BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
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JULY 27, 2026
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REGULAR SESSION 7:06 P.M.
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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22) Approve **New Jersey Commission for the Blind Services** 2026-27 School Year
23) Approve **Change Order Ridge High School Soccer and Baseball Field Improvements**
24) Approve **Athletic Training Services Agreement** 2026-27 School Year

XII. **Personnel Committee Report**

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10) Accept Resignation **Tara Uhrig** Instructional Aide LLD Program Liberty Corner School 2026-27 School Year
11) Accept Resignation of **Milly Zhou** Campus Monitor Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year
12) Rescind Appointment **Christopher Drews** Physical Education Teacher Mount Prospect School 2026-27 School Year
13) **Rescind Extra-Curricular Appointments** 2026-27 School Year
14) Approve **Paid Medical Leaves** 2026-27 School Year
15) Approve **Change In Assignments** 2026-27 School Year
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26) Approve **Caryn Simmons** Instructional Aide BD Program Cedar Hill School 2026-27 School Year
27) Approve **Nancy Spilletti** Special Education Teacher CBAP Program Oak Street School 2026-27 School Year
28) Approve **Lauren Ubaldi** Reading Specialist Liberty Corner School 2026-27 School Year
29) Approve **Various Assignments** 2025-26 & 2026-27 School Years
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32) Approve **Twilight Program Staff** 2026-27 School Year
33) Approve **Ridge High Mentor Program Staff** 2026-27 School Year
34) Approve **Staff College Instructors** 2026-27 School Year
35) Approve **Summer Curriculum Writing** 2026-27 School Year

XIII. **Policy Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of June 11, 2026

1) Approve Policies and Regulation on **First Reading**
2) Approve **Enrollment of Staff Member's Child** 2026-27 School Year

XIV. **Curriculum Committee Report**

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XV. **Wellness Committee Report**

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XVIII. **Public Comment**

XIX. **Board Forum**

XX. **Adjournment**

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I. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:18 p.m.**

II. **Salute to the Flag**

III. **Roll Call**

Present: Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz, Mr. Markarian, Ms. Fox, Mr. Rollo, Board Counsel Frances Febres

Absent: Mr. Siet, Dr. McKeon

IV. **Executive Session – 6:20 p.m.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, f, g and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

a. Individual privacy
b. Collective bargaining agreements
c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
f. Pending or anticipated litigation
g. Attorney – client privilege
h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

V. **Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.**

VI. **Statement of Public Notice**

This is a regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Bernards Township. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided and copies of that resolution were forwarded to the official newspapers as designated by the Board of Education and to the Township Clerk and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Offices in accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231A.

For those members of the public who cannot attend our meeting in person, a livestream link to the meeting is posted on the district website, www.bernardsboe.com.

We very much welcome input from the public. There are two times during regular meetings that the public is invited to speak. One time is early in the meeting before the Board votes, when you may speak about any item that is listed on tonight's agenda. Towards the end of the meeting, there is another public forum to address any matter of public concern related to the schools.

When you approach the microphone, please state your name and address. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration. No participant may speak more than once during a given public comment session; the first public comment session will be limited to 30 minutes and the second will be unlimited. In order to run efficient meetings and to allow maximum opportunity for members of the public to speak, the Board reserves the right to set a different time limit for individual comments and the overall time limit for the public comment portions of the agenda. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually. No public comments will be accepted before 7:00 PM or after item XVIII. Public Comment of the agenda ends.

Please understand that public comment portions of our agendas are not structured as question-and-answer sessions but are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. The Board/Administration will respond to public comments to the extent possible. Any Board responses to public comments will generally be addressed during Board Forum or committee reports. However, all comments are considered and will be investigated and addressed as appropriate.

Please be courteous and mindful of the rights of others when speaking. Comments may not be abusive, obscene, threatening or irrelevant. Please understand that students and employees have specific legal and privacy protections. The Board is not permitted to respond in public to comments about students and employees. Please also understand that the Board will not be responsible for the content of comments made by members of the public. Members of the public are cautioned

that they are speaking at their own risk and any personally directed statements they make may subject them to legal liability to the affected individual.

If it is necessary for the Board to go into executive session at the end of the meeting, we will provide an estimated length of time for the session and whether any action is anticipated to be taken upon returning to public session.

