

**Board of Education Summary**  
**July 25, 2011**

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Goger certified that 409 students, including 51 classified students, graduated from Ridge High School in the Class of 2011.

**Finance Committee**

Chairperson Susan McGowan thanked the Cedar Hill PTO for their donation of \$15,000 to purchase library furniture.

Cedar Hill PTO President Karen Richman announced that Cedar Hill may get a grant from Lowe's for library furniture.

In July, the Bernards Township School district received \$777,421 in additional state aid for 2011-12. The Board of Education voted unanimously to use \$283,560 of this state aid to fund full-day kindergarten and \$70,000 for coaches' salaries at Ridge for the 2011-12 school year, which eliminates "pay to play" fees for athletics. \$183,000 will be put into the capital projects fund.

Renee Marchetti from the Bernards Township Public School Initiative group thanked the Board of Education for funding full-day kindergarten.

**Facilities Committee**

Chairperson Bill Koch announced that the roofing project and the Cedar Hill library/media center project are both on track. The patio project at William Annin is scheduled to begin shortly. A recommendation was made to use concrete pads instead of bricks for the patio, because the concrete pads are less expensive and more durable.

Energy for America (boiler monitoring) was implemented at Ridge as of July 1.

**Policy Committee**

Chairperson Elaine Kusel reported that Board of Education members are now required to undergo a criminal history background check. The Board will reimburse board members for the cost. The policy "Board Member Qualifications and Code of Ethics" was revised to incorporate this information.

Several policies dealing with harassment, intimidation, bullying and hazing were revised to comply with the new anti-bullying legislation, which takes effect on September 1. The Board approved those policies.

The policy "Funding for Current and New Athletic Teams and Extracurricular Clubs" was revised to provide flexibility in determining whether to charge a fee, based on funding levels.

**Board Forum**

During the 2011-12 school year, the administration and faculty plan to discuss ways to address student stress and academic integrity at all grade levels. Susan Carlsson requested that Dr. Goger update the Board on progress in this area at a future Board Forum.