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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Carlucci.

**I. Salute to Flag**

**II. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), Ms. McGowan, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Smith, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Dr. Goger, Mr. Murray, Ms. Rudolph

ABSENT: None

**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 – 5:01 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Faculty Dining Room**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: 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. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 5:01 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 5:58 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the William Annin Middle School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

**V. Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**

**VI. Student Representative’s Report**

**VII. Superintendent’s Report**

1) Superintendent Valerie A. Goger and Business Administrator John T. Murray II gave a presentation on the 2006-07 preliminary budget. This was followed by a work session on the budget by the full Board.

On motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Winter, and unanimously approved 9-0, the Board held a recess from 8:00 until 8:10 p.m.

**VIII. Construction Report – 8:10 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium**

1) Mr. Radcliff and Mr. Catana of the Spiezle Group presented an overview on the status of the referendum project.

**IX. Public Forum on Agenda Items**

Comments were made regarding the 2006-07 preliminary budget, impact on technology, world languages program, rationale for budget increases, proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot question, Bernards Township Education Foundation, enrichment program, career development, Ridge High fencing program achievements, PTO contributions and supply account reductions.

## X. Committee Reports

### Finance Committee

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following reductions to the 2006-07 school budget:

Change elementary World Language instruction from weekly to bi-weekly	\$100,000
Reduce high school athletic/extracurricular accounts	\$ 50,000
Reduce accountant to part time salary	\$ 30,000
Reduce number of football coaches by one	\$ 7,000
Place half of SEM program in 2 <sup>nd</sup> question	\$100,000
Place middle school assistant principal in 2 <sup>nd</sup> question	\$ 83,000
Reduce technology equipment	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$383,000

Prior to voting, motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Koch to amend the motion to substitute “an administrator” for “middle school assistant principal.” This motion failed 7-2.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Woolford, Item # 1 was approved unanimously 9-0.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following school district budget, which includes spending growth limitation adjustments for the 2006-07 school year:

General Fund	\$67,005,644
Special Revenue Fund	1,195,423
Debt Service Fund	5,661,267
Total Base Budget	\$73,862,334

And be it further resolved, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund Base Budget	\$61,709,274
General Fund Additional Question	\$389,479
Debt Service	\$5,661,267

Further that the school business administrator be authorized to submit the school district budget with any revisions that may be required to the County Superintendent for his review and approval to advertise for purposes of a Public Hearing.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following spending growth limitation adjustments for the 2006-2007 budget statement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 7F-5D.

Capital Outlay	\$670,045
Special Education	95,649
Banked CAP 2005/06	440,705
Insurance & Domestic	655,031
Security Preparedness	
TOTAL	\$1,861,430

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Koch, Items #2 & 3 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the restoration of the full time elementary enrichment program in the amount of \$100,000 to be included in a second budget question for the 2006-07 school budget.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Stevens, Item #4 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the addition of four new teachers at Ridge High School in the amount of \$200,000 to be included in a second budget question in the 2006-07 school budget.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Stevens, Item #5 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the restoration of the middle school assistant principal (subject to county superintendent approval) in the amount of \$83,000 to be included in a second budget question for the 2006-07 school budget.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Woolford, Item #6 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **Personnel Committee**

Chairperson Ann Marie Woolford stated the committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7.

#### **Policy Committee**

Chairperson Lou Carlucci updated the Board on the middle school sports program.

#### **Curriculum Committee**

Chairperson Patty Seitz stated the committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16.

#### **Community Relations**

Chairperson Lisa Winter reported on the February 14 meeting.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Technology Liaison Leslie Stevens commented on the need for a facilities webpage.

#### **Facilities Committee**

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger stated the committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board conference room.

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

No comments were made.

**XII. Board Forum**

Comments were made regarding new board member orientation and the school election polling places.

**XIII. Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Murray II  
Board Secretary