VII. **Board President Comments**

No comments

VIII. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) School Safety Data Report for Reporting Period 1 2025-26 School Year

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated July 27, 2026.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Ridge High School Varsity Competition Teams** for the 2026-27 school year:

Unified Soccer
Unified Basketball
Unified Track

4) As required by state statute, Superintendent Nick Markarian does hereby certify the **Ridge High School Class of 2026** graduated the following number of students:

The total number of students graduated:	396
The total number of students denied graduation from the twelfth grade class:	0

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the **Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan** for the 2026-27 school year.

Superintendent Markarian gave an overview of the agenda items under the superintendent report.

On motion by Mr. Molinari seconded by Mr. Talbot items #1-5 were approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" -Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

IX. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comment

X. **Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following minutes:

June 15, 2026 – Executive Session Minutes
June 15, 2026 – Regular Session Minutes

On motion by Ms. Corrado seconded by Mr. Omelianuk the foregoing was approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" -Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

XI. **Finance Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of June 11, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated June 30, 2026 consisting of warrants in the amount of $6,404,191.12.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated July 27, 2026 consisting of warrants in the amount of $3,866,204.98.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve professional development expenses in accordance with P.L. 2007 An Act Concerning School District Accountability and annual Board resolution for the 2026-27 school year:

Name:	Name of Conference:	Cost:	Dates:

Kathleen Dusebout	A Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum for Adolescents & Yoga in Schools	*$2,358.56	8/9/26-8/14/26
Stephanie Smith	NJPSA: Hot Topics in MTSS	*$170.00	8/10/26
James Oliver	NJPSA/FEA Fall Conference	*$652.20	10/15/26-10/16/26

**Paid by Title II Grant.*

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve disposal of textbooks for the 2026-27 school year; list maintained in the Board of Education office.

5) **WHEREAS**, the National Purchasing Cooperative ("Cooperative") was established on May 26, 2010, as an administrative agency of cooperating local governments and governmental entities for the purpose of facilitating compliance with state procurement requirements, identifying qualified vendors, relieving administrative purchasing burdens, and achieving economies of scale for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bernards Township School District ("Cooperative Member") desires to enter into the National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement to enhance purchasing efficiency and achieve cost savings on commodities, goods, and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Bernards Township School District that, based on the terms and conditions of the agreement, the District approves entering into the Interlocal Participation Agreement with the National Purchasing Cooperative.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the joint transportation agreement for school related activities between Somerset Hills Board of Education and Bernards Township Board of Education effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

	Destination:	**Per Bus Cost:**
a	Various Athletic and School Related Trips	$325 for the first 3 hours minimum trip charge, $110 per hour each additional hour billed in 1/4 increments plus tolls and parking when applicable. Time charged to and from the bus garage.
b	Athletic practices – one way	$200.00 per trip

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the dual enrollment agreement in order to allow Bernards Township School District students the opportunity to take college-level courses through William Paterson University for the 2026-27 school year.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following agreements with Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2026-27

school year:

Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – Chapters 192/193 and Addendum
Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – N.J. Nonpublic Technology Initiative
Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – N.J. Nonpublic Textbook Program
Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – N.J. Nonpublic Security Program
Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement – N.J. Nonpublic Nursing Program

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the acceptance and submission of the grant application for ESEA Consolidated Grant monies for FY 2027 in the amount of:

Title I Total	$159,028
Bernards Township	*$153,014*
Neglected	*$67,009*
Nonpublic	*$0*
Title II, Part A Total	$70,355
Bernards Township	*$55,292*
Nonpublic	*$15,063*
Title III Total	$17,453
Bernards Township	*$17,453*
Nonpublic	*$0*
Title IV, Part A Total	$11,391
Bernards Township	*$8,953*
Nonpublic	*$2,438*

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby authorize a renewal of the Energy For America, Inc. contract from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in the amount not to exceed $98,796.00.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with Quantum Health Solutions, INC to provide counseling and referral services for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the interlocal/shared services agreement for vehicle maintenance between Morris Union Jointure Commission and Bernards Township Board of Education effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the athletic training services agreement between Rivalry Sports Medicine and the Bernards Township Board of Education effective August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the athletic training services agreement between JAG-One and the Bernards Township Board of Education effective August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education appoints the following professional services for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name of Provider:	**Professional Services:**
Brett Di Novi Associates LLC	Behavioral Consultant

The services to be rendered by the above professionals are services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and, therefore, comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) as professional services.

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby amend the home instruction services (previously approved in the June 15, 2026 Board Meeting) for student #1000523 from June 8, 2026 to June 19, 2026 at Silvergate Prep in the amount not to exceed $857.30.

