

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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I. Regular Session – Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Markarian, Ms. Fox. Board Counsel Matthew Giacobbe

Absent: Ms. Hira, Mr. Molinari

IV. Executive Session – 5:33 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, f, g and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney – client privilege
- h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

On motion by Mr. Amin seconded by Ms. Csipak and approved by all present, the Board recessed into executive session at 5:33p.m.

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

On motion by Ms. Csipak seconded by Mr. Amin and approved by all present, the Board closed executive session at 7:12p.m.

V. Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:13 p.m.

VI. 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 the Board of Education Offices in accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231A.

For those members of the public who are unable to attend our meeting in-person, a livestream link of the meeting is posted on the district website, www.bernardsboe.com.

We very much welcome input from the public. There are two times during regular meetings that the public is invited to speak. One time is early in the meeting before the Board votes, when you may speak about any item that is listed on tonight's agenda. Towards the end of the meeting, there is another public forum to address any matter of public concern related to the schools.

When you approach the microphone, please state your name and address. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration. No participant may speak more than once during a given public comment session; the first public comment session will be limited to 30 minutes and the second will be unlimited. In order to run efficient meetings and to allow maximum opportunity for members of the public to speak, the Board reserves the right to set a different time limit for individual comments and the overall time limit for the public comment portions of the agenda. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.

As a courtesy to those individuals unable to attend our meetings in person, public comment may be made remotely through Zoom. Interested individuals should navigate to the district webpage, www.bernardsboe.com, and select "Board of Education" followed by "Public Comment" to review specific instructions, or click [here](#).

Public comments made in-person will be processed first, then comments via Zoom. No public comments will be accepted before 7PM or after item XXII. Public Comment of the agenda ends.

Please understand that public comment portions of our agendas are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. The Board/Administration will respond to public comments to the extent possible. Any Board responses to public comments will generally be addressed during Board Forum, or during committee reports. However, all comments are considered and will be investigated and addressed as appropriate.

Please be courteous and mindful of the rights of others when speaking. Comments may not be abusive, obscene, threatening or irrelevant. Please understand that students and employees have specific legal and privacy protections. The Board is not permitted to respond in public to comments about students and employees. Please also understand that the Board will not be responsible for the content of comments made by members of the public. Members of the public are cautioned that they are speaking at their own risk and any personally directed statements they make may subject them to legal liability to the effected individual.

If it is necessary for the Board to go into executive session at the end of the meeting, we will provide an estimated length of time for the session and whether any action is anticipated to be taken upon returning to public session.

VII. **Student Representative** – Petra Deffenbaugh

Ms. Deffenbaugh discussed the happenings at Ridge High School that include the current standardized testing schedule, the student government elections for the 2023-24 School Year, the upcoming senior prom, the Forensics team heading to Nationals, graduation activities and fundraisers, the spring dance showcase, the upcoming band concert, a toiletry drive for the veterans, a visit of the student government to the Elementary Schools and an update for Ridge High School sports noting successes of various teams.

VIII. **Board President Comments**

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) 2021-22 HIB Grade Report
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated May 22, 2023.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **School Bus Evacuation Drill** for the 2022-23 school year:

School:

William Annin Middle School

Date:

5/9/2023

On motion by Ms. McKeon seconded by Mr. Salmon Items #1-3 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon,
Ms. White
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Superintendent Markarian provided a description of the Superintendent’s Reports items.

X. Public Hearing on Refunding of School Bonds (Item 57 of Finance agenda items)

Business Administrator Rollo provided further information for Finance agenda item #57-the refunding of school bonds and noting the advantages to doing so at this time.

No comments were made by the public.

XI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Comments from the public included the topic of the new Board Attorney that has been appointed.

XII. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following minutes:

May 8, 2023 – Executive Minutes
May 8, 2023 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. White the foregoing were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon,
Ms. White
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

XIII. Annual Approvals and Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the bylaws, policies, regulations and job descriptions on file in the office of the Bernards Township Board of Education for the 2023-24 school year.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby adopt the previously approved curriculum guides, textbooks for grades K-12 available on Atlas Rubicon, and Emergency and Crisis Management Plans for the 2023-24 school year.
- 3) RESOLUTION increasing the bid threshold and appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave boards of education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C., 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, James Rollo possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C., 5:34-5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Bernards Township Board of Education, in The County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey hereby increased its bid threshold to \$44,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints James Rollo as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of James Rollo's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize **Business Administrator, James Rollo** to award contracts up to the state prescribed bid limit and to advertise for public bid all projects above the bid threshold for the 2023-24 school year.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint **Jean O'Connell** as Appointment of Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator and Public Law 504 Coordinator; appoint **Sean Siet** as Affirmative Action Officer, Title II Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator; appoint **Stephanie Smith** as Substance Awareness Officer; appoint **Bill Larkin** as New Jersey State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, Asbestos Management Officer and Indoor Air Quality Coordinator; appoint **James Rollo** as Attendance Officer, Public Agency Compliance Officer, Open Public Records Act Officer, Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act Coordinator; appoint **Tom Misiak** as Right-To-Know Coordinator; appoint **Lisa Vitale-Stanzione** as the Title I Coordinator; appoint **Kathy Stotler** as the Title III Coordinator and ESEA Coordinator; appoint **Alex Blinder** as the Website Accessibility Coordinator; appoint **Kristin Fox** as the District Test Coordinator for the 2023-24 school year.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following statements which are reflective of the policy of the Board of Education and will be published at least annually in newsletters or related information publications of the Bernards Township Board of Education along with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Affirmative Action Officer, the Public Law 504 Coordinator and the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act Coordinator (PEOSHA) for the 2023-24 school year:

“The Bernards Township School District offers all students and staff equal educational and employment opportunities regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation.

The Bernards Township School District offers a free and appropriate public education and related services to handicapped students in an unrestricted environment in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Subsections 104.31 through 104.38.

