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

MINUTES

Work Session Meeting
January 30, 2018

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 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
Jason Kim
William J. Meisner, Ed.D.
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D., Vice President

Absent at roll call:
Joseph Zarra, Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools

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.”
PRESENTATIONS

- **Business Partner of the Year 2017**

We are proud to announce that Snap-On Incorporated has been named the Bergen County Technical Schools 2017 Business Partner of the Year. Mike DeBiasse, Brett Payne and Terence Marey came to the meeting to accept a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Snap-On.

A vital component of CTE programs is the creation of partnerships between educational institutions and the business sector. These alliances provide students hands-on, real-world experiences that connect their academic and technical studies with future professional applications. On our Paramus campus, one of our longstanding and productive partnerships has been with Snap-On Incorporated. Snap-On provides BCTS/Paramus students in the Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision Repair technical areas opportunities to achieve industry standard certifications through their multi-meter and torque curricula. Each year, Snap-On representatives serve as proctors and judges for end-of-program performance assessment in our Automotive Technology program. Snap-On representatives sit on two of our Advisory Boards, contributing to the ongoing success of our automotive programs by reviewing curriculum on an ongoing basis to customize course content/sequence to the existing and emerging needs of the industry, recommending certifications, and participating in the design and delivery of project-based learning experiences for our students. This year, they partnered with BCTS/Paramus to expand their offerings by hosting a tool clinic that was open to students as well as the general public.

- **ATHS Engineering Design Lab Class Project**

Steven Cohen, teacher at ATHS and his Freshman Design Engineering Lab class presented to the Board their ground based robotic fire suppression system. Students worked with our corporate partner, Stryker Corporation, student teams were tasked with designing and implementing a remotely operated ground based device with a first person view (FPV) system that is capable of extinguishing a small fire. In their experimental setting they used 3 candles at 3 different heights and distances to simulate the spreading fire. Students used the design engineering process to come up with a specific solution to the presented problem and demonstrated the device’s efficacy to Stryker representatives in a mock business presentation. Students delivered a visual presentation, practical demo, and distributed documentation about their solution. Students participating: Joie Kelly, Carolyn Pomykala, Brandon Bigelow and Justin Meyer

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

Mr. John Susino, Board Secretary, noted that the administration revised resolution 18-A-88T. The resolution, as sent to the board prior to the meeting, contained a travel request for Superintendent Howard Lerner. Dr. Lerner has determined not to attend the professional development, and as such, the resolution was revised to reflect this change. The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

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DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

There was no discussion.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no public participation.

ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION—BOARD ONLY

There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:25 PM by Mr. Kim second by Dr. Meyerson. 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 5:50 pm by Dr. Meisner, second by Mr. Kim. All members present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to close the work session and open the regular meeting was made at 5:50 PM by Mr. Kim, second by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 2/27/18