

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

MINUTES

**Work Session Meeting
January 25, 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, January 25, 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. Connelly, *President*

Ms. Enrique

Mr. Kim, *Vice President*

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

Absent at roll call:

Dr. Meyerson

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*

Ava Miller, *Assistant Board Secretary*

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 2021**

Andrea Sheridan spoke about Mr. Kevin Dellicker from Dellicker Strategies, as our 2021 Business Partner of the Year.

❖ **Recognition of 50 years of service to the community – Mike Tarantino, Bergen County EMS Director**

Dr. Howard Lerner, Superintendent, made the following comments:

In October of 2021, our own Mike Tarantino, Director of the Bergen County EMS Training Center, was honored for over fifty years of service to the City of Rutherford. His extensive length of service started in 1971, when he joined the Rutherford Ambulance Youth Squad. This path led him to serve as a Youth Squad Training Officer, Youth Squad Lieutenant, Squad Second Lieutenant, Squad Training Officer, Squad Captain, Corporation Vice-President, Corporation President, and as Chairperson of multiple committees.

Mike has seen a multitude of changes and improvements in the EMS industry. Ambulances, which were once high-topped car bases (usually Cadillacs), have now evolved into the custom built, fully-equipped mini-hospitals that they are today. Mike has been a vital part of the evolution in training, which has become more comprehensive by providing instruction to trainees to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients, from the routine call to life-threatening emergencies where timing is critical. Additionally, trainings now require 220 hours, as opposed to the 50 required in 1970 when Mike first joined the Youth Ambulance Squad.

Even as Mike continues to oversee training at the Bergen County EMS Training Center, he has continued to selflessly give his time to the Rutherford Volunteer Ambulance Corps, (where he is now the Captain) and he also serves as the Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for Bergen County.

Congratulations on your great accomplishments Mike and your tremendous service to our county and beyond.

❖ **Start Strong Assessment Results**

Mr. Panicucci presented to the Board the results of the 2021-2022 Start Strong Assessment Overview. A copy of the report is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions.

Administration	22-A-64T	Through	22-A-80T
Personnel	22-P-75T	Through	22-P-85T
Finance	22-F-101T	Through	22-F-111T

DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

There was no comment from the Board.

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 5:18 p.m. by Mr. Kim, seconded by Ms. Enrique. 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 Ms. Enrique. 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 Ms. Enrique. 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

2/22/22