The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Dr. William Meisner, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
William J. Meisner, Ed.D., President
Raymond Hryczyk, Vice President
Jason Kim
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D.
Norah Peck, 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
Richard Panicucci, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
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 lobby of the Board offices and by: The Record and Herald News

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

❖ **Academy student – National Finalist**

Russ Davis, Principal at the Academy, spoke about one of his students, Indrani Das and her research. He thanked Dr. Lerner and the Board of Education for their continued support of the Academies. Mr. Davis gave a brief history regarding the school’s participation in the Intel/Regeneron Science Talent Search. As you know, the Academies opened in 1992 – and in 2002 we had our first National Science Talent Search Semifinalist. From 2002-2010 we have had a total of 17 National Semifinalists and in 2010 we had our first National Finalist. Since 2010 – our “in house” research program has grown exponentially and Bergen County Academies has had 42 National Semifinalists and 7 finalists. This year, for the first time in our school’s history, Indrani Das took first place in the competition for her research in traumatic brain injury and won $250,000 for her outstanding achievements.

Indrani Das came to the Board meeting and spoke to the Board regarding her research and her future plans.

❖ **Teterboro Culinary Program Award**

Bergen County Technical High School – Teterboro’s Culinary program was presented with the 2017 Excellence in Action Award. Dave Tankard, Principal at the Teterboro Campus spoke to the Board about this prestigious award. The culinary program was selected based upon demonstrated success in the following areas:

- Maintaining effective employer and business partnerships;
- Demonstrating alignment to rigorous and relevant college- and career-ready expectations;
- Demonstrating a clear progression of knowledge and skills and student transitions across secondary and Post-secondary systems;
- Integrating successful career guidance and advisement;
- Integrating high-quality work-based learning experiences;
- Highlighting alignment to workforce and employer needs in the community; and
- Providing concrete data on the program of study’s impact on student achievement and success at the secondary level

❖ **Governor’s Educator Professional Recognition Award**

Four teachers were co-recipients of the GEOY Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Award for 2016-17. Each recipient was recognized for their achievements and excellence and acknowledged with a plaque.

Ken Zurich, BCA
Jon Bercovici, Paramus
Ken Cevoli, Teterboro
Gebhardt Zurburg, Applied Tech

Dr. Lerner congratulated the teachers for their contributions and distinguished accomplishments. He was very impressed with Indrani Das for her outstanding accomplishments and achievements. He applauded her for taking first place in the country in the Intel/Regeneron Science Talent Search.
REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

| Administration | 17-A-118T | Through | 17-A-131T |
| Personnel      | 17-P-118T | Through | 17-P-138T |
| Finance        | 17-F-183T | Through | 17-F-218T |

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 5:30 PM by Mr. Kim second by Dr. Meyerson. 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. Meyerson. 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 Dr. Meyerson, second by Mr. Kim. 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 6/27/17