The Board of Education believes that harassing, bullying and hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and the board prohibits all such harassing, bullying and/or hazing behavior at any time on school premises, at any school-sponsored function, or on any school bus. Any person who believes that he or she has been the victim of harassment, bullying or hazing, or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute harassment, bullying or hazing, shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official. The building principal is the person responsible for receiving reports of harassment, bullying or hazing at the building level. Any person may report harassment,

bullying or hazing directly to the Affirmative Action Officer or the Superintendent. To review the complete policy and procedures of the Board of Education, please visit the district website at www.bernardsboe.com.

Students and staff members in Bernards Township Public Schools are expected to treat one another with respect regardless of gender, color, race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. Inappropriate behaviors such as: touching of a sexual nature, gender based or sexual comments, jokes or name calling of any kind by students or staff are not permitted. For students, this also includes traveling on the way to or from school or on school property.”

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve membership in Somerset County School Boards Association, New Jersey School Development Council, Garden State Coalition of Schools and New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2023-24 school year.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **field trip destinations** for the 2023-24 school year, list on file in the Board Office.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Ridge High School Varsity Competition Teams** for the 2023-24 school year:

Baseball	Girls' Indoor Track
Boys' Basketball	Boys' Lacrosse
Girls' Basketball	Girls' Lacrosse
Fall Cheerleading	Marching Band
Winter Cheerleading	Sailing
Competition Cheerleading	Boys' Ski Racing
Boys' Cross Country	Girls' Ski Racing
Girls' Cross Country	Boys' Soccer
Dance	Girls' Soccer
Drama	Softball
Boys' Fencing	Boys' Swimming
Girls' Fencing	Girls' Swimming
Field Hockey	Boys' Tennis
Football	Girls' Tennis
Boys' Golf	Boys' Track and Field
Girls' Golf	Girls' Track and Field
Gymnastics	Boys' Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Girls' Volleyball
Boys' Indoor Track	Wrestling

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Mr. Salmon Items #1-9 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
- “Noes” - None
- “Abstain” - None

XIV. Finance Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated May 22, 2023 consisting of warrants in the amount of \$5,709,104.47.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the April 2023 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for April 2023, the weekly reports of Electronic Fund Transfers and Bank Wires For April 2023, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for April 2023.

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

- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the April 2023 line item transfers totaling \$300,203.00 the 2022-23 school budget, list on file in the Board Office.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve professional development expenses in accordance with P.L. 2007 An Act Concerning School District Accountability and annual Board resolution for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Name of Conference:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
B. Brooks	NJASBO Annual Conference	\$975	06/06/2023-06/09/2023
J. Rollo	NJASBO Annual Conference	\$1,075	06/06/2023-06/09/2023
K. Stotler	NJTESOL Conference	\$400	05/25/2023
W. Rope	NJTESOL Conference	\$580	05/24/2023-05/25/2023
L. Gallagher	Spectrum of Developmental Disabilities	\$350	03/20/2023-03/22/2023*

**Retroactive county approval given on 05/11/2023*

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the William Annin Middle School PTO in the amount of \$1,554.00 to be used for a PaddlePro Portable Net System.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept a donation from the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad of an Automated External Defibrillator and wall cabinet with a value of \$1,650.00 to be placed at the Ridge High School cafeteria.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby designate the stated personnel to sign checks on the following accounts for the 2023-24 school year:

General Account	Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer
Payroll Account	Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer
Agency Account	Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer
Unemployment Account	Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer
Cedar Hill Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Liberty Corner Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Liberty Corner Service Award	Principal or Assistant Principal
Mount Prospect Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Oak Street Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Ridge High Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Ridge High Athletic Account	Principal or Director of Athletics
William Annin Student Activities	Principal or Assistant Principal
Superintendent Petty Cash	Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent Petty Cash	Assistant Superintendent
Cedar Hill School Petty Cash	Principal or Assistant Principal
Curriculum Petty Cash	Assistant Superintendent
Liberty Corner Petty Cash	Principal or Assistant Principal
Mount Prospect Petty Cash	Principal or Assistant Principal
Oak Street Petty Cash	Principal or Assistant Principal
Ridge High School Athletic Petty Cash	Principal or Director of Athletics
Ridge High School Petty Cash	Principal or Assistant Principal
Special Education Petty Cash	Director of Special Services
William Annin Middle School Petty Cash	Cash Principal or Assistant Principal
Performing Arts Center Account	Business Administrator, Supervisor of Fine & Practical Arts

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby acknowledge the following parent groups/organizations for the 2023-24 school year which are using district schools:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Group:</u>
Ridge High	Fencing Association
Ridge High	Lady Devil Basketball Association
Ridge High	Lady Devil Softball Association
Ridge High	Legwork for Lungs
Ridge High	Rebound Club – Boys Basketball

Ridge High	Ridge Booster Club
Ridge High	Ridge Boys' Volleyball
Ridge High	Ridge Cheerleading Parent Group
Ridge High	Ridge Dance
Ridge High	Ridge Diamond Club
Ridge High	Ridge Drama Boosters
Ridge High	Ridge Girls Lacrosse Club
Ridge High	Ridge Girls' Gymnastics
Ridge High	Ridge Girls' Volleyball
Ridge High	Ridge Ice Hockey Association
Ridge High	Ridge Lacrosse Inc.
Ridge High	Ridge Marching Band Association
Ridge High	Ridge PTO
Ridge High	Ridge Runners
Ridge High	Ridge Sports Foundation
Ridge High	Ridge Wellness Club
Ridge High	Ridge Wrestling Parent Group
Ridge High	Sailing Club
Ridge High	Ski Club
Ridge High	Ski Team Parent Group
Ridge High	Swim Team Parent Group
Ridge High	The Goal Club
Ridge High	Touchdown Club
Ridge High	Winners Circle
William Annin	Annin PTO
William Annin	William Annin Middle School Athletic Organization
Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill PTO
Oak Street	Oak Street PTO
Mount Prospect	Mount Prospect Mount Prospect PTO
Liberty Corner	Liberty Corner Liberty Corner PTO
District	Bernards Township Parents of Exceptional Children
District	Destination Imagination

