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BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES INDEX
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REGULAR SESSION 8:00 P.M.
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MARCH 26, 2001
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CEDAR HILL SCHOOL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Chiappetta (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Mr. Finazzo (arrived at 6:43 p.m.), Ms. Hagaman, Mr. Miller (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

III. Statement of Public Meeting 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 - 6:30 p.m. - Board Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: review of qualifications of persons under consideration for employment; 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 Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Hagaman, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 6:31 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Hagaman, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 8:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose room at 8:07 p.m.

V. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:07 p.m. – Cedar Hill School All-Purpose Room**

VI. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

No comments were made.

VII. **Student Representative's Report**

VIII. **President's Report**

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

1) National Merit Finalists

Shinzong Lee
Kristen Lunny
Sarah Rogers

2) Presidential Scholars Candidate

Karen Dowling

3) National Forensics League of New Jersey District Champion
Champion in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking

Ariel Dowling

Ridge High School Principal Richard Stotler recognized the achievements of Shinzong Lee, Kristein Lunny, Sarah Rogers, Karen Dowling and Ariel Dowling. A certificate was presented to each of the students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby acceptance of the following student through the Pacific Intercultural Exchange program for the 2001-02 school year:

Alejandra Prieto – Venezuela

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for April 5 & 6, 2001.

6) Standardized Testing – Supervisor of Math Marian Palumbo

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Hagaman, Items #4 & 5 were approved by all present.

X. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting – February 26, 2001

Executive Session Minutes (First Session) – February 26, 2001 (as amended)

Executive Session Minutes (Second Session) – February 26, 2001 (as amended)

Regular Board Meeting – March 12, 2001

Executive Session Minutes – March 12, 2001

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Hagaman, the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” – Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagaman, Mr. Miller,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Bracaglia

“Noes” – None

“Abstain” – Mr. Chiappetta, Ms. Woolford

XII. Resolutions

FINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following 2001-02 budget for submission to the voters on April 17, 2001:

Appropriations:

General Fund	\$46,972,175
Special Projects	\$724,429
Debt Service	\$3,667,260
TOTAL:	\$51,363,864

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Mr. Chiappetta, the 2001-02 school budget was discussed.

a) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby amend the 2001-02 school budget by increasing the summer curriculum writing account by \$31,000.

On motion by Ms. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Hagaman, the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. Borushko, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagaman, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford,
Ms. Bracaglia
“Noes” - Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Miller
“Abstain” - None

b) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby amend the 2001-02 school budget by decreasing the technology equipment account by \$80,000.

On motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing was defeated by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Miller
“Noes” - Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagaman, Ms. Seitz,
Ms. Woolford, Ms. Bracaglia
“Abstain” - None

c) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following 2001-02 school year budget, as amended, for submission to the voters on April 17, 2001:

Appropriations:

General Fund	\$47,003,175
Special Projects	\$724,429
Debt Service	\$3,667,260
TOTAL:	\$51,394,864

“Ayes” - Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo,
Ms. Hagaman, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Bracaglia
“Noes” - Mr. Miller
“Abstain” - None

2) A list of disbursements dated March 26, 2001 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$3,936,964.40.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the February, 2001 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Line Item Status and monthly investment report for January, 2001; and further

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 overexpended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following line items transfers to the 2000-01 budget:

From:

11-000-100-566-00-07	Tuition Private School in State	\$75,000.00
11-000-213-500-00-09	District Nurse Other Purchased Services	\$2,100.00
11-000-213-890-00-09	District Nurse Miscellaneous	\$700.00
11-000-219-600-00-07	Child Study Supplies	\$1,400.00
11-000-219-890-00-07	Child Study Team Miscellaneous	\$3,000.00
11-000-221-580-00-08	Supervisor's Travel Expans	\$15,000.00
11-000-222-890-00-02	William Annin Middle School Library Miscellaneous	\$50.00
11-000-223-500-00-11	Technology Travel	\$27,500.00
11-000-223-800-00-08	Supervisors Staff Development Miscellaneous	\$4,000.00
11-000-223-800-00-12	Human Resource Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00
11-000-230-594-00-10	Superintendent Travel	\$3,000.00
11-000-230-890-00-10	Superintendent Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
11-000-240-320-00-01	Ridge High School Purchased Technical Services	\$3,650.00
11-000-240-500-00-06	Mount Prospect School Administration Travel	\$500.00
11-000-240-610-00-02	William Annin Middle School Adm. Supplies	\$8,000.00
11-000-240-610-00-03	Cedar Hill School Administration Supplies	\$2,000.00
11-000-240-890-00-01	Ridge High School Administration Miscellaneous	\$700.00
11-000-261-610-00-10	Maintenance Supplies	\$1,000.00
11-000-291-270-00-10	District Wide Health Insurance	\$21,000.00
11-190-100-500-00-01	Ridge High School Other Purchased Services	\$3,500.00
11-190-100-610-02-01	Ridge High School Science Supplies	\$5,000.00
11-190-100-610-02-01	Ridge High School Science Supplies	\$700.00
11-190-100-610-04-01	Ridge High School Art Supplies	\$100.00
11-190-100-610-05-01	Ridge High School Social Studies Supplies	\$400.00
11-190-100-610-07-01	Ridge High School World Language Supplies	\$200.00
11-190-100-610-08-01	Ridge High School Core Curriculum Supplies	\$300.00
11-190-100-640-01-01	Ridge High School Mathematics Textbooks	\$500.00
11-190-100-640-02-01	Ridge High School Science Textbooks	\$900.00
11-190-100-640-03-01	Ridge High School Language Arts Textbooks	\$1,400.00
11-190-100-640-04-01	Ridge High School Fine Arts Textbooks	\$900.00
11-190-100-640-05-01	Ridge High School Social Studies Textbooks	\$550.00
11-190-100-640-07-01	Ridge High School World Language Textbooks	\$150.00
11-190-100-890-00-01	Ridge High School Classroom Miscellaneous	\$6,600.00
11-191-100-500-09-06	Mount Prospect School Kindergarten Other Purchased Services	\$100.00

