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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
August 28, 2018

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The public meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Mr. Hryczyk, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
Raymond Hryczyk, President
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D., Vice President
William J. Meisner, Ed.D.

Absent at roll call:
Jason Kim
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
Bradley Wilson, 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: The Record and Herald News

The district is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.”
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Dr. Meyerson, second by Dr. Meisner to approve the following minutes:

Work Session Meeting: June 21, 2018
Regular Session Meeting: June 21, 2018
Executive Session: June 21, 2018

A roll call vote was taken to approve the minutes:

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BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

John Susino, Board Secretary, reported to the Board on various construction and maintenance projects that took place over the summer.

In Teterboro, construction of the aerospace classroom is under way. This is a six to nine month project, hence, Mr. Susino will update the board as the project progresses. The conversion of the old electrical shop into two general classrooms is also under way, but unfortunately, the construction was delayed due to permitting issues. It is now scheduled for substantial completion in mid to late September.

At BCA, the auditorium was updated with new seating, lighting and flooring.

The district continues the expansion of ATHS by gaining additional classrooms at Ender Hall. These rooms have all been painted and received new furniture.

Mr. Susino also thanked the custodial, construction, and maintenance staff for their hard work over the summer months to get the district’s facilities ready for the opening of the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Lerner shared some highlights of the many accomplishments our students and staff have had, including the following:

Applied Technology

- Applied Technology’s three day Summer Workshop is its largest turnout yet. The program was a hands-on mini course introducing the incoming 9th graders to the many uses of drones. The 10th graders became acquainted with control system design and an autonomous obstacle-avoiding robot car.
- On August 28th ATHS held Freshman Orientation to welcome its 65 incoming students, including the inaugural Health Professions class.
Bergen Academies

- The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards $50,000, $25,000 and $10,000 scholarships to extraordinary young people, 18 and under, who have completed a significant piece of work. Fellows are honored every year in Washington, D.C. with Congressional meetings and a special reception. Two of the twenty national recipients graduated from BCA in June and were actively involved in our school’s research program.
- In addition to the over 600 middle school students who participated in the BCA’s Academy After Hours program and Math Camp this summer, BCA ran its first ever highly successful T.E.C.H. Camp for 70 middle school girls. T.E.C.H. which stands for “Technology, Engineering, and Coding for Her” was run by BCA girls for middle school girls. The goal of the camp was to inspire rising 7th and 8th grade girls about technology and encourage them to pursue careers in Engineering and Computer science!

Paramus Campus

- The Landscape Design students began construction on the community garden in Fort Lee. The garden is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2019.

Teterboro Campus

- Four Teterboro students won prizes in the Peace Islands Art Contest. There will be an awards ceremony in September in Hasbrouck Heights. An 11th grader won second place and a tenth grader won honorable mention in the high school essay contest. A ninth grader won first place and an 11th grader won honorable mention in the high school art contest.
- A Digital Media 11th grader has built a video game which is now available on the iTunes App Store for free download on all iOS devices. The game is a classic, 2D, puzzle-platforming experience.

Athletics

- The 2018 Fall Sports Season is off to a great start with 440 athletes registered.

Day Care

- Students took a trip to the new environmental center.

Adult Education

- Created a short video for the Business Program to increase our adult enrollment.

EMS

- Working with the State to help other EMS centers advance their program.
BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS:

On the motion of Dr. Meisner, second by Dr. Meyerson the following resolutions were presented for action.

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BOARD DISCUSSION - CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

There was no participation.

BOARD VOTE CONSENT AGENDA

A roll call vote on the consent agenda was taken as identified above:

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OFF-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ANY ISSUE)

There was no participation.
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Meisner, second by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative. Mr. Hryczyk adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm.

NOTE: No further action was taken by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 9/25/18