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the use of the following state contracts for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Service:</u>	<u>State Contract #:</u>
Atlantic Business (Ricoh)	Copiers & related services	40467
Beyer Ford	Vehicles	83470
Cisco Systems Inc.	Data communications & computer equipment	21-TELE-01506 /01506
Dell Marketing	Computer hardware & equipment	20-TELE-015056
FDR Hitches	Enclosed Trailers	19-FLEET-00879
Ford of Morristown	Vehicles	34919
Flinn Scientific	Scientific Equipment Supplies and Maintenance	17-Fleet-01035

Grainger Inc.	Industrial supplies & equipment	19-FLEET-00566 / 19-FLEET00677
HP, Inc.	Computer hardware & equipment	89974
Jewel Electric Supply Co.	Electrical equipment	21-FOOD-01749
Keer Electrical Supply Co.	Electrical equipment	21-FOOD-01748
Lenovo	Computer hardware & equipment	21-TELE-01428
Pemberton Electrical Supply Co.	Electrical equipment and supplies	21-FOOD-01747/ 88955
R&D Data Products & SHI under Extreme Networks Inc.	Data communications products and services	21-TELE-01518
Stewart Business (Xerox)	Copiers & related services	40469
Tele Measurements Inc.	Video Teleconferencing Equipment & Services	81123
VWR International	Scientific Equipment Supplies and Maintenance	17-FLEET-01037
W.B. Mason Company, Inc.	Office Supplies and Recycled Copy Paper	0000003

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the designation of the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger as official district newspapers for the 2023-24 school year.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the business administrator to open accounts, transfer, invest and maintain funds in the best interest of the Board of Education in the following approved public depositories for the 2023-24 school year:

New Jersey Cash Management
MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp.
Wells Fargo Bank
Kearny Bank
US Bank

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following tax shelter annuity companies for the 2023-24 school year:

The Legend Group
AXA Equitable Insurance Company
MetLife Resources
Lincoln Investments
VALIC
Security Benefit

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby resolve to maintain membership for the 2023-24 school year in the following purchasing cooperatives: Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing, and the Educational Services Commission of NJ (Middlesex).

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the Facility Use Fees for the 2023-24 school year; schedule on file in the Board office.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the subscription busing rate of \$900.00 for the 2023-24 School Year.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve contract renewal R&L Data Centers Incorporated to provide payroll related services for the 2023-24 school year.

17) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the “Board”) to engage Board attorney services for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Adams, Guttierrez, Lattiboudere LLC for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Adams, Guttierrez, Lattiboudere LLC to provide Board attorney services to the Board has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated in the Board’s 2023-24 budget for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The services of the following firm are hereby engaged to serve as an attorney for the Board for a period not to exceed one year:

Adams Gutierrez & Lattiboudere, LLC
Woodbridge Towers
555 Route 1 South, Suite 240
Iselin, NJ 08830

2. The services to be rendered by the Board’s attorney are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

18) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the “Board”) to engage property and casualty insurance services for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. to provide property and casualty insurance services to the Board has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated in the Board's 2023-24 budget for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The services of the following firm are hereby engaged to provide property and casualty insurance services for the Board for a period not to exceed one year:

Arthur J. Gallagher
707 State Road
Princeton, NJ 08542

2. The services to be rendered by the Board's property and casualty insurance are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Educational Data Services, Inc. to provide bidding services with a licensing and maintenance fee of \$13,430, time and material bid of \$2,000.00, and right-to-know services at a cost of \$5,380.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 et seq. for the purposes of providing insurance broker services for employee health benefits for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and does hereby approve the negotiated agreement for those services at a flat fee, exclusive of any commissions in the amount of \$85,000.00.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the law firm of Murphy McKeon, P.C. as special counsel for construction and public contracting matters for the 2023-24 school year. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the local public contracts law as a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and due to the technical and unique character of this field of endeavor wherein experience and knowledge cannot be practically measured.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Phoenix Advisors for annual financial advisory services for the 2023-24 school year and authorize the execution of a contract, not to exceed the bid threshold.

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Strauss Esmay Associates as policy service providers for the 2023-24 school year with an annual policy alert and support system fee of \$2,725.00, a maintenance fee of \$1,745.00, an annual policies fee of \$395.00, and an annual regulations fee of \$100.00.

24) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the “Board”) to engage the services of District auditor for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP for the coming year in the amount of \$60,000.00 which includes additional reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP to provide auditing services to the Board has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated in the Board’s 2023-24 budget for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The services of the following firm are hereby engaged to serve as District Auditor for the Board for a period not to exceed one year:

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP
20 Commerce Drive
Cranford, NJ 07016

2. The services to be rendered by the Board’s District auditor are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Dr. Matthew Speesler as District School Physician as per fee schedule on file in the Board office, not to exceed \$8,200.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Dr. Robert D’Agostini and Stephen A. Hunt as Football Team Physicians for the 2023-24 school year at a rate of \$200.00 per varsity game, not to exceed \$1,400.00.

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with New Jersey Sports Medical and Performance Center (Dr. Silberman) as per fee schedule on file in the Board office, not to exceed \$9,500.00 for the 2023-24 school year.

28) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Michael Petrizzo as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2023-24 school year at a fee of \$6,000.00.

29) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following tuition rates for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Program:</u>	<u>Tuition:</u>	<u>ESY:</u>
Kindergarten	\$15,956.00	
Grades 1 – 5	\$16,760.00	
Grades 6 – 8	\$17,549.00	
Grades 9 – 12	\$16,937.00	
LLD	\$48,251.00	\$5,361.22
Moderate Cognitively Impaired	\$37,120.00	\$4,124.44
Behavioral	\$49,982.00	\$5,553.36
FT Preschool Autistic	\$51,407.00	\$5,711.89
Autistic KG – 12	\$51,407.00	\$5,711.89

30) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Edvocate as Facilities Consultant for the 2023-24 school year at an annual cost of \$26,376.00 term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

31) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint Edvocate as contract compliance and monitoring of Food Services for the 2023-24 school year at an annual cost of \$17,616.00 contract term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

32) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the third renewal of the Food Service Management contract with Aramark Corporation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 2023-24 school year at a management fee of \$.2618 per meal served and a projected guarantee of \$325,000.00.