11-204-100-640-09-03	Cedar Hill School Learning Language Disabled Textbooks	\$100.00
11-213-100-610-00-01	Ridge High School Resource Room Supplies	\$2,000.00
11-213-100-610-00-07	District Resource Room Supplies	\$1,000.00
11-401-100-110-00-10	Ridge High School Co-curricular Salaries	\$1,600.00
11-401-100-610-82-01	Ridge High School Devil's Advocate Supplies	\$1,500.00
11-402-100-520-00-01	District Athletic Insurance	\$100.00
12-000-218-730-00-09	District Guidance Equipment	\$200.00
12-000-219-730-00-07	Child Study Team Equipment	\$5,000.00
12-130-100-730-00-02	William Annin Middle School Equipment	\$1.00
12-140-100-730-00-01	Ridge High School Equipment	\$2,000.00
12-140-100-730-06-01	Ridge High School Physical Education Equipment	\$500.00
12-213-100-730-00-07	District Resource Room Equipment	\$3,500.00
20-213-400-731-00-11	District Distance Learning Equipment	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
		\$217,401.00

To:

11-000-213-320-00-09	District Nurse Purchased Technical Services	\$600.00
11-000-213-600-00-09	District Nurse Supplies	\$700.00
11-000-217-101-09-10	District OT/PT Salaries	\$75,000.00
11-000-219-390-00-07	Child Study Team Medical Evaluation	\$8,000.00
11-000-219-600-00-07	Child Study Team Supplies	\$5,000.00
11-000-219-890-00-07	Child Study Team Miscellaneous	\$1,400.00
11-000-219-890-00-07	Child Study Team Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00
11-000-221-110-00-12	Supervisor Other Salaries - Staff Training	\$13,500.00
11-000-222-610-00-02	William Annin Middle School Media Center Supplies	\$50.00
11-000-223-390-00-11	Supervisor Other Purchased Technical Services	\$27,500.00
11-000-223-600-00-12	Human Resources Supplies	\$6,000.00
11-000-230-440-00-10	Superintendent Copier Costs	\$5,000.00
11-000-230-530-00-10	Superintendent Communication/Telephone	\$3,000.00
11-000-240-440-00-01	Ridge High School Copier Costs	\$25,000.00
11-000-240-440-00-02	William Annin Middle School Copier Costs	\$8,000.00
11-000-240-610-00-01	Ridge High School Administration Supplies	\$2,400.00
11-000-261-420-00-10	Maintenance Cleaning and Repair Services	\$1,000.00
11-190-100-500-00-03	Cedar Hill School Workshops and Travel	\$2,000.00
11-190-100-500-00-06	Mount Prospect School Workshops and Travel	\$500.00
11-190-100-610-03-01	Ridge High School Language Arts Supplies	\$100.00
11-190-100-640-02-01	Ridge High School Science Textbooks	\$700.00
11-191-100-610-09-06	Mount Prospect School Kindergarten Supplies	\$100.00
11-204-100-610-00-01	Ridge High School Learning\Language Disabled Supplies	\$100.00
11-212-100-610-00-06	Mount Prospect School Multiple Disabled Supplies	\$1,000.00
11-401-100-320-00-01	Co-curricular Purchased Technical Services	\$1,000.00
11-402-100-580-00-01	Athletic Travel	\$100.00
12-000-219-730-00-07	Child Study Team Equipment	\$200.00
12-000-220-730-00-02	William Annin Middle School Library Equipment	\$1.00
12-000-400-450-00-10	District Construction Services	\$21,000.00

