

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

MINUTES

**Public Work Session Meeting
March 29, 2022**

**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 March 29, 2022 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. 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*

Ms. Ivonne Enrique

Mr. Jason Kim, *Vice President*

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

Absent at roll call:

Dr. Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D.

Also in attendance:

Howard Lerner, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*

John Susino, *Board Secretary/School Business Administrator*

Andrea Sheridan, *Assistant Superintendent of Schools*

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

❖ **BCA Agriscience Research Program**

Russell Davis, Principal of Bergen County Academies, introduced teacher Clare Kennedy and her students to discuss BCA's Agriscience program and its accomplishments.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions.

Board Secretary John Susino informed the Board that resolution 22-A-99T was being modified to reflect a change in the cost of the professional development trip for Melanie Alston-Balaputra. The new requested amount for the professional development is \$632.11. The resolution was changed to reflect this amount.

Administration	22-A-90T	Through	22-A-100T
Personnel	22-P-102T	Through	22-P-116T
Finance	22-F-127T	Through	22-F-158T

DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

The Board acknowledged the change to resolution 22-A-99T.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There was no public comment.

ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION—BOARD ONLY

There was no further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:25 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. DeLisio. 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 discuss 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 adjourned; 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 work session was made at 5:45 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. DeLisio. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

A motion to close the work session and open the regular meeting was made at 5:45 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. DeLisio. 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 4/28/22