33) Whereas on June 7, 2021 the Bernards Township Board of Education approved an award to Aramark Management Services, Limited Partnership for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for management and operation of the district’s custodial, grounds and maintenance services and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby extend the contract for Custodial, Maintenance, Grounds and Management Services contract for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$4,175,709.46 to:

Aramark Management Services, Limited Partnership
1101 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

34) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the renewal of the contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., 1639 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a three percent rate increase and

does hereby authorize the Business Administrator to sign and process all paperwork necessary to said renewal.

35) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. for the provision of Stop/Loss insurance for the period 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 with individual stop loss set points of \$300,000 and a minimum aggregate stop loss attachment point of \$15,051,015 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract at a fixed cost of \$112.88 per month per insured.

36) WHEREAS BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION (hereinafter referred to as “BERNARDS”) has received a proposal from DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION (hereinafter referred to as “DVRHS”) to provide student transportation routing and scheduling services; and

WHEREAS DVRHS and BERNARDS desire to enter into a joint agreement wherein DVRHS will provide the said student transportation routing and scheduling services; and

WHEREAS the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes public entities to enter into a contract with each other to subcontract any service which one of the parties to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating entities; and

WHEREAS DVRHS and BERNARDS are by definition local units under the said law; and DVRHS is empowered by law to provide student transportation routing and scheduling services; and

WHEREAS the provision of student transportation routing and scheduling services by DVRHS is economically advantageous to BERNARDS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that DVRHS and BERNARDS hereby agree and enter into the 2023-24 student transportation routing and scheduling services arrangement for the provision of student transportation routing and scheduling services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. at an annual amount of \$86,551.00.

In fulfillment of the agreement, the following are enumerated as the responsibilities of the Delaware Valley Regional High School Joint Transportation Department:

1. All Route Modifications and changes following the initial School Year routing and initial ESY routing. The Bernards Township Transportation office will be responsible for initial routing for both school year and ESY.
2. Creation and distribution of all bid packages, utilizing input from, and adhering to deadlines set by the Bernards Township BOE.

3. Process all Aid in Lieu and Non-Public applications and paperwork. Forward lists to BBOE one week prior to state mandated deadline for review and processing. Maintain work product in a shared directory accessible by both parties at any time (ie: Transfinder or Google Drive).
4. Create all bus schedules and routes for Ridge Gives Back program, working together with the RHS planning team.
5. The Delaware Valley Regional High School Joint Transportation Office will be the primary point of contact for parents, vendors, and school administrators between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am. This includes:
 - a. Receiving phone calls from parents and vendors.
 - b. Verifying locations of buses with vendors
 - c. Alerting School Administrators and BOE Transportation of vehicles running late. BOE will be responsible for the mass alert of parents.
 - d. Reporting issues or concerns arising from morning to BOE Transportation.
 - e. The district will collaborate with DVRHSJT to create a technological solution for a virtual phone number and a shared email inbox.

37) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby agree that the information provided in the application for the Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group is complete and correct.

The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the digital submission of the application for the Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group in the amount of \$13,834.00 for the 2023 Safety Grant Program.

The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby grant authority to the undersigned Official Representative (School Business Administrator) to submit the final required documents and digitally submit this application for review by the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group.

38) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a contract with Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. d.b.a. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield for the provision of administrative services for the period 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract.

39) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the "Board") to engage the services of an engineer to develop plans, drawings, specifications and provide project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Boswell Engineering (330 Phillips Avenue, P.O. Box 3152, South Hackensack, NJ 07606 -1722) to provide engineering services to the Board

and has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

The services to be rendered by Boswell Engineering are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

Boswell Engineering
330 Phillips Avenue
P.O. Box 3152
South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1722

40) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an amendment and submission for budget line item transfers as noted below, for the 2022 ARP ESSER III Grant previously awarded and approved in the amount of \$2,208,706.

Budget Line Item Transfers

Amount	From	To
\$150,000	20-487-100-600-000	20-487-100-500-000
\$150,000	20-487-100-600-000	20-487-200-300-000

41) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby amend the February 27, 2023 resolution for Applied Behavior Analysis consultative services for the district during the 2022-23 School Year with DATA Group Central in the amount not to exceed \$62,560.00 to acknowledge that the services to be rendered by DATA Group Central are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

42) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change order #GC-5 for J&M Quality Contracting, LLC to deduct \$1,500.00 which represents no replacing incorrect shelving related to the closeout of the WAMS Science Laboratory Renovations Project 19K082. The final contract sum including this change order is decreased to \$524,743.75.

43) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby amend the Board of Education’s approval of the May 23, 2022 for the proposal of audit services by PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP for the June 30, 2022 annual year end audit from a cost not to exceed \$60,000 to a cost not to exceed \$61,100.

44) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a regular school year tuition contract between Bernards Township School District (receiving district) and

Wallkill Valley Regional High School, Sussex County (district of responsibility) for student #2501983, residing at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County as follows:

For the periods September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and January 10, 2023 through February 16, 2023, student attended Bernards Township School District with a tuition cost of \$4,730.40 and transportation cost of \$360.00 for a total cost of \$5,090.40 owed to the Bernards Township School District.

For the period October 6, 2022 through January 9, 2023, student attended Bonnie Brae at a tuition cost of \$25,370.00 owed to the Bernards Township School District.

45) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a regular school year tuition contract between Bernards Township School District (receiving district) and Trenton School District, Mercer County (district of responsibility) for student #2502168, residing at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 with a tuition cost of \$11,352.60 and transportation cost of \$760.00, for a total cost of \$12,112.60 owed to the Bernards Township School District.

46) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a regular school year tuition contract between Bernards Township School District (receiving district) and Jersey City School District, Hudson County (district of responsibility) for student #2602164, residing at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County for the period January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023 with a tuition cost of \$1,892.10 and transportation cost of \$120.00, for a total cost of \$2,012.10 owed to the Bernards Township School District.

47) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a regular school year tuition contract between Bernards Township School District (receiving district) and North Brunswick School District, Middlesex County (district of responsibility) for student #2502320, residing at Bonnie Brae, Somerset County for the period March 29, 2023 through June 30, 2023 with a tuition cost of \$5,991.66 and transportation cost of \$392.00, for a total cost of \$6,383.66 owed to the Bernards Township School District.

48) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve bilingual speech/ language, educational and psychological evaluations for student #3802367 with Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$2,550.00.

49) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve bilingual speech/ language, educational and psychological evaluations for student #3502232 with Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

50) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a speech/ language, educational and psychological evaluations for student #3502220 with Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

51) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an AAC evaluation for student #3101914 with Integrated Speech Pathology, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00.

52) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an AAC evaluation for student #3602158 with Donna Spillman-Kennedy of Integrated Speech Pathology, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00.

53) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve occupational therapy sessions for student #307689 with Matheny Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$9,120.00.

54) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve services for student #307421 with Behavioral Analysts of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00.

55) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #2301187 from September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at ROOTS ABA Autism Treatment Center in the amount not to exceed \$169,200.00.

56) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following field trip destinations for Ridge Gives Back on June 1, 2023:

<u>Destinations:</u>	<u>Number of Students:</u>
11th Hour Rescue, Flanders, NJ	8
11th Hour Rescue, Roxbury, NJ	8
Bridgewater Adult Center, Bridgewater, NJ	6
Chabad of Greater Somerset County, Basking Ridge, NJ	5
Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, Morristown, NJ	20
Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, East Hanover, NJ	8
Stream Cleanup, Bound Brook, NJ	30
Temple B'Nai Or, Morristown, NJ	10
Trailblazers Camp, Montague, NJ	40
Ukrainian Cultural Center, Whippany, NJ	10
Willowwood Arboretum, Chester Township, NJ	20

57) Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Authorizing certain actions necessary in connection with the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$17,200,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding school bonds and authorizing the appropriate officials to do all acts and things deemed necessary and advisable in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of said bonds.

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2013, The Board of Education of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$23,745,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt Refunding School Bonds, Series 2013, dated February 27, 2013 (the “2013 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the \$16,750,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2013 School Bonds maturing on July 15 in the years 2024 through 2027, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board introduced a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) on first reading by resolution of the Board on April 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board held a public hearing on the Refunding Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to issue and sell such Refunding School Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (by not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 2. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the limitations contained herein and in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board (“Bond Counsel”), and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, Municipal Advisor to the Board (the “Municipal Advisor”), the power with respect to the Refunding School Bonds, which may be sold in one or more series, to determine and carry out the following:

a) the sale of the Refunding School Bonds by either (1) a private sale to a purchaser (the “Purchaser”) provided that the purchase price of the Purchaser thereof shall not be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds so sold; or (2) a public offering to an underwriter(s) (the “Underwriter”) to

be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with the Municipal Advisor;

b) the principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to be issued, provided that (i) such amount shall not exceed \$17,200,000, and (ii) such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Refunding School Bonds and to fund the deposit to the escrow fund as set forth in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (as defined herein) in an amount that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payments required for the Refunded Bonds;

c) the maturity dates and the principal amount of each maturity or sinking fund redemption amount of the Refunding School Bonds, provided that no Refunding School Bonds refunding the Refunded Bonds shall mature later than the maturity date of the respective Refunded Bonds;

d) the interest payment dates and the interest rates on the Refunding School Bonds, provided that the true interest cost on the Refunding School Bonds shall produce a present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds;

e) the denomination or denominations of and the manner of numbering and lettering the Refunding School Bonds, provided that all Refunding School Bonds of like maturity shall be identical in all respects, except as to denominations, amounts, numbers and letters;

f) provisions for the sale or exchange of the Refunding School Bonds and for the delivery thereof;

g) the form of the Refunding School Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Refunding School Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, ("DTC"), if necessary, and the Purchase Contract (as defined herein);

h) the direction for the application and investment of the proceeds of the Refunding School Bonds;

i) the terms of redemption of the Refunding School Bonds, if any;

j) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a current or forward basis;

k) the determination to issue such Refunding School Bonds on a taxable or tax-exempt basis; and

l) any other provisions deemed advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary not in conflict with the provisions hereof.

In addition, the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within ten (10) days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds' debt service and the Refunded Bonds' debt service, which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of Section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 have been met, and (ii) this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant to 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall execute a certificate evidencing the determinations or other actions taken pursuant to the authority granted hereunder, and any such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the actions or determinations of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as to the matters stated therein.

SECTION 3. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature the Refunding School Bonds in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve a Bond Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract"), if required, for the Refunding School Bonds, to be dated the date of sale of such Refunding School Bonds and to be executed by the Purchaser. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Purchase Contract.

SECTION 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to apply and qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance and to approve a Commitment for Municipal Bond Insurance (the "Commitment") setting forth the terms and conditions (including premium charges) upon which a bond insurer proposes to issue its bond insurance policy covering the Refunding School Bonds. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Commitment, if recommended by the Municipal Advisor.

SECTION 6. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Escrow Deposit Agreement (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement") with an escrow agent

(the “Escrow Agent”) to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, to be dated the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to act as the agent and representative of the Board for the purpose of subscribing for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series to be held by the Escrow Agent. In the alternative, if United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series are not available, the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to seek bids for the acquisition of United States Treasury Securities – Open Market Securities.

SECTION 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to select a verification agent (the “Verification Agent”), if required, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds. The Verification Agent shall prepare the verification report required to verify the sufficiency of the escrowed monies to refund the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 8. It is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to “deem final” (as defined under Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the “Rule”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented), a Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) and such official is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a certificate to the Underwriter evidencing the same. The preparation and distribution by the Board, in consultation with Bond Counsel, and counsel to the Underwriter, if any, of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Refunding School Bonds to be used in connection with the marketing of such Refunding School Bonds, is hereby approved and any previous actions undertaken by various representatives and officers of the Board with respect thereto are hereby ratified and confirmed. Upon the sale of the Refunding School Bonds to the Underwriter, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be so modified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, to reflect the effect of the pricing of the Refunding School Bonds and the Purchase Contract and any other revision not inconsistent with the substance thereof deemed necessary or advisable by Bond Counsel, and said Preliminary Official Statement as so modified shall constitute the final Official Statement (the “Official Statement”). The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

SECTION 9. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Certificate”) which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provision of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver this Certificate

evidencing the Board's undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Refunding School Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 10. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this resolution, the Purchase Contract, the Certificate, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Commitment, and for the authorization, sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds. The execution by such officials and officers of any such documents, with changes, insertions or omissions approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, as hereinabove provided, shall be conclusive and no further ratification or other action by the Board shall be required with respect thereto.

