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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
October 16, 2018

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The public meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm by Mr. Hryczyk, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

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

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
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: The Record and Herald News

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

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

Work Session Meeting: September 25, 2018
Regular Session Meeting: September 25, 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 that in the coming weeks, the administration will begin the budget process for school year 2019-2020. This process begins with the business office providing principals and program managers with historical spending data on their budget lines. Principals and managers are given approximately 1 month to review, develop and present their proposed budgets, wish list items, and other recommendations to Assistant Superintendent Andrea Sheridan, and the business office. In December, all recommendations and requests are presented in a draft budget to the Superintendent. Dr. Lerner, along with his central administration staff, will work to draft a balanced budget that takes into account programmatic requests, fixed costs and revenues. Mr. Susino will then present this budget to the Board at its February meeting. The Board will then have one month to review and comment on the budget with action to follow in March.

Mr. Susino also reminded that the Board’s that its next meeting is the reorganization meeting scheduled for November 1, 2018 at 5pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The District is required to report specific incidents of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying to the Board of Education. We had two HIBs as follows and one non-HIB incident in the last month.

1. HIB Incident T-1, School Year 18–19
   Incident—Racial slurs and comments, insulted a student on the school bus
   Intervention—Parent contact, conference and individual student counseling

2. HIB Incident T-2, School Year 18–19
   Incident—Student was insulted based on his height and appearance.
   Intervention—Periodic follow-up, behavioral management with benchmarks and detentions

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

Applied Technology
• On October 10th Representatives from Stryker Orthopedics were at ATHS to meet with 9th grade engineering students. Stryker is a community/corporate partner with Applied Technology High School and provides a design engineering challenge for the students. The students will have six weeks to develop a creative solution as a team and will present their projects to Stryker at the end of the six weeks.

**Bergen Academies**

• Congratulations to students from the Bergen County Academies for placing second “Best in Nation” overall in the recent Technology Student Association (TSA) National Competition. Students competed in areas such as Presentation, Problem Solving and Digital Media. TSA is a highly recognized National Career and Technical Competition and we are proud of these students for their achievement.

• The Bergen County Academies recently hosted a Music Day by the Academy for Visual & Performing Arts. Several alumni returned to campus to teach a variety of courses to our current students. Our alumni also spoke with students about various career opportunities in the music industry.

**Paramus Campus**

• Bergen Tech Paramus had its first two juniors pass the CompTia A+ IT assessment. Professionals in the field only pass at a 30% rate. The staff is so proud that our youngest eligible students are meeting a milestone that would be difficult for IT professionals.

• The Paramus campus will be the first program in the district to start an after school wellness series. Staff from the surrounding campuses and central offices will have access to classes in yoga, meditation, and tai chi. The courses will begin before the end of October and run for roughly 4 months. The cost of the program is covered by the New Jersey Healthy Communities grant.

**Teterboro Campus**

• Teterboro’s Peer Mentors “SHIELD” celebrated The Week of Respect from October 1-4, 2018 by hosting the following school wide activities. 1) "Blue out Bullying" – All students and faculty encouraged to wear blue in support of World Day of Bullying Prevention. 2). “Chalk it up to Respect” SHIELD members wrote inspirational messages with chalk on our school sidewalk. 3) “Positive Message Board” put on display. 4). Teachers invited to wear jeans for a $5 donation to the non-profit organization, Stomp out Bullying.

• BT Teterboro Biology Honors 11th grade students visited the Hackensack Riverkeeper to spot some of the diverse wildlife of the Hackensack watershed and its vital natural and recreational resources. They boarded an Eco-Cruise, which is a fun, educational tour in a rigged 30-foot pontoon boat.

**Athletics**

• Girls Varsity tennis has advanced to the semi-finals of the NJSIAA Tennis Tournament

**Adult Education**

• The new Management Information class started October 15th.
• Adult Education has been approved and planning has begun for the production of an advertising commercial for Four Full-Time Day programs. Filming will take place Oct. 17 & 24, with selected staff. Students and employers will also be filmed giving testimonials.

EMS

• EMS is continuing the Rescue Task Force/Stop the Bleeding classes.

Day Care

• The Bergen Early Learning Alliance Child Care Center is eagerly anticipating Thanksgiving Pot Luck Night on Thursday, November 15.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS:

On the motion of Dr. Meisner, second by Mr. Kim 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. Meyerson, second by Mr. Kim. All members present voted in the affirmative. Mr. Hryczyk adjourned the meeting at 6:05 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 12/4/18