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

MINUTES  

Work Session Meeting  
January 29, 2019  

Board Auditorium  
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey  

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mr. Kim, Vice-President of the Board.  

ROLL CALL:  

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

Absent at roll call:  
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D. President  
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.”
RETIREMENT

CHARLES JOSEPH

Charles Joseph began working for the Bergen County Technical School District on October 1, 1993 and we salute him for his twenty-five years of dedication to the district.

Mr. Joseph has been a dedicated and conscientious worker and was always pleasant to work with. We would like, at this time, to commend him for all his hard work and extra efforts over the duration of his employment as a custodian who was also in charge of shipping and receiving at our Hackensack Campus. Charles will be missed by his peers and staff and especially from the Technology Department. He was always polite, understanding and had a positive attitude regarding his duties.

The BCTS Board of Education and administration wish Charles the best of health, happiness and a relaxing future as he begins his new journey.

PRESENTATIONS

❖ Audit Report 2017-2018 School Year

Dr. Lerner introduced Ralph Piccone from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP. Mr. Piccone presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018. (Report on file in the Business Office)

❖ Graduation Pathways Report

Mr. Panicucci presented Graduation Pathways Report. The report explains how our students satisfied the NJ State testing requirements for High School graduation. (see attached)

❖ Business Partner of the Year 2018

Andrea Sheridan spoke about Ms. Pooja Kapoor, Director of the Paramus Outpatient Center of the Hospital for Special Surgery, as our 2018 Business Partner of the Year.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

| Personnel      | 19-P-72T | Through | 19-P-87T |
| Finance        | 19-F-90T | Through | 19-F-114T |

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 Dr. Meisner 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 to 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 5:45 pm by Mr. Hryczyk, 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 5:45 PM by Mr. Hryczyk, second by Dr. Meisner. 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 2/21/19