SECTION 11. If applicable, the Board hereby covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") of the interest on the Refunding School Bonds. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the ability to designate the Refunding School Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 12. All other resolutions adopted in connection with the Refunding School Bonds and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

58) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the year ended June 30, 2022 Annual Audit based on the draft financials and recommendation of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP the district's audit firm and amends the Corrective Action Plan that was approved at the April 10, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

59) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve disposal of equipment/ books for the 2022-23 School Year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.

60) WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Bernards Township Board of Education (the "Board") to engage the services of an architect to develop plans, drawings, specifications and provide project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has confirmed the terms of engagement with respect to rates and services proposed by Spiezle Architectural Group (1395 Yardville

Hamilton Square Road, Suite 202, Trenton, N.J. 08691) for the design of emergency roofing replacement at Cedar Hill School and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Spiezle Architectural Group to provide architectural services to the Board has been determined by the Board to be most likely to best serve the interests of the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bernards Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The services of the following firm are hereby engaged to provide the architectural services specified to design of emergency roofing replacement at Cedar Hill School for the term of the project in an amount not to exceed \$29,800:

Spiezle Architectural Group
1395 Yardville Hamilton Square Road
Suite 202
Trenton, N.J. 08691

2. The Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc, is appointed as the Architect of Record for the School District for the 2023-24 school year.

3. The services to be rendered by the Board’s Architect are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

61) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a transportation services agreement with Barker Bus Company for the 2023-24 school year. Route costs for the 2023-24 School year are as follows:

Barker Bus Company 2023-2024				
Route #	Per Diem Route Cost	Incr/Dec Adjustment Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Total Per Diem Costs Per Route
ROSS11	\$703.97	\$0.95	\$80.00	\$783.97

62) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a transportation services agreement with Barker Bus Company for the 2023-24 school year. Route costs for the 2023-24 school year are as follows:

Barker Bus Company 2023-2024					
Route #	Per Diem Route Cost	Per Diem Tier Cost	Incr/Dec Adjustment Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Total Costs Per Route/Per Tier
RH01	\$211.18		\$0.95		
CH10	\$211.18		\$0.95		
		\$422.36		\$100.00	\$522.36
RH12	\$228.73		\$0.95		
MPSPED4	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46		\$100.00	\$557.46
RH13	\$228.73		\$0.95		
MPP01	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46		\$100.00	\$557.46
RH15	\$228.73		\$0.95		
MPSPED3	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46		\$100.00	\$557.46
WA21	\$228.73		\$0.95		
CH01	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46			\$457.46
RH04	\$228.73		\$0.95		
MP01	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46			\$457.46
RH19	\$228.73		\$0.95		
CH05	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46			\$457.46
RH08	\$228.73		\$0.95		
CH03	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46			\$457.46
RH21	\$228.73		\$0.95		

MPSPED5/ ROSS10	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46		\$100.00	\$557.46
WA23	\$228.73		\$0.95		
MPPE02	\$228.73		\$0.95		
		\$457.46		\$100.00	\$557.46
RH02	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH03	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH05	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH07	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH09	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH10	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH11	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH14	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH17	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
RH18	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
SCVTA	\$164.56		\$0.95		\$164.56
SCVTB	\$104.22		\$0.95		\$104.22
SCVTC	\$104.22		\$0.95		\$104.22
SCVTD	\$164.56		\$0.95		\$164.56
WA04	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA05	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA06	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA07	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA08	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA09	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA12	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA13	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA14	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA15	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA16	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA17	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA18	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA20	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47
WA22	\$457.47		\$0.95		\$457.47

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. White Items #1-62 were approved by the following roll call vote:

- “Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak (no to item #10 only), Ms. Light (no to item #10 only), Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
 “Noes” - M. Csipak (Item #10 only), Ms. Light (Item #10 only)
 “Abstain” - None

XV. Personnel Committee Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

- 1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Linda Blaber** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Ridge High School effective June 30, 2023.
- 2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Sama Habibi** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School effective June 16, 2023.
- 3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Samantha Zukatus** Special Education Teacher William Annin Middle School effective June 30, 2023.
- 4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Agnese Gengaro** School Counselor Mount Prospect School effective September 1, 2023 through October 30, 2023 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave effective October 31, 2023 through January 30, 2024, returning January 31, 2024.
- 5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Sarah Maupai** English Language Arts Ridge High School effective October 10, 2023 through December 8, 2023 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave & Federal Family Leave effective December 9, 2023 through March 4, 2024, returning March 5, 2024.
- 6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change in Assignment/Location and/or Salaries** for the for 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
John Dyer	Systems Administrator \$97,876 effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 due to passing VCP Certification.	Systems Administrator \$97,876 effective July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 due to passing VCP Certification and then \$99,376 effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 due to passing CYSA+.
Nicole Polisenio	District School Nurse .2 at a salary of Step 8 MA	District School Nurse .2 at a salary of Step 8 MA

	\$65,316 effective March 13, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Salary to be prorated to reflect .2 status and start date.	\$65,316 effective March 13, 2023 through May 21, 2023 then District School Nurse .5 (.3 leave replacement for C. Gadd/.2 tenure track) effective May 22, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Salary to be prorated to reflect FTE statuses and start dates.
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7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Certificated Staff FTE, Step & Salary** for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Last Name:</u>	<u>First Name:</u>	<u>FTE:</u>	<u>23-24 Step:</u>	<u>23-24 Salary:</u>
Ambrozy	Kelly	1.00	23 BA+30 (1000)	\$94,424.00

