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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Carlucci.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Bossart, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Ms. Woolford,
Ms. Zarabara, Dr. Goger, Mr. Murray

ABSENT: Ms. Rudolph

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 – 7:01 p.m. – Ridge High School Faculty Dining Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: contractual matters; 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. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Bossart, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:01 p.m.

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

V. **Discussion with Student Government Representatives – 7:15 p.m. Ridge High School Faculty Dining Room**

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Ridge High School Faculty Dining Room at 8:00 p.m.

VI. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:00 p.m. – Ridge High School Auditorium**

VII. **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger presented an overview of the proposed Ridge High School expansion.

Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler presented the following student awards and acknowledged parent volunteers.

- 1) Recognition of the following National Merit Semi-Finalists:

Christopher Benson	Elizabeth Kimzey
Anqi Cai	Peter Lambert-Cole
David Fan	Norman Yao

- 2) Recognition of National Merit Commended Students

Sarah Alexander	William Lulofs
Sandra Birnbaum	Ting Ting Luo
Eric Chang	Jessica Matuozzi
Erin Cleary	Jennifer Melillo
Jacob Cuttler	Kara Musso
Dave Guglielmo	Kelly Norton
Aaron Hershkowitz	Julia O’Halloran
Julia Hodgson	Chantelle Pires
Sarah Holcomb	Emi Sakaki
Andrew Hydrusko	Caleb Seeley
Marieke Kester	Aniket Shah
Adam Kraus	Daniella Suh
Melissa Lau	Mollie Van Gordon
Patrick Lawenda	Alice Yan
Stephanie Lin	Christine Zhang

- 3) Recognition of the following Outstanding Participant 2005 National Achievement Scholarship Program:

Surraya Johnson

- 4) Recognition of the following Scholar National Hispanic Recognition Program:

Tristan Barrueco

- 5) Recognition of the following Ridge High School PTO Parent Volunteers

Mary Ellen Peters

Rosa Mullen

- 6) Ridge High School Report – Principal Richard Stotler

Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler discussed the high school's 2004-05 goals and objectives. He said that various personnel and students would present several reports. Student Council President Aniket Shah outlined the student government's structure and highlighted upcoming student projects. Officer Michael Voorhees provided an overview of his duties as school resource officer. Supervisor of Mathematics Marian Palumbo presented the fall testing report. The high school presentation concluded with junior Preethi Ramaprasad delivering a demonstration of a forensics event. Mr. Stotler then answered questions from the Board and the public.

VIII. Business Administrator's Report

Business Administrator John Murray reported on the startup of school, transportation, traffic, and facility projects.

IX. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the proposed Ridge High School expansion project.

X. Committee Reports Finance Committee

Finance Committee

Chairperson Ann Marie Woolford distributed the most recent committee meeting minutes.

Personnel Committee

Chairperson Debbie Bracaglia distributed the most recent committee meeting minutes.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Paula Bossart stated that a date for a Policy Committee meeting will be set in November.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz stated the Curriculum Committee would meet on Friday, October 15.

Community Relations

The Board of Education agreed to submit input to the township for their strategic plan as follows: “To ensure ongoing community support for an efficient and academically superior education system that reflects the values of our community.”

New Jersey School Boards Association

Chairperson Bill Koch reported on approved referenda across the state.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the proposed window replacement project, donation policy, Pre-K – 8 school expansion needs, stakeholder involvements, future budget needs, enrollment projections and building access issues at Cedar Hill School.

XII. Board Forum

No comments were made.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Bracaglia, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Murray II
Board Secretary