12-140-100-730-00-01	Ridge High School Equipment	\$3,350.00
12-401-100-730-00-01	Co-Curricular Equipment	\$600.00
20-213-200-600-00-11	District Distance Learning Supplies	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
		\$217,401.00

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby provide a \$1,200 donation to be used towards transportation costs of the 2001 BASH graduation activities at Ridge High School.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2000-01 school year:

<u>Student #:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Program Type:</u>	<u>Tuition:</u>
29091	Somerset Co. Alternative Academic High School	2000-01 school year	\$1,140 per month effective 1/29/01
00067	Somerset Academy	2000-01 school year	\$114 per day effective 3/13/01 for a period not to exceed 45 days
91061	Somerset Co. Alternative Academic High School	2000-01 school year	\$5,700 effective February, 2001 through June, 2001

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby ratify the bylaw changes of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group to permit them to offer student accident coverage, environmental impairment liability, crime coverage and supplemental indemnity.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve seeking bids on the following projects:

- a) Driveway and parking lot renovations – Ridge High School
- b) Roof replacement and repairs – Ridge High School
- c) General service and roof repairs – All schools

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with Somerset County Educational Services Commission to provide Chapters 192/193 and Title 1 educational services and Chapter 226 nursing services to the children who attend private schools in Bernards Township for the 2001-02 school year.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, in accordance with Chapter 121 Laws of 1984, to provide a coordinated nonpublic textbook program for the 2001-02 school year.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Dr. Henry Kim** as school physician for the 2000-01 school year, payment not to exceed \$31,000.

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Mr. Chiappetta, Items #2-11 were approved by the following roll vote:

“Ayes” – Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagman,
Mr. Miller, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Bracgalia
“Noes” – None
“Abstain” – None

PERSONNEL

WHEREAS the Superintendent has presented the following recommendations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Jay Underwood**, Assistant Principal William Annin Middle School, effective on or before April 28, 2001.
- 2) The Bernards Township of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **William Shlala**, Director of Education and Student Services, effective September 7, 2001.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Anthony Lanzo** Assistant Principal Oak Street School, effective May 31, 2001.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Laura Laurita**, Guidance Counselor William Annin Middle School, effective June 30, 2001.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Dawn Mealing** Grade 1 Teacher Liberty Corner School, effective June 30, 2001.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Linda McCann** Business Teacher Ridge High School, effective June 30, 2001 for the purpose of retirement, with regret.
- 7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Mary Lynn Bradshaw** Science Teacher William Annin Middle School, effective June 30, 2001, with regret.
- 8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Myranda Plesmid** as Permanent Substitute at William Annin Middle School, effective immediately.

- 9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Kathleen Mykytka** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Michele Weinman** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Mary Grace Mullins** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Lori Hoeman** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Kathleen Shaw** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Karen Laferriere** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an extension to a child care leave for **Amy Kontir** for the 2001-02 school year.
- 16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following change in assignments for the 2000-2001 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Laurie Zimering	Instructional Aide, MP 4 hours per day, \$16.52 per hour	Instructional Aide, MP, 6.5 hours per day, \$16.52 per hour

- 17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a maternity leave of absence for **Jenna McClintock** Science Teacher William Annin Middle School from May 21, 2001 through June 25, 2001 utilizing 25 personal illness days and an unpaid family leave from June 26, 2001 through September 14, 2001 and an unpaid child care leave of absence from September 15, 2001 through June 30, 2002.
- 18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a sabbatical leave for **Kristen Fritz** English Teacher Ridge High School, for the 2001-02 school year.
- 19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jody Novitsky** as Reading Teacher at William Annin Middle School, at a salary of Step 2 BA \$35,626 prorated to reflect starting date of March 26, 2001 through June 30, 2001 at an actual salary of \$11,577.
- 20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Mary Forte** as School Aide Liberty Corner School, at a salary of \$14.29 per hour 3 hours per day 73 days, effective March 1, 2001 through June 22, 2001 in the total amount of \$3,130.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the emergent hiring of **Pete Sempepos** as Instructional Aide at William Annin Middle School for the Intramural Program, at a salary of \$16.52 per hour 2 hours per week, effective March 13, 2001 through end of assignment.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Linda Mullen** as Permanent Substitute Teacher Oak Street School, at a salary of \$90 per day, effective March 20, 2001 through June 22, 2001.