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Krissy Uhler** Principal Cedar Hill School at a salary of \$165,943 effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Olivia Van De Brake** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 2 \$25.18 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective May 23, 2023 through June 16, 2023 as a leave replacement for A. Solli.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Nicole Poliseno** District School Nurse .3 at a salary of Step 9 MA \$67,563 effective September 1, 2023 through November 10, 2023 as a leave replacement for C. Gadd. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked and .3 status.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Colleen Murphy** Secretary Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 6 \$60,533 effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2022-23 school year and summer 2023:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Payment/Effective:</u>
Dan Askin	Graduation Assistance- SE WAMS	\$31.37 per hour 6/15/23

Matt Cahill	Math Placement/ Proficiency Exam Coordinator	\$40.00 per hour 2022-23 school year and summer 2023
Marguerite Cahill	Summer Scheduling RHS	Per Diem Rate/15 days
Dominique Coviello	Summer Scheduling RHS	Per Diem Rate/5 days
Linda Cuccaro	Summer Scheduling RHS	Per Diem Rate/13 days
Lois Garrigan	After Care Program-LC	\$30.00 per hour 2022-23 school year
Ryan Hughes	Summer Scheduling RHS	Per Diem Rate/13 days
Alyssa Inacio	Graduation Assistance- SE WAMS	\$69.33 per hour 6/15/23
Kim Kenney	After Care Program-LC	\$30.00 per hour 2022-23 school year
Catherine Krell	Graduation Assistance- SE WAMS	\$69.33 per hour 6/15/23
Ryan Leach	Graduation Assistance- SE WAMS	\$31.37 per hour 6/15/23
Stacey Osucha	CST Summer Intervention Meeting Assistance	Per Diem Rate
Amy Robinson	CST Summer Intervention Meeting Assistance	Per Diem Rate
Frank Rovelli	Translator	\$50.00 per hour 2022-23 school year
Catherine Rucinski	Graduation Assistance- SE WAMS	\$31.37 per hour 6/15/23
Elana Steinberg	At Home Visits-SE	\$69.33 per hour 2022-23 school year
Jackie Treanor	Summer Scheduling RHS	Per Diem Rate/14 days
Alina Vitukhnovskaya	Chorus Concert Assistance SE-MP	\$69.33 per hour

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Sections** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Extra Section:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Allyson Blanford	English 6 REVISED 4/24/23-6/30/23	\$1,168 per month
Marissa Fuellhart	English 6 REVISED 4/24/23-6/30/23	\$1,168 per month
Hanina Osborn	English 6 REVISED 4/24/23-6/30/23	\$1,168 per month
Jonathan Ost	English 6 REVISED 4/24/23-6/30/23	\$1,168 per month
Jill Stedronsky	English 6 REVISED 4/24/23-6/30/23	\$1,168 per month

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>2022-23 Stipend/Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
WA	Detention .2	Melissa Hale	\$937.80 0 years/0 points/\$0
WA	Math League	Shriya Satagopan	none

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Loc:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>2023-24 Stipend/Years/Points/Longevity:</u>
RH	Competitive Cheerleader, Fall	Julia Mueller	\$4,764/n/a

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff College Courses** for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Lori Thompson	Are You in a Pickle Trying to Figure Out How to Manage Stress	\$525.00
Melanie Doering	Are You in a Pickle Trying to Figure Out	\$525.00

	How to Manage Stress	
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17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Hershey Park Chaperones** at a salary of \$150.00 per diem effective 2022-23 school year:

Larry Migliore	Germaine Ogitis	Danielle Plagge
William Stanzel		

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Camp Jump Start Staff** for 2023 summer program:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
Brendan Amicone	Teacher	\$220/per day
Caitlin Annese	Substitute	\$180/per day
Jill Blumenthal	Teacher	\$220/per day
Pia Capone	Teacher	\$220/per day
Christine Corigliano	Substitute	\$180/per day
Anita DeAngelis	Nurse	\$220/per day
Jenna Falzon	Substitute	\$180/per day
Dan Georgetti	Teacher	\$220/per day
Jill Ann Hamilton	Substitute	\$180/per day
Rich Hartman	Teacher	\$220/per day
Kevin Karch	Teacher	\$220/per day
Brian McGowan	Teacher	\$220/per day
Laura Moran	Substitute	\$180/per day
Dina Noel	Substitute	\$180/per day
Germaine Ogitis	Teacher	\$220/per day
Jonathan Ost	Teacher	\$220/per day
Nicole Polisenio	Teacher	\$220/per day

Ryan Riess	Teacher	\$220/per day
Cara Rychucky	Teacher	\$220/per day
Courtney Slack	Teacher	\$220/per day
Victoria Sikora	Teacher	\$220/per day
Sarah Tompson	Teacher	\$220/per day

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff for **ESY Testing/Referrals** at their per diem rate for the summer 2023:

Phyllis Bresner	Stephanie Bianchi	Debbie Bune	Patricia Coto
Carly Cox	Jennifer Dempsey	Jenna Halpin	Margie Murray
Karen Martin	Jane McGarry	Kristine Mercurio	Cristin Roach
Lisa Romano	Kim Surrent	Marie Wurtemberg	Meredith Ross
Jess Dubois	Tracy DeFrancesco	Janel Hooper	Kelly Paprocki
Jennifer Ramos	Laura Gallagher	Dawn Gibson	Caryn Simmons
Dan Kulik	Chelsea Colonello	Alexa McCaffrey	Megan Januszanis
Caitlin Celebre	Tara McDonough	Carol Skolnik	Andrea Porchiazzo
Beth Calabrese	Maria Armanini		

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following staff for **Summer IEP Meetings** at salary of \$71.62 per hour for the summer 2023:

Lisa Fillipini	Jennifer D'Armiento	Vivian Longo	Emily Lipnick
Penny Iannella	Sara Maupai	Brian Scott	Madeline Greene
Marisa Marcus	Sarah Tompson	Laura Moran	Tara Cascarelli
Matthew Lyons	Julie Harding	Christine Flanagan	Melissa Hale
Christian O'Brien	Jacob Reichman	Kathy Forsell	Robin Wells
Courtney Slack	Katie Donahue	Caitlin Annese	Renee Kiernan
Jessica Malta	Jill Blumenthal		

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby appoint the following **Substitute Teachers** at a salary of \$125.00 per diem and **Substitute Nurses** at a salary of \$250.00 per diem 2022-23 school year. Additionally, all Substitute Teachers and Substitute Nurses who complete the NJ Mandated Training through Global Compliance Network will receive one half day pay prorated at \$62.50 per diem for Substitute Teachers and \$125.00 for Substitute Nurses for the 2022-23 school year:

Riley Aviles
Lael Keller
Kristen Brady

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Cara Zotti** as an Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 5 \$28.41 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 1, 2023 through June 17, 2024.

