

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

**MINUTES**

**Public Work Session Meeting  
January 24, 2023**

**Board Auditorium  
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey**

The Board of Education of the Vocational School District in the County of Bergen held its Public Work Session on Tuesday January 24, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. William Connelly, President of the Board.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present at roll call:**

Mr. William Connelly, *President*  
Mr. Jason Kim, *Vice President*  
Dr. Lawrence Meyerson, *Ed.D.*

**Absent at roll call:**

Mr. Louis DeLisio, *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 Curriculum and Instruction*  
Gary Hall, *Director of Human Resources*  
William Soukas, *Esq., Board Attorney*

**All present pledged allegiance to the United States of America.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:**

John Susino, Board Secretary, read the following statement as required by the Open Public Meetings Act:

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 Record and Herald News.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Business Partner of the Year: Mark Borst, Borst Landscaping – Presented by Christopher Capodice, Supervisor BCTS Paramus.
- Results of New Jersey Start Strong Assessment Report- Presented by Assistant Superintendent Richard Panicucci

- ATHS Cybersecurity Program Overview – Presented by Michael Yob, Instructor, and students

### **REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS**

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions.

Administration	23-A-73T	Through	23-A-82T
Personnel	23-P-55T	Through	23-P-67T
Finance	23-F-113T	Through	23-F-127T

### **DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA—BOARD ONLY**

There was no Board discussion on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATON — ANY ISSUE**

Board Secretary John Susino clarified that when an executive session was not needed, the Board would adjourn the Board's Work Session meeting and begin the Regular Public Meeting at the prescribed advertised time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:36 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Board; and

WHEREAS the Board intends to convene in private session from which the public shall be excluded to dismiss matters which permit the exclusion of the public, during which minutes shall be taken; and

WHEREAS the matters to be discussed fall under the exclusion of confidentiality required by Federal or State Law; impair a right to receive Federal government funds; unwarranted invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement negotiations; purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds; tactics and techniques to protect safety of property of public, or investigations of violations or potential violations of law; pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege; personnel/employment matters unless individual requests that matter be discussed in public; deliberations after public hearing that may result in imposition of penalty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public portion of the meeting shall now be recessed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of the closed session minutes shall be made available to the public by the next public meeting of the Board of Education, or upon approval of the minutes, and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion to reopen the Public Work Session meeting was made at 5:42 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

A motion to adjourn the Public Work Session meeting was made at 5:42 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Dr. Meyerson. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



John Susino

*Board Secretary/School Business Administrator*

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 2/28/23