

**Board of Education for the Special Services
School District in the County of Bergen**

**Meeting to Conduct Board
Member Training and Goal Setting
July 13, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Education for the Special Services School District in the County of Bergen to conduct Board member training and goal setting was held on July 13, 2023 in the Board Conference Room located at 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, N.J. Board President Gary Lentini called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present at Roll Call:

Mr. William Barnaskas
Ms. Kelly Epstein
Mr. Gary Lentini, *President*
Ms. Ana Marti

Absent at Roll Call:

Mr. Louis DeLisio, *Bergen County Executive County Superintendent*
Dr. Beth Lancellotti, *Vice President*
Mr. Michael McCarthy

Also in attendance:

John Susino, *Board Secretary/School Business Administrator*
Mitchell Badiner, *Director of Instruction*
Tara Bohan, *Director of Instruction*
Gary Hall, *Director of Human Resources*
Bradley Wilson, Esq., *Board Attorney*

- All those present pledged allegiance to the United States of America.
- Board Secretary John Susino read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act 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 Education of the Special Services School District in the County of Bergen has caused the notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on a bulletin board prominently displayed in the lobby of the Board offices and by The Record and Herald News.

- The following items were discussed by the Board:
 1. BCSS Program Review:
 - a. BCSS' Directors of Instruction Mitchell Badiner and Tara Bohan provided an overview of the programs throughout the district.
 2. Ethics Review:
 - a. Board Attorney Bradley Wilson reviewed with the Board the requirements of the NJ School Ethics Act, C.178, P.L. 2001. Mr. Wilson reviewed scenarios which may present ethical

challenges to any board of education. The Code of Ethics for school board members was reviewed by the Board.

3. Board Self-Evaluation:

- a. Board Secretary John Susino provided an overview of the Board's performance for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. Establishment of District Goals:

- a. Board President Gary Lentini presented to the Board draft District goals for school year 2023-2024. Upon examination and discussion, the Board determined to approve the draft goals at an upcoming board of education meeting.

5. Establishment of Board Goals:

- a. Board President Gary Lentini presented to the Board draft Board goals for school year 2023-2024. Upon examination and discussion, the Board determined to approve the draft goals at an upcoming board of education meeting.

6. Open Discussion

- a. The Board discussed the upcoming reorganization meeting. The Board members determined that Mr. Lentini would be recommended to serve as President of the Board and that Dr. Lancellotti remain as Board Vice President.

The Board also discussed committee assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. Assignments will be ratified during the reorganization meeting.

- Board President Gary Lentini opened the meeting to the public for comment on any issue:

There was no comment from the public.

- At 11:41 a.m., a motion by Ms. Epstein, seconded by Mr. Lentini, was introduced to adjourn the Board Member Retreat and Training Meeting. All members present voted unanimously. No member opposed the motion. No further action was taken by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Susino
Board Secretary

The minutes were approved by the Board of Education at a meeting dated 8/29/23.