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

MINUTES

Work Session Meeting
May 26, 2016

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Thursday, May 26, 2016 in the Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Kim, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
Jason Kim, President
Raymond Hryczyk
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D.

Absent at roll call:
William J. Meisner, Ed.D., Vice-President
Norah Peck, Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools

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

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of 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 this school to all board members and the following:

County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
Editor, The Record
Editor, Herald News

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

ELAINE SCUDERI

Elaine Scuderi first came to the Bergen County Technical Schools Adult & Continuing Education program in 1986 as a part–time Administrative Assistant in the Evening School division. Three years later, she assumed full–time duties also in the Evening School, supporting students, staff and administrators with scheduling, tuition payments, publishing the catalog, and ordering supplies and equipment. Elaine also took on the added responsibility of working many Saturdays the last several years as programs expanded and new ones emerged. The majority of her hours of employment were non–traditional, but her friendly demeanor, always willing to help approach and expertise in organizational structures were nothing less than extraordinary. The thousands of students and hundreds of staff members who attended or worked in the Evening School division knew that Elaine was the heart and soul of what made the experience of adult and continuing learning important to them on an individual basis. Elaine made that difference each day for the last thirty years for the residents of Bergen County and beyond. She will be greatly missed, and hard to replace.

The BCTS Board of Education and administration wish Elaine the best of health, happiness and a relaxing future as she begins her new journey.

PRESENTATIONS

❖ Pat Casgrove presented EVVRS HIB-ITP for Period 1 (see attached)

❖ Rich Panicucci introduced Carlos Nodarse to speak about Mechatronics Research. Tonight we have BCA Principal, Russ Davis, one of our Computer Science teachers, Carlos Nodarse, as well as some of our students to talk about the work that is being done in our Mechatronics Research Lab. Mechatronics, or electromechanical systems, is a blend of programming, electronics, and mechanical engineering. The Mechatronics Research Program at BCA provides students with the opportunity to apply what they are learning in computer programming and engineering to real-world problems. As you will see from the small sample of projects that students will share tonight, this program gives our students the chance to investigate problems, brainstorm, and invent together with their teacher.

❖ EMS Recognition Week – Michael Tarantino

1. EMT – Our EMT program is 3/4 the way through and we have approximately 160 students in the program
2. Rescue – Our Rescue instructors are teaching different police department Emergency Service units – Ropes, rappelling and emergency moves
3. Hazmat Technician Program – We have one of our larger classes, students will graduate as certified Hazmat Technicians
4. Rescue Task Force training – We have trained over 200 students in a two-month period and currently have classes scheduled throughout the summer.

Mr. Tarantino thanked the Board for recognizing all our emergency medical services for the work they do.
REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

Administration 16-A-140T through 16-A-154T
Personnel 16-P-149T through 16-P-169T
Finance 16-F-187T through 16-F-214T

DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION—BOARD ONLY

- Mr. Hryczyk thanked Mr. Nordase and the students for their impressive and informative presentation. He was pleased with the students’ accomplishments and their active interest in Mechatronics Research. He encouraged the students to keep moving forward with their studies in Mechatronics, and suggested that their discoveries will make life easier and ultimately help many people.

He also commented on the EMS presentation. He commended Mike Tarantino for the outstanding job he was doing. He noted how impressed he was with the facility when he visited the EMS building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 6:30 PM by Dr. Meyerson, second by Mr. Hryczyk. 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 7:00 PM by Dr. Meyerson, second by Mr. Hryczyk. All members present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to close the work session and open the regular meeting was made at 7:00 PM by Dr. Meyerson, second by Mr. Hryczyk. 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 6/28/16