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve district wide virtual equipment troubleshooting and audiological consultations with Summit Speech School in an amount not to exceed $2,650.00.

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve extended school year tuition for student #307689 from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026 at the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center in the amount not to exceed $40,867.32.

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular school year tuition for student #307689 from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center in the amount not to exceed $216,356.40.

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve bilingual speech/ language, educational and psychological evaluations for student #3603721 with Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting in an amount not to exceed $2,640.00.

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve bilingual speech/ language and psychological evaluations for student #420454 with Learning Tree Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting in an amount not to exceed $1,600.00.

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve student #3001495, student #4003472 and student #1000569 for services provided by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind for the 2026-27 school year in the amount not to exceed $8,004.00.

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change order for Gallen Contracting Inc. to increase $58,826.49 which represents the cost of total costs incurred including trucking and tipping, fill import, rock excavation, field expansion, scoreboard, concrete between curb and wall, additional wall and additional pathway paving for the Ridge High School Soccer and Baseball Field Improvements.

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the athletic training services agreement between SD Gameday Athletic Training Services and the Bernards Township Board of Education effective August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve submission of Youth Literacy Grant application from Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the Advertising and Sponsorship Sales Representative Agreement between the Bernards Township Board of Education and Shore District Advertising, LLC pending attorney review.

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change order #1 for TNT Construction Group to deduct $7,500.00 from the $25,000.00 allowance, leaving an allowance balance of $17,500.00 to remove and patch the obsolete roof canopy structure on the front of the building for the Cedar Hill Elementary School Roof Replacement project. The final contract sum including this change order will be $2,383,000.00.

28) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change order #2 for TNT Construction Group to deduct $17,500.00 from the $25,000.00 allowance, leaving an allowance balance of 0.00 and adding additional cost of $212,500.00 to replace existing fascia, gutters, and downspouts on the rear of the building for the Cedar Hill Elementary School Roof Replacement project. The final contract sum including this change order will be $2,595,500.00.

29) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a change order for ATT Sports Inc. to increase $50,585.00 which represents the cost of repair of failed pipe for the Ridge High School Track Replacement Project.

On motion by Mr. Lefkowitz seconded by Mr. Shaw items #1-29 were approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" -Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz
"Noes" - None

"Abstain" - None

Mr. Rollo provided a report from the June 11, 2026 Finance Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included April health benefit cost center metrics, Horizon GLP-1 changes, girls hockey team at Ridge, orchestra program donation for WAMS, water infrastructure improvement grant update, Maschio's food service contract renewal, year end projections and SEHBP plan design committee updates.

XII. **Personnel Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Maria Crespo** Accountant District Office effective August 31, 2026.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Charles Gillikin** Student Assistance Counselor Ridge High School effective September 30, 2026.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Rachel Golum** MAP Teacher Ridge High School effective September 30, 2026.

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the retirement of **Alicia Schauer** Accounts Payable District Office effective October 7, 2026.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Danielle Cunder** Special Education Teacher Liberty Corner School effective June 30, 2026.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Xiaoping (Jessie) Jiang** Accountant District Office effective September 7, 2026.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Adriana Pasquale** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School effective June 30, 2026.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **William Schmidt** Instructional Aide CBAP Program William Annin Middle School effective June 30, 2026.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Gabriella Senatore** Instructional Aide Resource Room Cedar Hill School effective June 30, 2026.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Tara Uhrig** Instructional Aide LLD Program Liberty Corner School effective June 30, 2026.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of **Milly Zhou** Campus Monitor Ridge High School effective June 19, 2026.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the appointment of **Christopher Drews** Physical Education Teacher Mount Prospect School effective June 15, 2026.

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the following **Extra-Curricular Appointments** for the 2026-27 school year:

Ryan Collins	Assistant Unified Track RHS
Ruth Pulgarin	Assistant Cross Country Girls' RH
Chris Conroy	Assistant Cross Country Girls' RH
Matt Samson	Assistant Spring Track Boys'
Matt Samson	Assistant Indoor Winter Track Girls'
Cristian Konopko	Homework Club WAMS
Christopher Drews	A.M. Proctor MP
Christopher Drews	Fall Intramurals 2x Week MP
Christopher Drews	Winter Intramurals 2x Week MP
Christopher Drews	Spring Intramurals 2x Week MP
Kerry Sedorak	K-5 PM Proctor MP
Kathryn Paul	Special Educaiton Grade Level Leader MP
Walter Skrinski	Assistant Indoor Winter Track Boys' .5 RHS
Walter Skrinski	Assistant Spring Track Boys' .5 RHS
Chris Conroy	Assistant Indoor Winter Track Boys' RHS
Ben Donaghy	Fall Site Manager .5 RH