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following substitute teachers for the 2000-01 school year:

Monica Pozzetti+*
Abbey Lucking
Joyce Montgomery+*

+Emergent Hiring

*Subject to receipt of certificate

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following student teachers for the 2000-01 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College/University:</u>	<u>Assignment/Supervisor:</u>
Maureen Helm	College of Saint Elizabeth	Elementary/Ms. Galiano OS 1/15/01-3/9/01
Maureen Helm	College of Saint Elizabeth	Special Ed/Ms. Lavallee OS 3/12/01-4/27/01

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following extra curricular assignments for the 2000-01 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Stipend/Longevity:</u>
Siobhan Devlin	Spring Intramural Volleyball RHS	\$298.50
Ann Helfant	Spring Intramural Volleyball RHS	\$298.50
Jim Cahill	Site Manager for Athletics Spring Season RHS	\$1,800.00

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individual to teach Staff College course during the 2000-01 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u># of Hours:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Kathy Dahly	Intermediate Word	5 hours @ \$50.00	\$250.00

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following individual to teach on the March 19, 2001 In-Service Day:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u># of Hours:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Joanne Suriano	Everything You Wanted to Know About Your Computer and Were Afraid to Ask	2 hours @\$50.00	\$100.00

On motion by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Woolford, Items #1-27 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” – Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagman, Mr. Miller (except Item #18), Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford
Ms. Bracaglia
“Noes” – Mr. Miller (only Item #18)
“Abstain” – None

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies on First Reading:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| a) File Code: M 2200 | Curriculum Content |
| b) File Code: M 2411 | Guidance Program |
| c) File Code: M 2622 | Pupil Assessment |
| d) File Code: 2624 | Grading System (Tabled) |
| e) File Code: 6174 | Summer School |

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policy on Second Reading and Adopt said policy:

- | | |
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| a) File Code: 1510 | Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities |
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On motion by Ms. Woolford, seconded by Ms. Seitz, Item #1(d) was tabled and Items #1(a, b, c, e) & 2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” – Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo, Ms. Hagaman, Mr. Miller, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Bracaglia
“Noes” – None
“Abstain” – None

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following resolution in regard to Automatic Increments:

WHEREAS, A-1299 (Geist) and S-1153 (Sinagra) would require school boards to pay all increments due under the expired salary guide until a new collective bargaining agreement is reached; and

WHEREAS, This legislation would overturn the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in *Neptune Twp. Bd. of Ed.*, which held that New Jersey statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:29-4.1) prohibits boards of education from paying salary increments to teaching staff upon the expiration of a three-year contract;

WHEREAS, A-1299 and S-1153 represent an intrusion into school district negotiations that will prolong and intensify negotiations and, as the Court found in its *Neptune* decisions, "teachers will have a reduced incentive" to agree to a new collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme court in *Neptune* found that "the practice of automatically paying an increment will limit a board's ability to respond to ever-changing economic conditions" and noted that "schools that need to cut budget growth will face serious problems"; and

WHEREAS, All other public employees are required to negotiate their ability to receive increments, and teachers alone will receive the benefit through this proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, By overturning the *Neptune* decision, A-1299 and S-1153 would prevent boards of education from meeting their obligations to manage their budgets effectively, remain accountable to their communities, and control local property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Bernards Township Board of Education opposes A-1299 and S-1153, and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Acting Governor DiFrancesco, Speaker of the Assembly Jack Collins, all legislators representing Legislative District #16, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the following resolution in regard to Subcontracting:

WHEREAS, A-2231 (Asselta, Gibson) and S-1126 (Ciesla) would essentially preclude the ability of local school boards to subcontract services; and

WHEREAS, the bills bar subcontracting during the life of an existing labor agreement in local school districts and would require a school board to give 90 days notice to the union and the Public Employment Relations Commission before it could seek bids from subcontractors for food, transportation, custodial and other services related to the efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, school boards are under increasing pressure to find the most cost-efficient way to deliver services without diminishing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions imposed by the bills are unwarranted; recent New Jersey School Boards Association surveys found that more than 90% of school boards that engaged in subcontracting provided accommodations for affected employees; and these accommodations included negotiating employment and/or interviews with the subcontractor, guaranteeing salary or benefits, severance pay, and phasing in subcontracting; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education believes that A-2231 and S-1126 would place further cumbersome regulations on the attempts of the board to deliver cost-effective education programs within its 3% budget cap and to control property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education opposes A-2231 and S-1126, and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Acting Governor DiFrancesco, Speaker of the Assembly Jack Collins, all legislators representing Legislative District #16, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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

“Ayes” – Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Borushko, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo,
Ms. Hagman, Mr. Miller, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford, Ms. Bracaglia
“Abstain” – None
“Noes” – None

XII. Public Forum On Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding computers for kindergarten.

XIII. Board Forum

No comments were made.

XIV. Executive Session

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 Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Chiappetta, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 10:45 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 11:45 p.m.

XV. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Alexander
Assistant Board Secretary