

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Carlucci, Ms. McGowan, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Smith, Ms. Stevens,
Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Dr. Goger, Mr. Murray, Ms. Rudolph

ABSENT: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Koch

III. Statement of Public Meeting Notice

This was a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Bernards Township. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided on May 6, 2005 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. Regular Session - Call to Order – 7:30 p.m. – Municipal Building Courtroom

V. Discussion with Bernards Township Committee on the Defeated 2005-2006 School Budget.

Mayor Caroline Kelly stated that the township was required by law to review the defeated budget. Township Attorney Belardo outlined the township's responsibilities to pass a resolution specifying the amount of reduction and the line items the reduction will impact. Dr. Goger made a PowerPoint presentation detailing areas of discretionary spending, budget drivers and cost saving measures.

The Township Committee approved six motions on roll call votes as follows:

- Support neighborhood schools concept
- Retain full day kindergarten
- Retain the middle school team model
- No reductions in AP/Honors courses
- Continue the nine period day at Ridge High School
- Maintain music programs in the elementary and middle schools

VI. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approve by all present the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Murray II
Board Secretary