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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
September 26, 2017

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The public meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Dr. 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 Schools for 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 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. Hryczuk second by Dr. Meyerson to approve the following minutes:

Work Session Meeting: August 29, 2017
Regular Session Meeting: August 29, 2017
Executive Session: August 29, 2017

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 prior to the start of the school year, the Motor Vehicle Services Commission inspected the district’s vehicle fleet for safety and compliance with applicable laws. He was happy to report that out of the 70 plus vehicles utilized by BCTS and BCSS, only two vehicles were cited for minor infractions. These infractions were corrected immediately, and upon re-inspection, the buses were able to return to service within the same day.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Applied Technology

- On September 7th Applied Technology High School students arrived for their first day of school in the new Ender Hall location.
- On September 11th-12th, the ninth graders of ATHS traveled to Club Getaway, located in Kent, Connecticut. Here they began building lasting bonds of friendship with their classmates and improved their problem-solving and leadership skills.

Bergen Academics

- The Bergen County Academies began the new school with their annual student convocation. Following a tribute to the victims of 9/11, the students listened to members of the Student Council and Administration. Students were encouraged to take advantage of all the school has to offer. The theme for the new school year, “Embrace the Journey,” was introduced and encourages students to find happiness and appreciate life while pursuing their dreams. Students and staff also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of the first Academy in 1992.
- The BCA Counseling Department sponsored a Washington DC Area College Tour for approximately 50 students. Students visited Georgetown University, American University, University of Maryland, University of Delaware and John Hopkins University. These tours
provide students the opportunity to get a feel for various college campuses and speak with admissions directors to learn more about each school. Students and parents expressed thanks to the counselors for providing this unique opportunity.

**Paramus Campus**

- Bergen Tech Paramus is running its first Makerspace course, which includes state-of-the-art equipment to engage students in all technical areas. The course is being facilitated in conjunction with the Bergen Makerspace in Hackensack.
- The Paramus Campus now has online summer courses for all full time students to keep students engaged in English Language Arts and Math throughout the entire break. This program is grant funded and aimed at educational loss prevention. Each of the eight courses is differentiated for students with a variety of learning needs.

**Teterboro Campus**

- TECH members were able to raise over $750 in support of the NJ Torch Run, which raises funds and awareness for the Special Olympics. The BCPD recognized the service group’s donation with a plaque that recognizes TECH’s work with the Run for the past 2 years.

**Athletics**

- All fall sports have begun regular season activities with some promising starts to our seasons.

**Adult Education**

- New Technology upgrades at Adult & Continuing Education: Open Student Information System (SIS) software is approved and being developed. This system will dramatically improve the school management and administrative system for full–time day programs. Also, an ONLINE registration system has gone live and made available for part–time evening classes.

**Day Care**

- The children and staff from BELA/Day Care are excited for the adventure of a new school year! We are all working hard and having fun too.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS:**

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

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BOARD DISCUSSION - CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

John Susino informed the Board that the Administration is withdrawing the resolution #18-P-31S from the agenda.


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)

Dr. Lerner shared with the Board an e-mail from a previous student who graduated from the Bergen Academies. The alumna thanked Dr. Lerner and his staff for the wonderful education that she received from the Academy which prepared her for accomplishing her career goal to do research in the surgical field of medicine.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Kim, second by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative. Dr. Meisner adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

NOTE: No further action was taken by the board.
Respectfully submitted,

John Susino  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 10/17/17.