

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

**MINUTES**

**Public Work Session Meeting  
September 27, 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 September 27, 2022 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. Louis DeLisio, *Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools*

Dr. Lawrence Meyerson, *Ed.D.*

**Absent at roll call:**

Ms. Ivonne Enrique

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*

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**

- BCTS Self-Assessment Report 21-22 School Year – Bridget Sorem, District Supervisor of Safety & Security

- CTE in Service – Green Building Trades Works with Habitat for Humanity – Jeremy Wertheim, Principal BCTS’ Paramus, and Chris Capodice, Supervisor of Instruction BCTS’ Paramus.

### **REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS**

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions.

Administration	23-A-30T	Through	23-A-41T
Personnel	23-P-20T	Through	23-P-30T
Finance	23-F-52T	Through	23-F-74T

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

There was no Board discussion on agenda items.

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

There was no public comment on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION — ANY ISSUE**

There was no public comment on any issue.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:17 p.m. by Mr. DeLisio, 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 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 Public Work Session meeting was made at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. DeLisio. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

A motion to close the Public Work Session meeting and open the Regular Public Meeting was made at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Meyerson, 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 10/20/22