

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

MINUTES

**Public Work Session Meeting
October 20, 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 Thursday October 20, 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*

Mr. Jason Kim, *Vice President*

Absent at roll call:

Ms. Ivonne Enrique

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*

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

- Principal Russ Davis introduced musical instructors Michael Lemma and Benjamin Isecke. The faculty informed the Board of the many performances by BCA's Choral Group, as well as other performers and groups. The Choral Group performed for the Board of Education. With over 25 courses, the music

program at Bergen County Academies provides students with a diverse education in all aspects of music performance and production. The program offers opportunities to perform in traditional ensembles for local and national audiences. Additionally, students have the opportunity to hand-build musical instruments, wire and solder electronic music devices, record and produce their own compositions, and study music theory for college credit.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions.

Administration	23-A-42T	Through	23-A-52T
Personnel	23-P-31T	Through	23-P-40T
Finance	23-F-75T	Through	23-F-84T

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 PARTICIPATON — 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 5:16 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 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 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 Mr. Kim, 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 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 12/13/22