BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

MINUTES

Work Session Meeting
April 26, 2018

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Tuesday, April 26, 2017 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mr. Hryczyk, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
Raymond Hryczyk, President
William J. Meisner, Ed.D.
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D. Vice-President
Joseph Zarra, Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools

Absent at roll call:
Jason Kim (arrived at 5:07pm)
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D. Vice President

Also in attendance:
Howard Lerner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
John Susino, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator
Andrea Sheridan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Richard Panicucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction
William Soukas, Esq., Board Attorney
Gary Hall, Coordinator of Human Resources
Ava Miller, Assistant Board Secretary

All present pledged allegiance to the United States of America.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Vocational Education in the County of Bergen has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on a bulletin board prominently displayed in lobby of the Board offices and by: The Record and Herald News

The district is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.”
PRESENTATION

Recognition of the Girls Fencing Team
William Muller, Director of Athletics honored the Girls Fencing Team and presented them with certificates of achievement. The 2017-18 Girls Varsity Fencing team had many outstanding accomplishments this season. They include the BPFL league championship, the District 5 title and capturing its second straight state championship.

Junior, Casey Chan, who helped lead Bergen Tech the state championship, finished second at state individuals, and went undefeated in dual meets in addition to winning the Santelli Tournament. Chan is 2017-2018 Girls Fencer of the Year.
We had four All-State:
Casey Chan 1st Team Sabre, Kaitlyn Gill 1st Team Epee, Madeline Chang 2nd Team Foil, Lauren Kim 3rd Team Foil
Four All-County: Lauren Kim 1st Place Foil, Madeline Chang 2nd Place Foil, Christine Choi 3rd Place Foil, Ayaka Hoshida 2nd Place Sabre
The Foil Squad – (Madeline Chang, Lauren Kim and Christine Choi) – 1st Place County, District, States and Santelli
Through willpower, determination, mental toughness, and the commitment to be the best that they could be, the girls not only met those goals, but completely surpassed all expectations and cemented our girls fencing, as one of the top teams in the state!
The team's list of accomplishments for this season is an incredible testament to their diligent work ethic not only to the sport, but to their teammates and academics, with three girls heading to Ivy League Schools this fall.

He thanked the coaches Erik Van Boeckel and April Dinallo and our fencers for coming to the meeting and all their hard work.

Nationwide Awareness: “Stop the Bleed”
Michael Tarantino, Director of EMS spoke to the Board about the program which was launched in October of 2015 by the White House. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained and equipped to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.
(see attached)

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS
The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

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DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

Mr. Susino informed the Board that the administration revised the amount of the resolution #18-F-186T.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no public participation.

ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION—BOARD ONLY

Mr. Hryczyk congratulated the girls on the fencing team. He said that the Board is very proud of their distinguished record and accomplishments.
He also thanked and commended Mike Tarantino, the director of EMS, for the outstanding job he and his staff are doing to insure the safety of students and staff by participating in the national “Stop the Bleed” program.

Dr. Lerner also commended Mike Tarantino on the outstanding job that he is doing with students and staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:25 PM by Dr. Meisner second by Mr. Kim. All members present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

“Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4–12, certain specified items are exempt from public disclosure and discussion. At this time, the Board of Education intends convene in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters, which fall under the exclusion of pending or anticipated litigation. Therefore, the public portion of this meeting shall now be adjourned. The results of any Board discussion conducted in this private session shall be made public at the earliest possible date.”

A motion to reopen the work session was made at 5:45 pm by Mr. Kim, second by Dr. Meisner. All members present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to close the work session and open the regular meeting was made at 5:45 PM by Dr. Meisner, second by Mr. Kim. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Miller
Assistant Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 5/31/18