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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bracaglia.

I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ms. Bossart, Ms. Bracaglia, Mr. Bryne, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch,
Ms. Seitz, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford (arrived at 7:32 p.m.),
Ms. Zarabara

ABSENT: None

III. Statement of Public Notice

This was a regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Bernards Township. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided and copies of that resolution were forwarded to the official newspapers as designated by the Board of Education and to the Township Clerk and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Offices in accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231A.

IV. Executive Session – 7:01 p.m. – Board Conference Room

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss the following: litigation; matters pertaining to specific personnel; confidential student matters; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Ms. Zarabara, and approved by all present, the Board recessed into closed executive session at 7:01 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Zarabara, seconded by Ms. Seitz, and approved by all present, the

Board returned to public session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting in the Cedar Hill All-Purpose Room at 8:05 p.m.

V. **Regular Session - Call to Order - 8:05 p.m. –All-Purpose Room Cedar Hill School**

VI. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**

VII. **Student Representative’s Report**

Student Representative Greg Shurts reported on Homecoming activities, Student Government, volleyball tournament, math contest, distribution of yearbook supplement, junior class prom and success of fall sports’ teams.

VIII. **Superintendent’s Report**

1) Cedar Hill School Principal Joseph Mollica reported on Cedar Hill School.

IX. **President’s Report**

X. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

Finance Chairperson Lou Carlucci reported that the committee met with the Ridge Sports Foundation to discuss guidelines for use of Lee Field and limitations of schedule, and to review the financial statements of the Foundation.

Personnel Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted the Personnel Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Paula Bossart noted the Policy Committee met on October 29 making minor suggestions to policies they reviewed. These policies will be brought to the Board on November 24.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Patty Seitz noted the Curriculum Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14.

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XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding policy on criminal background check, concern regarding the capacity of gyms at Ridge High School and the Ridge Sports Foundation extended their gratitude for the support of the Board of Education on the construction of the new field. Questions were asked regarding change in growth after move to full-day kindergarten and if there have been more children being driven to school due to subscription busing. A concern was raised regarding nonsupport of transportation to after-school care.

XII. Board Forum

1) Director of Special Services Monica Butler presented potential areas for benchmarking Special Education. Questions from the Board included the percentage of school budget designated for special education, test score breakout, student comparison with other districts, how the district compares with others in regard to instructional aides and the literacy support program.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Carlucci, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Barcellona
Board Secretary