The Board of Education held its Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The public meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Mr. Kim, President of the Board.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present at roll call:
- Jason Kim, *President*
- William J. Meisner, Ed.D., *Vice-President*
- Raymond Hryczyk
- Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D.
- Norah Peck, *Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools*

Also in attendance:
- Howard Lerner, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*
- Richard Panicucci, *Asst. 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.”
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Dr. Meyerson second by Ms. Peck to approve the following minutes:

Work Session Meeting: September 27, 2016
Regular Session Meeting: September 27, 2016

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 days, the administration will begin the budget process for school year 2017-2018. This process begins with the business offices providing principals and program managers with historical spending data on their program budget. Principals and managers are given approximately one month to review, develop and present their proposed budgets, wish list items, and other recommendations to Asst. 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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The District is required to report specific incidents of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying to the Board of Education. We have had one reportable incidents in the last month as follows:

HIB Incident T-1, School Year 16–17
Incident—ethnic, racial and hurtful slurs
Intervention—parental contact, Case Manager and SAC met with students. Counseling one day a week and a visit to the Holocaust Museum

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

Applied Technology
- On October 6th ZATHA students visited Versa Manufacturing and on October 7th they visited Sandvik Coromant. Both visits allowed the program to build new partnerships with manufacturers in the area to expand the program.

Bergen Academies
- On Thursday, October 6, BCA celebrated our annual Back-to-School Night. The evening afforded parents an opportunity to meet their children’s teachers and discuss strategies for success.
- On Saturday, October 8, the Academy Parent Partnership organization held their annual International Dinner for over 400 attendees. This event allows BCA to celebrate its diverse community and brings
together students, teachers and their families to promote the sharing of important cultural traditions as well as delicious foods from around the world.

- The Academy is proud to announce that 39 seniors have been selected by the National Merit Program as Semi–Finalists and an additional 87 with Commendations.

Paramus Campus

- Landscape students had their first harvest of vegetables from the beds they created which were funded by the Shaping NJ Grant. Bergen County Special Services Career Crossroads and Bergen Tech Paramus culinary students are using the produce from the beds in autumn meals. High demand for the produce has led to the creation of three more beds in order to double next season’s output.

Teterboro Campus

- The Teterboro campus is proud to announce that two seniors have been selected by the National Merit Program as Semi–Finalists for 2017. In addition, the National Merit Program also honored an additional 23 seniors with Commendations.
- On October 10th, the School Counseling Department, in collaboration with the Bergen Tech PPO, hosted a series of informational sessions for over 300 parents. Participants learned how to navigate BT’s online systems to be fully engaged in their child’s education, reviewed standardized testing practices, and discussed the college admissions process with a panel of college admissions representatives and students.

Athletics

- Boys Varsity Soccer advanced in the Bergen County Tournament beating Glen Rock.
- Girls Cross Country cracked the North Jersey top 25. The Bergen Record had them ranked 19th.

Adult Education

- 100% of our recent Electrical completers (11) and HVAC Completers (5) successfully met all requirements for the OSHA 10-Hour General Industry online certification course. Individual student vouchers were purchased for each student in an effort to provide a certification that is recommended for employment in the trades.
- Displaced Homemakers had a booth at the Annual Bergen County Job Fair on Friday October 7th. Staff was able to meet with job seekers, who may qualify for services under the grant. Also, two previous clients were representing their current employers at the Fair (Metro Public Adjustment, Inc. and DSW Shoes).

EMS

- During this month we are teaching the following classes at the EMS Training Center:
  - The Emergency Medical Technician, at Paramus and Mahwah;
  - Heavy Rescue Technician;
  - Emergency Medical Responder;
  - The Rescue Task Force program (active shooter/hostile incident) training; and
  - Specialized Rope and Rappelling training for Englewood Police, Emergency Services Unit.
- In addition to the aforementioned classes, we are teaching Continuing Education Classes, recertification classes and Hazardous material training classes.
BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS:

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

| Personnel      | 17-P-31T | Through | 17-P-43T |
| Finance        | 17-F-54T | Through | 17-F-70T |

BOARD DISCUSSION - CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

Ms. Peck informed the Board that she will abstain from the following resolutions: 17-A-40T, 17-A-43T, 17-P-39T, 17-F-55T, 17-F-57T.

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)

None
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made Ms. Peck, second by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative. Mr. Kim adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

NOTE: No further action will be taken today.

Respectfully submitted,

John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 12/3/16