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I. Salute to Flag

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Carlsson, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Koch, Ms. McGowan,
Ms. Smith, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Winter, Ms. Woolford

ABSENT: None

III. Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:08 p.m. – William Annin Middle School Auditorium

IV. 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.

We very much welcome input from the public. There are two times during regular meetings that the public is invited to speak. One time is early in the meeting before the Board votes, and you may speak about any item that is listed on tonight's agenda. Towards the end of the meeting, there is another public forum to address any topic whatsoever.

When you approach the microphone, please state your name and address. We do not have a specific time limit, but we ask that you keep your comments brief. Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. In instances where the Board feels that there is a misunderstanding or inaccuracy, a member of the Board or Administration will address it in the Board Response portion of the agenda.

There are times when a member of the public makes a comment or asks a question about an employee. New Jersey statute does not permit us to discuss personnel issues in public. Also as a matter of law, a Board of Education may only vote for or against the hiring of an employee upon the recommendation of the superintendent. If the superintendent does not recommend a person, that person's name is not listed on the agenda and there is no vote on that action. If it is necessary for the Board to go into executive session at the end of the meeting, we will provide an estimated length of time for the session and whether any action is anticipated to be taken upon returning to public session.

V. **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative Mark Schroeder updated the Board regarding the Homecoming dance stating that everyone who wishes will be allowed to attend with no advance sale of tickets. The cost is now \$10. The committee is working on refreshments and the ballots for King & Queen will be available on Wednesday. Last year the attendance was approximately 1,200 and it is anticipated that a similar number of students will attend this year. He stated that the new access road is a help to traffic at the high school with the left turn and going straight still difficult.

VI. **Business Administrator's Report**

Interim Business Administrator Ron Smith updated the Board on the construction projects stating that some phases at the high school remain ahead of schedule.

1) Dr. Goger spoke on and congratulated the following recipients of the annual Staff Recognition Awards:

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| 35 years | Carol Chamberlain |
| 30 years | Pat Rutledge Robert VanWageninge |
| 20 years | Sharon Mollica Timothy Mooney Ed Russell Mary Mortensen Siobhan Devlin Theresa Weniger Mary Knell Carol Leiwant |

15 years Gail Lavallee
James Buist
Jennifer Curran
Linda Nollkamper
Suzanne Wells

2) Trustees Jack Stillwaggon, Deb Schmatz, Susan Carlsson and Marshall Smith updated the Board on the progress and plans of the Bernards Township Education Foundation reviewing the following points:

- Background
- Explanation of 4 action steps
- Strategic Plan
- Committee Structure
- Grant research
- Scholarship funds
- Trustees' statements
- Grant writing proposals
- Overview of volunteer handbook
- Program development

VIII. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Board comments were made in regarding to Board participation in programs related to the Bernards Township Education Foundation, having “pilot programs” prior to funding, Board review of programs, Community Relations Committee as liaison with BTEF.

IX. Board Response

No comments.

X. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Chairperson Janet Smith stated the committee would meet on Tuesday, October 16, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A review of referendum projects is scheduled. The auditor will attend the November meeting.

Personnel Committee

Chairperson Lisa Winter stated that there was no report.

Curriculum Committee

Chairperson Leslie Stevens updated the Board on the last committee, which included a review of summer curriculum and Language Arts K-5. A technology update on Smartboards and OnCourse will be held at the October 26 meeting.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Susan McGowan stated the committee would meet on Thursday, October 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Director of Athletics Rich Shello will be attending the meeting.

Community Relations

Chairperson Susan Carlsson reviewed the first quarterly meeting with the Township Committee of this school year. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. location within the district to be determined.

Facilities Committee

Chairperson Lou Carlucci updated the Board on the committee meeting held prior to tonight's Board meeting. Discussion included the warehouse project, the solar project, suggestion to develop a courtyard at the high school, the paths between Cedar Hill & Ridge High Schools and development of a preschool playground at Mount Prospect School. The committee will meet prior to the next Board meeting bringing projects to the full Board.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Carlsson & Ms. McGowan reported they attended the Township Committee meeting on September 22.

XI. Public Forum on Other Than Agenda Items

Comments were made regarding the school funding formula to be released by Trenton after the November elections and the potential need to have letters prepared to send to legislators on this topic.

XII. Board Forum

Comments were made regarding the Board goals and NJSBA field representative's summary report. Ms. Winter will follow up.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Carlsson, seconded by Ms. Woolford, and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Ronald Smith
Interim Business Administrator