

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

MINUTES

**Public Work Session Meeting
September 26, 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 Meeting on Tuesday September 26, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, N.J. Mr. William Connelly, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:

Mr. William Connelly, *President*

Mr. Louis DeLisio, *Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools*

Mrs. Jacqueline Gadaleta

Dr. Lawrence Meyerson, *Ed.D.*

Absent at roll call:

Mr. Jason Kim, *Vice President*

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*

Matthew Giacobbe, *Esq., Board Attorney*

Not in Attendance:

Sloane Kaplan, *Student Board Representative*

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

- BCTS' EMS Program presented by Michael Tarantino
- NJSLA Student Performance and Class of 2023 Graduation Rate results presented by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Richard Panicucci.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following resolutions.

Administration	24-A-28T	Through	24-A-40T
Personnel	24-P-21T	Through	24-P-34T
Finance	24-F-54T	Through	24-F-75T

DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

There was no discussion on agenda items by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA RESOLUTIONS ONLY

There were no public comments on agenda items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATON — ANY ISSUE

There was no public comment on any issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:24 p.m., a motion to recess the Public Work Session and move the meeting to the Private Executive Session, per the Resolution below, was made by Dr. Meyerson and seconded by Mrs. Gadaleta. 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 resume the Public Work Session meeting was made at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. DeLisio, seconded by Mrs. Gadaleta. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

A motion to adjourn the Public Work Session meeting was made at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Meyerson, seconded by Mrs. Gadaleta. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed. No further action was taken by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of

10/19/23