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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Borushko, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Chiappetta,
Mr. Finazzo, Mr. Miller, Ms. Seitz

ABSENT: Ms. Woolford

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 – 7:32 p.m. – Board Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: litigation; review of qualifications of persons under consideration for employment; matters pertaining to specific personnel; negotiations; confidential student 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. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:32 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 7:45 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**

No comments were made.

VII. **Student Representative's Report**

VIII. **President's Report**

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

1) Superintendent Valerie A. Goger read the summary page from the Special Education State Monitoring report. A full report will be presented by Director of Special Services Monica Butler on November 26, 2001.

2) Police Chief Thomas Kelly and Assistant Principal Ridge High School Frank Howlett reviewed the first year progress of Resource Officer Michael Voorhees.

3) Supervisor of Math Marian Palumbo reported on the spring, 2001 ESPA, GEPA, HSPT, Iowa and College Boards.

Ms. Seitz left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

X. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

Chairperson Chris Finazzo commented on refinancing of bonds and traffic light at Ridge High School.

Personnel Committee

Report on Progress

Policy Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16.

Curriculum Committee

District Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for October 11.

Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12.

Technology Committee

Report on Progress

Interschool Council

Minutes from September 24 meeting are available on website.

New Jersey School Boards Association

Report on Progress

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding refinancing of bonds, energy savings, Homework Survey, Excel program and Crisis Management.

XII. Board Forum

1) Business Administrator Joseph Barcellona explained the School Ethics Act A1755 and had Board members submit the signed Receipt Acknowledgment Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

Ms. Borushko recognized community service by students and staff.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Mr. Chiappetta, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Alexander
Assistant Board Secretary