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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Koch.

I. Salute to the Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Koch,
Ms. McGowan, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford

ABSENT: None

**III. Executive Session – p.m. – 6:38 p.m. – William Annin Middle School
Conference Room**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education met
in closed session to discuss: matters pertaining to specific personnel;
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. Carlucci, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the
Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:38 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Winter, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the
Board returned to public session at 7:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the 7:05 at p.m.

**IV. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:05 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. Public Hearing 2009-10 School Budget

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger explained all budget presentations, questions and answers may be found on the website for public review.

1) Budget Presentation

Dr. Goger reviewed a district achievement list, the 2009-12 district instructional goal of differentiated instruction, enrollment projects and staffing changes at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Business Administrator Nick Markarian reviewed the budget drivers, a 3-year budget view, the cap waiver request, review of 2009-10 budget compared to 2008-09, programmatic prioritization and reduction, the total budget, the tax impact and tax levy history and district comparison through the state's comparison spending guide.

Dr. Goger answered questions frequently asked by the public regarding state aid, administrative compensation, impact of faculty members' children attending district schools, pay to play, contributions made by parents to various extracurricular activities, the cap waiver, placing a second question on the ballot and the process for a defeated budget.

2) Public Forum on Budget

Comments were made regarding the maintenance reduction, SEM program funding, contacting legislative members, including a second question on the ballot, full day kindergarten, staffing reductions at each level, 9-period day at the high school, and the budget defeat process.

3) Board Forum on Budget

Board comments included the process for contacting legislative representatives, loss of enrichment program, pay to play, defeat of budget, elementary class size, amount of cap waiver, prioritization of program reductions and budget impact on current economic conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following school district budget for the 2009-10 school year for purposes of submitting the tax levy for voter approval on April 21, 2009:

General Fund	\$77,591,096.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 151,000.00
Grants	\$ 1,000,000.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 5,867,853.00
Total Base Budget	\$84,609,949.00

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

General Fund	\$70,156,926.00
Debt Service	\$ 5,500,706.00
Total Raised from Taxes	\$75,657,632.00

On motion by Ms. Cwerner, seconded by Ms. Carlsson, Item #4 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter,
Ms. Woolford, Mr. Koch
“Noes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. McGowan
“Abstain” - None

VII. Public Forum on Agenda Items

A comment was made regarding support of the BTEF (Bernards Township Education Foundation).

VIII. Board Response

No comments were made.

IX. Approval of Minutes

February 16, 2009 – Executive Session
February 16, 2009 – Regular Session
March 16, 2009 – Executive Session
March 16, 2009 – Regular Session

On motion by Ms. Carlsson, seconded by Mr. Wilke, the foregoing was approved by all present.

X. Committee Reports

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby a list of disbursements dated March 30, 2009 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$12,715,315.16.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the February 2009 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for February 2009, and the Treasurer of School Monies report for February 2009.

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.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the February 2009 line item transfers totaling \$395,860.70 to the 2008-09 school budget, list on file in the Board office.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following out-of-district placements for 2008-09 school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Prorated Tuition:</u>
203556	Newmark School	\$19,764.36 (effective 2/17/09)
203199	Somerset County Alternative High School	\$5,535.75 (effective 3/31/09)
302378	Somerset County Alternative High School	\$5,535.75 (effective 3/31/09)

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following field trip destinations for the 2008-09 school year:

- The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ
- Wegman Food Market, Bridgewater, NJ
- Historic Philadelphia & National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Meadowlands Experience Tour, Secaucus, NJ
- Maple Leaf Diner, Words Bookstore, Maplewood, NJ
- Iberia Tavern & Restaurant, Newark, NJ

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following professional development expense in accordance with P.L. 2007 An Act Concerning School District Accountability and annual Board resolution for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
K. Bubser	Speech Conference (Teacher of the Year)	\$1,070	5/7/09-5/9/09
M. Palumbo	National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics & National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference	\$ 360	4/20/09-4/24/09

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve submission of the following carry over funds from the **No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY2008** to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) FY2009 grant:

Title II – Part A	\$344
Title IV	\$ 25

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following contract change order for Ridge High School:

<u>Change Order #:</u>	<u>Change:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
27-PC30	Removal & relocation of water lines for duct installation in medical office.	\$752

On motion by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Carlsson, Items #1-8 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. McGowan, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Mr. Koch
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Sandy Hyde** Math Teacher William Annin Middle School effective March 31, 2009, with regret, for the purpose of retirement.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Allison Cohen** Grade 2 Teacher Oak Street School effective June 30, 2009.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Lori Jarvis** School District Physician effective immediately.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Colleen Roth** Occupational Therapist district effective May 22, 2009.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Rebecca Steinhilber** At Home Program district effective June 30, 2009.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Alisa Talke** Speech Teacher Oak Street School effective June 30, 2009.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following change in assignments and/or locations:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Megan Milde	Assistant Girls' Lacrosse RHS \$5,508	Freshman Girls' Lacrosse RHS \$5,508
Pam Luthy	Kindergarten Aide MP \$20.23 per hour 4 hours per day 183 days effective 9/8/08-6/22/09	Kindergarten Aide MP \$20.23 per hour 4 hours per day 104 days effective 9/8/08-2/23/09 then Instructional Aide MP \$22.10 per hour 6.5 hours per day 79 days effective 2/24/09-6/22/09

