

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

MINUTES

**Regular Public Meeting
February 22, 2022**

**Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey**

The Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in the County of Bergen held its Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday February 22, 2022 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The public meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mr. William Connelly, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:

Mr. Connelly, *President*

Ms. Enrique

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

Absent at roll call:

Mr. Kim, *Vice President (arrived at 5:53 p.m.)*

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*

Jack Zapotoczny, 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 The Record and Herald News.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Ms. Enrique, seconded by Mr. DeLisio, to approve the following minutes:

Public Work Session Meeting:

January 25, 2022

Regular/Public Meeting: January 25, 2022
Executive Session: January 25, 2022

A roll call vote was taken to approve the minutes:

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| Mr. Connelly | Yes |
| Mr. DeLisio | Yes |
| Ms. Enrique | Yes |
| Mr. Kim | Absent |
| Dr. Meyerson | Absent |

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Secretary John Susino requested that the audit and budget presentation serve as his report for the month. A copy of each is available in the district's Business Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

❖ HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING REPORT

The District is required to report specific incidents of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying to the Board of Education. The District had zero (0) HIB cases and one (1) Alleged-HIB incident reported last month.

- Incident: Alleged-HIB Case #3 – Teterboro - School Year 2021-2022

❖ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS, ACCOLADES AND OTHER IMPORTANT DISTRICT INFORMATION

Dr. Lerner shared some highlights of the many accomplishments our students and staff have had, including the following:

- **NAVIGATING SUCCESS THROUGH WELLNESS INITIATIVE**
 - Completed three-part NSTW parent series on "Parenting in the Digital Age" which included a guest from the BC Sheriff's office and the BCTS technology director.
 - Provided multiple groups and psycho- educational sessions at AHS during the break from college classes
 - Continued with Test Anxiety, Freshmen Transition and Life Hacks groups on various campuses.
- **INSTITUTE FOR INTERACTIVE DESIGN @ NORTHERN VALLEY – DEMAREST & OLD TAPPAN**
 - The 10th grade IIDT class is working on an interactive class website to present during CTE week. They are showcasing their work and information about themselves.
 - The 9th grade IIDT classes met each other during a virtual joint lunch event at both NVD and NVOT. The students took part in design-based competitions over ZOOM.
- **APPLIED TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**

- From December 1, 2021 thru January 14, 2022, the ATHS School Climate Team organized a food drive and fundraiser for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. As a school community, we collected dozens of boxes filled with food and we raised approximately \$900, which provides about 2,700 meals for those in need.
- **BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES**
 - Wharton Global Youth Program and Aberdeen Standard Investments have selected BCA's "Sky Investments" Team to the top 50 out of the nearly 1,300 investment reports that were received. They are now part of the Final 50 teams from around the world. Congratulations to the students and their teachers on this remarkable achievement.
 - Regional results for the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were recently released, and BCA had a great showing from our fine student writers. Students garnered 57 accolades in all, with 8 Gold Key winners qualifying for the national competition.
- **PARAMUS CAMPUS**
 - The Work Based Learning program launched this month on the Paramus campus. The goal of Work Based Learning is to provide students with skills and experiences that educate them about employment. Seniors began work on Thursday of each week. Participation has doubled during the first two weeks of the program and continues to rise
- **TETERBORO CAMPUS**
 - Bergen Tech had 31 students compete in the FBLA Northern Regional Competitions. Six students earned 1st place, three students earned 2nd place and five students earned 3rd place, one student earned 5th place, one student earned 7th place and two students earned 8th place. All students are eligible to advance to the state competition.
 - All Aerospace 12th grade students who participated in the StellarXplorers Semifinal Round have qualified for the semifinal round of the national competition which will take place later this month. They will earn a chance to attend the finals in Houston.
- **ADULT EDUCATION**
 - The spring apprenticeship program has begun with a record 165 apprentices.
 - New ESL classes are beginning in February. The testing requirements for the ABS grant have been met.
- **EMS**
 - On February 1, 2022 we completed our Fall 2021 EMT program and on February 8, 2022 we started our Spring 2022 EMT program
- **ATHLETICS**
 - Boys and Girls Bowling both won their County Tournaments.
- **One-Stop Career Center/Job Center**
 - A BCJC client who was trained to be a service manager & a computer systems administrator completed a successful On-The Job Training Contract. After he and was offered a fulltime position, he reached out to the Job Center and asked us to fill 3 computer tech positions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS:

On the motion of Mr. Kim, seconded by Ms. Enrique, the following resolutions were presented for action.

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| Administration | 22-A-81T | Through | 22-A-89T |
| Personnel | 22-P-86T | Through | 22-P-101T |
| Finance | 22-F-112T | Through | 22-F-126T |

BOARD DISCUSSION - CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

Mr. DeLisio informed the board that he will abstain from the following resolutions: 22-P-88T, 22-P-92T, 22-P-98T, 22-F-112T, 22-F-113T, 22-F-114T, 22-F-124T, 22-F-125T

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONSENT AGENDA ONLY

There was no participation.

BOARD VOTE CONSENT AGENDA

A roll call vote on the consent agenda was taken as identified above:

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Mr. Connelly | X | | | |
| Mr. DeLisio | X | | 22-P-88T, 22-P-92T, 22-P-98T, 22-F-112T, 22-F-113T, 22-F-114T, 22-F-124T, 22-F-125T | |
| Ms. Enrique | X | | | |
| Mr. Kim | X | | | |
| Dr. Meyerson | | | | X |

OFF-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ANY ISSUE)

None

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Kim, seconded by Ms. Enrique. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed. Mr. Connelly adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

NOTE: 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 3/29/22