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

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Bossart, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Zarabara

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 – 7:01 p.m. – Board Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: matters pertaining to specific personnel; 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. Zarabara, 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. Zarabara, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 7:42 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 8:00 p.m.

V. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:00 p.m. - Cedar Hill School All-Purpose Room**

VI. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

VII. **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative Greg Shurts reported on congestion in hallways, parking spaces, new assistant principal, exit interviews of personnel and the "Back-to-School Dance."

VIII. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger recapped opening day noting there are 77 new staff and 5,017 total students. Ms. Goger reviewed the 3-day orientation for new teachers, first day activities in the buildings and presented the "Welcome Back" power point slide show.

IX. **President's Report**

Superintendent Valerie A. Goger presented a brief summary of goal setting. Discussion followed with a review of the 2002-03 Administrative and Board goals and preparation of the 2003-04 Board goals.

X. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

Business Administrator Joseph Barcellona reported on the construction of Lee Field and installation of bleachers.

Personnel Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid family leave of absence for **Breck Kent** effective September 2, 2003 through December 1, 2003 or earlier.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Bossart, Item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" - Ms. Bossart, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter,
Ms. Woolford, Ms. Zarbara, Ms. Bracaglia

"Noes" - None

“Abstain” - None

Policy Committee

Chairperson Paula Bossart noted that the Policy Committee would meet the second Tuesday of every other month beginning in October.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted that the Curriculum Committee would meet on Friday, September 12.

Community Relations

Chairperson Ann Marie Woolford noted that a date would be established, probably the week of September 22, for the committee’s first meeting.

New Jersey School Boards Association

Liaison William Koch noted the next delegates’ meeting is scheduled for November 11.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding Board goals, on-line learning, AP courses, class size at William Annin and Ridge High Schools, Lee Field, foreign languages in the schools and safety of facilities.

XII. Board Forum

Comments were made regarding school traffic patterns, value matrix, back-to-school nights, Municipal Alliance and schedule for Challenge Day.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Carlucci, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Alexander
Assistant Board Secretary