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Melissa Johnson** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary Step 1 \$24.58 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective May 23, 2023 through June 16, 2023 as a leave replacement for J. Gebbia.

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Amal Youssef** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Oak Street School at a salary of Step 3 \$25.80 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective June 1, 2023 through June 16, 2023.

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 school years:

<u>Staff Member:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Payment:</u>
Lance Jordan	Network/IT Consulting	\$69.33 per hour effective until August 31, 2023 not to exceed 100 hours
Eddie Lara	Network/IT Consulting	\$69.33 per hour effective until August 31, 2023 not to exceed 100 hours

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Ekta Desai** Assistant to the Business Administrator at a salary of \$78,000 effective June 26, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Alicia Schauer** Accounts Payable District Office at a salary of \$65,000 effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

- “Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - None

Superintendent Markarian noted the appointment of Krissy Uhler to the position of Principal of Cedar Hill School. Ms. Uhler thanked everyone and described her employment as a pleasure and that being appointed is a true honor.

XVI. Policy Committee Report

Report: Committee meeting of May 1, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies on **first reading**:

- P 2510 – Adoption of Textbooks (Revised)
- R 0155 – Board Committees (Revised)

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies and regulation on **second reading** and adopt said policies and regulation:

- P 0144 – Board Member Orientation and Training (Revised)
- P 0155 – Board Committees (Revised)
- P 0169 – Board Member Use of Electronic Communication/Email/Social Media (Revised)
- P 2520 – Instructional Supplies (M) (Revised)
- P 3217– Use of Corporal Punishment (Revised)
- P 4217– Use of Corporal Punishment (New)
- P 5305 – Health Services Personnel (M) (Revised)
- P 5308 – Student Health Records (M) (Revised)
- P 5310 – Health Services (M) (Revised)
- P 6112 – Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)
- P 6115.04 – Federal Funds – Duplication of Benefits (M) (New)
- P 6311 – Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
- P 7440 – School District Security (M) (Revised)

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve enrollment of the following **staff members’ children** for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Employee Name(s):</u>	<u>Grade(s):</u>
Monica Acevedo	3, 5, 7

Shannon Baumann	2, 3
Nick and Katherine Beykirch	3, 5, 7
Allyson Blanford	9, 12
Matt and Marguerite Cahill	9, 12
Jennifer Cook	5
Jessica Demcsak	3, 8, 10
Michael Fackelman	11, 11
Stephanie Fletcher	10
Kimberly Genualdi	6
Nicole Gilmore	8
Mary Anne Kopecki	K
Jessica Kovacs and Cindy Cicchino	4, 8, 9
Kathy Kowalewski	7, 10
Russell Lazovick	12
Tara Leu	1, 4
Frank LoCascio	K
Olivia Lopes	K
Ralph Louren-Torres	3
Sara Mastroianni	12
Jaime Mauro	7
Rachel Miranda	K
Christian O'Brien	12
Meghan O'Donnell	K
Mary O'Leary	10
Debbie Obligacion-Bune	7, 9
Stephanie Orr	7
Kara Rabouin	1
Vincent Randazzo	1
Jennifer Richardella	K
Laura Rieder	1, 6
Justine Rolandelli	K, 2
Maggie Rossi	K
Daniel Smith and Sherri Shumate	8, 8, 9
Kristin Thorpe	10
Denise Turner	11
Kelly Winkler	9, 12
Peggy Wu	3, 6

**Student names and school are on file in the Board Office.*

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Ms. Csipak Items #1-3 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - None

Ms. McKeon discussed the May 1, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting. Topics at the meeting included first and second readings of policies including electronic communications, parent organizations, adoption of textbooks and those described in Policy agenda item #2.

XVII. Curriculum Committee Report

Report: Committee meeting of May 5, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the purchase and use of the following **textbooks** for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Book:</u>	<u>Publisher:</u>	<u>Course:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Doing Ethics: Moral Reasoning, Theory and Contemporary Issues	W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.	Ethics and Ethics Honors	60	\$5,055.00
Exploring Civics & Economics	McGraw Hill LLC	Grade 7 Social Studies: Civics & Global Citizenship	120	\$39,974.40

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **New Course** for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Ridge High School	Algebra III / Trigonometry

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Mr. Salmon Items #1-2 were approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Mr. Amin, Ms. Csipak, Ms. Light, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White
 “Noes” - None
 “Abstain” - None

Mr. Salmon provided a report from the May 5, 2023 Curriculum Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included a new course, textbook recommendations, a Sociology textbook discussion, the Post Secondary report, summer reading, the Health Curriculum and summer curriculum writing projects.

XVIII. Wellness Committee Report

No report.

XIV. Facilities & Operations Committee Report

No report.

XX. Liaison Committee Reports

No report.

XXI. BT Connect: School Start Times/Triple Tiered Bus Plan

Mr. Markarian provided a presentation to outline possible options to adjust school start times to facilitate tiering of bus routes. To view the presentation please click [here](#). Following the presentation groups of residents, students, Board Members, and staff brainstormed pros and cons of the options shared in the presentation. At the close of the brainstorming session comments were made (see link below under public comment).

XXII. Public Comment

To view a summary of the comments made regarding the BT Connect topic please click [here](#). Several comments were made requesting that the Board consider adding the holiday Eid as a day that school is closed.

XXIII. Board Forum

Policy Committee Chair Robin McKeon suggested that the Policy committee consider Eid within the Board's policy on School Calendar. The Board agreed to refer the issue to the Policy Committee.

XIV. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Light and seconded by Mr. Rascio and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary