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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

**I. Salute to Flag**

**II. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mr. Bernstein (arrived at 7:47 p.m.), Ms. Borushko, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Chiappetta, Mr. Finazzo (arrived at 7:51 p.m.), Ms. Hagaman, Mr. Miller, Ms. Seitz, Ms. Woolford, Mr. Barcellona, Ms. Goger

ABSENT: None

**III. Statement of Public Notice**

This is 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 Cedar Hill Annex.

**IV. Executive Session – 7:48 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 Mr. Miller, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:48 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Finazzo, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 8:02 p.m.

V. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:02 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) Ridge High Principal Richard Stotler presented the National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students:

**National Merit Semi-Finalists**

Shinzong Lee  
Kristen Lunny  
Sarah Rogers

**National Merit Commended Students**

Ariel Dowling  
Karen Dowling  
Meredith Ducz  
Matthew Ellis  
Brian Funk  
Dan Jaeger  
Thomas Kelly  
Michael Koeckert  
Ralph Lufkin  
Asha Marathe  
Jeffrey Novack  
Robert Schmidt  
Nahid Sorooshyari  
Derek Tumolo  
Jamie Yang

2) Ms. Regina Rudolph Director of Human Resources and Ms. Cheryl Dyer Supervisor of World Cultures presented the background and overview of the Multi-Year Equity Plan.

3) Ms. Cheryl Dyer Supervisor of World Cultures discussed Character Education in curriculum and staff development.

## **X. Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee**

Chairperson Chris Finazzo mentioned the new budget, fuel costs, educational facilities and construction activities.

### **Personnel Committee**

No report was made.

### **Policy Committee**

No report was made.

### **Curriculum Committee**

Chairperson Patty Seitz reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed curriculum revisions grades 4-8 and noted the next meeting will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Technology Committee**

Chairperson Henry Miller will present an update at the next Board meeting.

### **Interschool Council**

Liaison Linette Hagaman reported the discussion at the last Interschool Council meeting included fund raising guidelines, sexual harassment posters and snow chains.

### **New Jersey School Boards Association**

No report was made.

## **XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items**

Ms. Jenna Catalano made comments regarding the Assistant Cheerleading coach position and a question was raised by a member of the public regarding discussion of an all day kindergarten program.

## **XII. Board Forum**

Comments were made regarding the special education petition from New Jersey School Board Association and utilization of the track at Ridge High School.

## **XIII. Executive Session**

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On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 9:11 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Borushko, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the Board returned to public session at 9:52 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 9:52 p.m.

#### XIV. **Personnel Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approves the emergent hiring of **Jenna Catalano** as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend of \$1,029.

On motion by Ms. Borushko, seconded by Mr. Finazzo, Item #1 was 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

#### XV. **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Finazzo, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Alexander  
Assistant Board Secretary