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

MINUTES

Work Session Meeting
June 20, 2019

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Dr. Lawrence Meyerson, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D. President
Jason Kim, Vice President
William J. Meisner, Ed.D.
William Connelly
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
Gary Hall, Coordinator of Human Resources
William Soukas, Esq., Board Attorney
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

Culinary Program Awards – Paramus Campus

On May 10th, Bergen County Technical High School, Paramus Campus, competed in the 8th annual County Cook Off. The competition requires that students from multiple technical areas create a food stand and prep a bite size meal. Paramus Campus Green Building Trades students made a Mayan themed food stand in cooperation with Bergen Tech Art students, and our team of five culinary students made delectable rice balls with pork filling. Bergen Tech’s culinary program was the most awarded at the event, winning three prizes.

- NJAC Judges’ Bronze Award for Taste
- Chefs’ Silver Award for Taste
- People’s Choice Silver Award

Instructors and students came to the board meeting and presented everyone with samples of the delicious food.

Engineering Program Awards - ATHS

Steve Cohen, teacher at the ATHS and students spoke to the board members about their achievements.

Applied High School team of 10th graders Jessica Menjivar, Nazanin Moghani, and Gabrielle Villarosa placed first in The STEM C2 (Bergen Community College) Research Summit on May 14th which is a competitive conference that promotes the intellectual and investigative development of students, faculty and staff in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields and fosters strong collaboration among community colleges, high schools, and four-year colleges and universities in the state of New Jersey and its surrounding areas. The students won a $500 prize for a poster submission of their design of a child’s car seat to aid adults in preventing Forgotten Baby Syndrome.

Then on May 15th, Jessica, Nanzanin, and Gabrielle submitted their child’s car seat design dubbed the Puer Seat in the annual Thomas Edison Pitch Contest hosted by the Edison Innovation Foundation and PSEG Foundation which took place at the legendary Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange, NJ.

They were the winning team chosen from 45 teams in 13 states across the country who entered the contest this year. Their design incorporated a sensor to determine the presence of a child in the car seat and distance of the key fob from the seat. Also included was a buckled seat belt alarm that notifies parents when a child is buckled improperly. The students added a sensor that detects a high level of carbon monoxide in the car - another component of Forgotten Baby Syndrome. The students received gift cards, trophies and a 3D printer for their school.

RESOLUTION REVIEW

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)

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ANY ISSUE

Laura Martin, a District staff member employed at the One Stop Center as a Broker/Counsel, appeared before the Board to discuss her non-renewal for the 2019-2020 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 8/27/19