

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 6, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Board Office Conference Room**

MINUTES

In attendance: Keith Molinari, Nimish Amin, Timothy Salmon, Larry Rascio, Nick Markarian

I. Discussion

1. [P 2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams \(M\) \(New\) & R 2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams \(M\) \(New\)](#)

Mr. Markarian is working with the administrative team to add additional details and forms to the template policy/regulation provided by Strauss Esmay, when the work is completed (this winter) the policy and regulation will be presented to the Board of Education for adoption. In the meantime, the staff are using the language of the new law in conjunction with existing policy language within Policy and Regulation 8468 to process any threat assessments.

2. School Start Times 2024-25

Given the relatively short agenda, Mr. Markarian provided the committee with a brief explanation of the different schedule options that might be feasible for providing more opportunity for high school students to sleep and the associated implications of where money may be saved in transportation costs through bus tiering. The committee discussed a variety of questions/issues including a schedule option that could provide for more sleep for high school students without an expected savings in transportation costs.

II. First Reading

3. [2026-27 School District Calendar](#)

No comments were made, Board of Education members had previously given input on a first draft and subsequently this 2026-2027 school year calendar is proposed for first reading on November 27, 2023. Per BOE policy, second reading will be done in December so that the 2026-2027 school year calendar is adopted before the end of this calendar year.

III. Second Reading

No comments or discussion occurred on the below policies which had already been approved by the BOE for first reading. The below policies are on the November 27 BOE meeting agenda for second reading.

4. [P 0155 – Board Committees \(Revised\)](#)
5. [P 0169 – Board Member Use of Electronic Communication/Email/Social Media](#)

- (Revised)
6. P 1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)
 7. P 3161– Examination for Cause (Revised)
 8. P 3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
 9. P 3324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)
 10. P 3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
 11. P 4161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)
 12. P 4212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
 13. P 4324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)
 14. P 4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
 15. P 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
 16. R 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
 17. P 5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
 18. P 5460.02 –Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)
 19. P 7481 – Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS - also known as Drones) (New)
 20. P 8210 – School Year Calendar (Revised)
 21. P 8500 – Food Services (M) (Revised)
 22. P 8540 – School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)
 23. P 8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)
 24. P 9181 – Volunteer Athletic Coaches And Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (Revised)