko

#### **Team - The Gushing Geyser Gang**

Abbey Farina, Reed Handabaka, Lindsay Hultman, Jack Kendall, Kristen Rusas, Abby Tulenko, Maddie Winter

#### **Team - Dream Intervention with Techno Background Music**

Hannah Broos, James Harrison, Tommy Marazzo, Matt Wilson, Katie Winter

**Team - The Brain Bursters**

Jack Balseiro, Grace Bu, Jessica Gardner, Brian Pescatore, Jason Quinn,  
Ryan Zhang

**Team - The Sting Rays**

Riya Gurnani, Hannah Heinemann, Pacey Keller, Rose Nelson

Mr. Peter Winter introduced and spoke on the successes each team experienced during the 2011-12 school year.

4) **2011 New Jersey State Girls Golf Tournament of Champions**

Catherine Cappola  
Catherine Donlon  
Amber Evans  
Alex Hershberger  
Hana Ku  
Nicole McCreesh  
Kathleen Pallotta  
Wei Peng  
Rachel Walsh

Head Golf Coach Siobhan Devlin introduced Assistant Golf Coach Rebecca Muraview. Coach Devlin acknowledged each participant on the team and spoke on their achievements as a member of the Golf Team and as well as their academic achievements.

5) **2011 First Place New Jersey Junior Classical League State Convention**

Belle Lin  
Bernard Lin  
David Mazumder  
Margaret Morris  
Joseph Patchett  
Lisa Wooldridge

Latin Club Advisor Joshua Gebhardt introduced members of the Latin Team and spoke on their achievements during competition at the New Jersey Junior Classical League State Convention.

## **VIII. Public Forum on Agenda Items**

Board President Susan Carlsson reviewed the three-year agreement reached between the Bernards Township Board of Education and the Bernards Township Education Association (BTEA) effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2013. The contract was ratified by the BTEA on Friday, June 3, following an 18-month negotiation process. Major areas of the contract include increases of 1.5%, 2% & 2% with steps frozen for the 2009-10 year, extracurricular stipends being frozen for the entire contract, two additional steps added to the professional salary guide, members will continue to pay 1.5% toward medical benefits and payment for tuition reimbursement was reduced from \$375,000 per year to \$225,000, in years two and three of the contract.

No comments were made.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee**

No report. Next meeting is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Personnel Committee**

Board President Susan Carlsson and Co-President of the BTEA Denise Graff introduced the members of their negotiations teams and thanked them for their time and effort.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby ratify the agreement between the Bernards Township Board of Education and the Bernards Township Education Association (BTEA) covering the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. McKeon, Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Koch, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge,  
Ms. Carlsson

“Noes” - Mr. Byrne

“Abstain” - None

### **Ad Hoc Facilities Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education received no bids at the scheduled bid opening for a power purchase agreement on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Consequently, the Board of Education does hereby authorize **Spiezele Architects** and the school business administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), to advertise the project again with modifications in order to obtain proposals.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education received bids for roofing restoration, repairs, and replacement for various schools on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. Bids were received as follows:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Base Bid:</u>	<u>Alternate Bid:</u>	<u>Bid Totals:</u>
D.A. Nolt	\$2,697,756	\$912,394	\$3,610,150
Safeway Contracting, Inc.	\$776,000	\$714,000	\$1,490,000

The Base Contract Bid is for roof restoration and repairs at all schools. The Alternate Bid is for roof replacement at Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner and Oak Street Schools. The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby award the Base Bid and Alternate Bid for the roofing restoration, repairs and replacement for various schools to **Safeway Contracting, Inc.** as the lowest responsible bidder contingent upon attorney review and execution of a mutually agreeable contract.

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Sherwyn, Ms. Shah, Ms. Wooldridge, Ms. Carlsson
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - None

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Curriculum Committee**

No report. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy Committee**

No report. Next meeting is schedule for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Relations Committee**

Chairperson Audrey Sherwyn discussed the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the PTO Advisory Council and two new methods of parent communication. A summary of Board meetings will be placed in the District FridayFolder and a list of main topics for upcoming Board meetings will be sent in the District FridayFolder preceding the meeting.



### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Sherwyn updated the Board on a recent meeting with the Municipal Alliance and the success of this year's Twilight Challenge. She also stated Bernards Township Health Dept. members, Ms. Forgione and Ms. Kelly, will be in attendance at an upcoming Board meeting in the fall to discuss neighborhood coffees, student stressor issues and the American Drug & Alcohol Survey.

### **X. Board Forum**

#### **1) Ridge Traffic Pattern**

Concerns regarding the traffic pattern at Ridge High were revisited. These concerns relate especially to drop off and pickup times. Comments included:

- Flow of traffic and placement of individuals who direct traffic
- Drop off in median area
- Use of gym parking lots for drop off by parents
- Speed issue when exiting senior parking lot
- Crossing guards not in place for designated time

This item will be brought to the Facilities Committee for further discussion.

Board Secretary Nick Markarian commented on the possibility of utilizing the township campus as an egress during drop off and pickup times only. Other comments from the Board included use of additional speed bumps in the senior parking lot area and communication of appropriate traffic pattern with parents.

Additional comments by Board members included the contract with the BTEA having the lowest levels of increase in decades and the quality of the work presented in the Ridge High School Art Show.

### **XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items**

Comments were made regarding staff and student acknowledgements, the traffic pattern at the high school, status of corporate sponsorship, 2011-12 budget on the website, impact of the ratification of the contract with the BTEA on programs in future years, funding of roofing projects and solar panel work.

**XII. Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. McKeon, seconded by Ms. Sherwyn, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Markarian  
Board Secretary