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation from the following extracurricular assignment for 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>
Erin Bowden	Freshman Girls' Lacrosse

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following aide for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>2008-09 Step/ Hourly Rate/Hours/Days:</u>
Deborah Chen	MPS	Kindergarten Aide	\$20.23/4 hours/76 days

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Beth Baliko** Kindergarten Teacher Mount Prospect School at salary step 1 BA \$42,990 prorated to reflect dates as a medical leave replacement effective February 24, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Laurie Bogle** Math Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$215 per diem as a medical leave replacement effective March 9, 2009 through end of assignment.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Cristina Conti** Grade 5 Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary step 1 BA \$42,990 prorated to \$13,971 to reflect dates as a maternity leave replacement for Megan Taxeras effective March 23, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Carol Floegel** Special Education Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$215 per diem as a medical leave replacement effective March 24, 2009 through March 27, 2009.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Karen Gorczakowski** Long Term Substitute William Annin Middle School at a salary of \$215 per diem as a family leave replacement effective March 6, 2009 through end of assignment.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Karen Oliveira** Grade 4 Teacher Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$215 per diem as a maternity leave replacement for Jodi Westergom effective March 30, 2009 through June 22, 2009.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Kevin Ryan** Permanent Substitute Ridge High School at a salary of \$90 per diem effective March 18, 2009 through June 22, 2009.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Rita Jordan** Coordinator of Special Education Summer School at a salary of \$55 per hour effective for the 2009-10 school year.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Sloan Scully** Summer Activities Director at a salary of \$6,000 effective for the 2009-10 school year.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Colin Simpson** Director of Camp Jump Start at a salary of \$6,000 effective for the 2009-10 school year.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a Federal Family Leave for **Nancy Genova** Kindergarten Teacher Mount Prospect School effective March 18, 2009 until June 30, 2009.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following extracurricular assignments for the 2008-09 school year with stipends and longevity:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>2008-09 Payment/Longevity:</u>
Jennifer Hauser	RHS	Assistant Girls' Lacrosse	\$5,508/0 years/0 points/\$0
Mary Pratt	RHS	Assistant Winter Indoor Track	\$4,685
Richard Thomasey	RHS	Assistant Winter Indoor Track	\$4,685
Brad McClain	WAMS	AM Proctor	\$7.25 per day
Mark Fabio	WAMS	AM Proctor	\$7.25 per day

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Activity:</u>	<u>School:</u>
Andrew Schaeffer	Lacrosse	RHS
Bill Roller	Baseball	RHS
Derek Ressa	Baseball	WAMS
Eric Cantagallo	Softball	RHS
Erik Dial	Baseball	RHS
Erin Bowden	Lacrosse	RHS
Frank LoCascio	Track & Field	WAMS
Gerry Schofield	Softball	RHS
Janine Fela	Softball	WAMS
Jennifer Hauser	Lacrosse	RHS
Kevin Ryan	Baseball	RHS
Lori Thompson	Track & Field	WAMS
Mary Ann Summa	Lacrosse	RHS
Matt Perreira	Lacrosse	RHS
Meredith Batcha	Lacrosse	WAMS
Pat Vreeland	Lacrosse	WAMS
Rocco Matrisciano	Basketball	RHS
Suzy Wargo	Track & Field	WAMS

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following student coaching volunteers at William Annin Middle School for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Activity:</u>
Alex Gacos	Lacrosse
David Lincoln	Baseball
Hillary Saunders	Softball
Laura Graff	Lacrosse

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following mentors for the 2008-09 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

<u>Provisional Teacher:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Mentor:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Cristina Conti	Grade 5	Tracy Newton	\$184
Eric Schoeder	Math	Tara Gialanella	\$550
Karen Oliveira	Grade 4	Jessica Kovacs	\$184

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individuals as mentors for classified high school students at a rate of \$60 per hour effective 2008-09 school year:

John DeBisco
Julia Beyer

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following bedside instructor at a salary of \$72 per hour for the 2008-09 school year:

Sharon Licari

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individuals listed in positions below:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Hours/ Hourly Rate:</u>	<u>Effective:</u>
Ann Aron	Home Instruction	2 hours per week \$60 per hour	3/2/09 – 06/23/09
Jessica Silva	Mini Units Aide	1.25 hours per day \$22.10 per hour	2/27/09 – 5/15/09
Kelly Wagner	Home Instruction	3 hours per week \$23.44 per hour	3/2/09 – 6/23/09
Fern DiMeglio	Mini Units Aide	\$24.88 per hour	3/17/09 – 5/5/09
IJ Anyanwu-Onegbu	Mini Units Aide	\$22.10 per hour	3/2/09 – 5/29/09
Marie Petti	Mini Units Aide	\$24.16 per hour	3/2/09 – 5/29/09
Debbie Whelan	Mini Units Aide	\$22.10 per hour	3/2/09 – 5/29/09

28) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following volunteers to staff Destination Imagination for the 2008-09 school year:

Amy Melick
Julie Berry

29) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following student as an aide in the After School Care Program at a salary of \$12 per hour:

Charlie Cosentino

30) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers for 2008-09 school year at a salary of \$80 per day and \$120 per day for substitute nurses:

Allison Johnson	Kritsa Mahalchik
Amy Melick	Melissa Dreher
Anatoliy Khusid	Michael Owelig

Andrea Licari	Patricia Keller
Anne Snyder	Peter Carlucci
Carol Campbell	Sheryl Huston
Charity Chervinsky	Stephen Breslow
Christine Dos Santos	Susan Marks
Christine Pizzi	Therese Crowley
Katherine Coughlin	Vincent Chang

*Subject to County Approval

+Subject to Fingerprint Clearance

31) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following student interns for the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College/University:</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher:</u>
Alix Marsters	Raritan Valley Community College	Oak Street School/ Janean McElyea 3/24/09
Amy Birgfield	Raritan Valley Community College	Cedar Hill School/ Amy Lynn 2/16/2009
Eileen DeMeo	College of Saint Elizabeth	William Annin Middle School/ Kristen Peters and Mary Henry 4/2/09
Jessica Lee	The College of New Jersey	William Annin Middle School/ Nick Beykirch 9/8/09 – 12/18/09
Michele Bernasky	College of Saint Elizabeth	Liberty Corner School/ Erica Stianchi and Buffy Gagliano 3/11/09 and 3/19/09
Nicole Aupont	Raritan Valley Community College	Ridge High School/ Pat Miller 2/27/2009
Nicole Caleen	Raritan Valley Community College	Ridge High School/ Pat Miller 2/27/2009
Nicole Ehrgott	Caldwell College	William Annin Middle School/ Melanie Block, Kelly DeMayo and Janet Marino 2/16/09
Noelle Hartje	Kean University	Oak Street School/ Liana LaVecchia 3/9/09 – 4/10/09
Tara LaRezza	The College of New Jersey	Mount Prospect School/ Angela Hall 1/19/10 – 05/07/10

32) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following mini units and instructors for spring 2009:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Course Title:</u>	<u>Stipend:</u>
Kimberly Ace	CHS	Mural Painting	\$791
Lyndsey Schaefer	CHS	Dance, Dance, Dance	\$791
Lyndsey Schaefer	CHS	Calling All Actors!	\$791
Danielle Fitzgerald	CHS	Bakery 101	\$791
Michelle Muserlian	CHS	Creative Crafts	\$791
Tracy Newton	CHS	Yoga	\$791
Jasmine Talsania	CHS	Everything Chocolate	\$791
Kathleen Moran	CHS	Bakery 101	\$791
Alex Fahner-Vihtelic	CHS	Creative Crafts	\$791
Linda Nollkamper	CHS	Arts and Crafts – Tuesdays	\$791
Linda Nollkamper	CHS	Arts and Crafts – Thursdays	\$791
Stephanie Orr	CHS	Amazing Animals	\$791
Stephanie Orr	CHS	Incredible Inventors	\$791
Kimberly Ace	CHS	Creative Crafts	\$791
Brian McCarthy	CHS	Yoga	\$176
Marcus Whitaker	CHS	Chocolate Making	\$176
Marilyn Askin	CHS	Chocolate Making	\$199

On motion by Ms. Winter, seconded by Ms. Carlsson, Items #1-32 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. McGowan,
Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Mr. Koch
 “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: 0134 Board Self Evaluation
- b. Policy File Code: M0142.1 Nepotism
- c. Policy File Code: 0151 Organizing Meeting
- d. Policy File Code: 0152 Board Officers
- e. Policy File Code: 0164 Conduct of Board Meeting
- f. Policy File Code: M0176 Collective Bargaining and Contract Approval/
Ratification
- g. Policy File Code: M1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator
- h. Policy File Code: 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts

- i. Policy File Code: M2460 Special Education
- j. Policy File Code: M2467 Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents
- k. Policy File Code: M5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services
- l. Policy File Code: M6362 Contributions to Board Members and Contract Award

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby abolish the following policies:

- a. Policy File Code: M0147 Board Member Compensation and Expenses
- b. Policy File Code: M3440 Expense Reimbursements Employees

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Ms. Cwerner, Ms. McGowan,
Mr. Wilke, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Mr. Koch
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - None

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

No comments were made.

XII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Carlsson, seconded by Mr. Wilke, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Markarian
Board Secretary