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Paid Medical Leave** for the 2026-27 school year:

Staff Member ID#:	**# of Personal Illness Days:**	**Dates:**
#6583	12	7/20/26-8/7/26

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Change In Assignments** for the 2026-27 school year:

Staff Member:	**From:**	**To:**
Daniella Dasti	Special Education CBAP Teacher (1.05) Oak Street School at a salary of Step 6-10	Special Education CBAP Teacher (1.15) Oak Street School at a salary of Step

	BA $78,211.50	6-10 BA $78,211.50
Grace Hezel	Art Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 3 MA $73,931 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required. (PCR #06-06-02/bbf)	Art Teacher Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 2 MA $73,931 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required. (PCR #06-06-02/bbf)
Emily Hold	Grade 2 Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 3-5 BA $67,010 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for G. Walsh. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring required	Grade 2 Teacher Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 3-5 BA $67,010 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for G. Walsh.
Priscilla Lodato	Campus Monitor/School Aide Ridge High School at a salary of $23.87 per hour 4 hours per day 183 days effective 2026-27 school year.	Campus Monitor/School Aide Ridge High School at a salary of $23.87 per hour 4 hours per day 180 days effective 2026-27 school year.
Kim Mazza	LOA 2025-26 Oak Street School Year at a salary of Step 14 MA+30 $86,412 effective 2026-27 school year	Kindergarten Oak Street School Year at a salary of Step 14 MA+30 $86,412 effective 2026-27 school year
Rachel Miranda	Dance Teacher (1.0) Ridge High School at a salary of Step 17 MA $85,915.00	Dance Teacher (.90) Ridge High School at a salary of Step 17 MA $77,323.50
Debbie Obligacion-Bune	Occupational Therapist William Annin Middle School 2026-27 School Year	Occupational Therapist Cedar Hill School 2026-27 School Year
Meghan Toolan	Online Instructional Resources Manager $5,000 for the 2026-27 school year	Online Instructional Resources Manager $6,000 for the 2026-27 school year
Rita Zarabara	District Nursing & WAMS A/O Coordinator .80 2026-27 school year	District Nursing Coordinator .80 2026-27 school year

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Lauren Baldoni** English Language Arts Teacher William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 19 MA+30 $96,492.00 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (PCR #06-02-10/bas)

17) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Megan Hogge** Kindergarten Teacher Oak Street School at a salary of Step 3-5 BA $67,010 effective September 1,2026 through November 22, 2026 as a leave replacement for M. Pulice. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked. (PCR #40-05-25/bkl)

18) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Leah Kamenski** Social Worker Liberty Corner School at a salary of Step 1 MA $72,811.00 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for C. Cox. (PCR #40-04-44/bkk)

19) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Mark Perla** Business Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 3-5 MA+30 $80,412 effective September 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027 as a leave replacement for J. DiGiuseppe. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked. Certificate of Eligibility-Alternate Route-Mentoring Required. (PCR #40-01-07/bkg)

20) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Jessica Petonak** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 8 $32.08 per hour 5.5 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (PCR #08-06-46/avg)

21) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Suzanne Pollack** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Mount Prospect School at a salary of Step 10 $33.37 per hour 7.5 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (PCR #08-01-46/aus)

22) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Avery Rosevear** School Counselor Cedar Hill & Oak Street Schools at a salary of Step 3-5 MA $75,051 effective September 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027 as a leave replacement for S. McGivney. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked. (PCR #40-03-21/bkf)

23) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Daniel Rousseau** Physical Education Teacher Mount Prospect School at salary of Step 2 BA $66,010 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Certificate of Eligibility w/Advanced Standing-Mentoring Required. (PCR #05-06-58/abr)

24) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Valeria Schianodicola** School Counselor William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 MA $72,811.00 effective August 25, 2026 through January 31, 2027 as a leave replacement for S. Gaudioso. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked. (PCR #40-03021/bko)

25) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Gabriella Senatore** Special Education Teacher Resource Room Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 3-5 MA $75,051.00 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for K. Zinckgraf. (PCR #40-03-56/bkm)

26) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Caryn Simmons** Instructional Aide BD Program Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 11 $33.20 per hour 7.25 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (PCR #08-03-68/aoh)

27) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Nancy Spilletti** Special Education CBAP Teacher Oak Street School at a salary of Step 2 MA $73,931 effective September 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027 as a leave replacement for M. Gupta. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked. (PCR # 40-05-46/bkn)

28) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Lauren Ubaldi** Reading Specialist Liberty Corner School at a salary of 12 MA $78,411 effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for C. Duffy. (PCR #05-04-37/abc)

29) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Various Assignments** for 2025-26 & 2026-27 school years:

Staff Member:	**Assignment:**	**Salary:**
Joseph Bae	ESL Testing	$250.00 per diem 2026-27 school year
Eshaal Beavers	IT Summer Assistant Student Volunteer	Volunteer
Sean Bienkowski	Summer Guidance	Per Diem Rate (5 days) 2025-26 school year
Rebekah Blackwell	Instructional Aide ESY MP	$35.15 per hour Summer 2026
Ella DiGiovanni	IT Summer Assistant Student Volunteer	Volunteer
Loren Bosso	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$3,500 Summer 2026
Stephanie Fletcher	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$3,500 Summer 2026
Kurt Fritz	CDL License	$1,000 per year

		2026-27 school year
Diane Foster	Instructional Aide ESY MP	$31.21 per hour Summer 2026
Santiago Gomez	Student Volunteer ESY	Volunteer
Regina Heater	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$3,500 Summer 2026
Alyssa Inacio	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Kristine Jones	ESY Substitute Aide	$33.20 per hour Summer 2026
Dan Kulik	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Jane McGarry	504/I&RS Summer Meetings	Per Diem Rate 1 day only
Katie McGrath	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Michele McKay	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Theodore Kirsch	PAC Student Worker	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Marissa Klapow	504/I&RS Summer Meetings	Per Diem Rate 1 day only
Julia Koch	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$3,500 Summer 2026
Michele Lenzi	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Dan Norris	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$3,500 Summer 2026
Stacey Osucha	504/I&RS Summer Meetings	Per Diem Rate 1 day only
Adriana Pasquale	ESY Instructional Aide MP	$30.03 per hour

		Summer 2026
Katie Puopolo	ESY Substitute Teacher	$73.98 per hour 7/17/26
Joanna Rice	Summer Twilight Program	$73.98 per hour Summer 2026
Amy Robinson	504/I&RS Summer Meetings	Per Diem Rate 1 day only
Lisa Romano	504/I&RS Summer Meetings	Per Diem Rate 1 day only
Avery Rosevear	Summer Guidance	Per diem Rate 5 days (August, 2026)
Tara Uhrig	ESY Substitute Aide	$30.90 per hour Summer 2026
Emma Vopal	PAC Student Worker	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Elizabeth V. Wilson	ESY Teacher	$73.98 per hour Summer 2026
Marie Wurtemberg	Summer CST Evaluations	Per Diem Rate 2026-27 school year
David Yastremski	Ridge Forensics Speech & Debate Summer Institute Instructor	$4,500 Summer 2026
Liah Yi	ESL Testing	$250.00 per diem 2026-27 school year

30) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Extra-Curricular Assignments** for the 2026-27 school year:

School:	**Assignment:**	**Staff Member:**	**2026-27 Stipend:**	**Years/Points/Longevity:**
RH	Head Baseball	Ben Donaghy	$10,918.00	3 years/0 points/$0
RH	Assistant Unified Track	Michael Stanzione	$1,948.00	3 years/0 points/$0
WA	Head Unified Basketball	Debbie Obligacion-Bune	$1,948.00	5 years/1 point/$198
WA	Assistant Unified Basketball	Lauren Francis	$1,286.00	0 years/0 points/$0
WA	Head Coach Unified Soccer	Debbie Obligacion-Bune	$1,948.00	5 years/1 point/$198
WA	Assistant Unified Soccer	Lauren Francis	$1,286.00	0 years/0 points/$0

WA	Head Coach Unified Track	Christine Flanagan	$1,948.00	4 years/0 points/$0
WA	Assistant Unified Track	Fiona Flanagan	$1,286.00	n/a
WA	Homework Club	Christine Corigliano	$2,838.00	21 years/4 points/$797
WA	Homework Club	Evona Panycia	$2,838.00	1 year/0 points/$0
LC	A.M. Proctor	Anthony LaGreca	$1,419.00	0 years/0 points/$0
WA	A.M. Proctor/per day	Jenna Flemings	$10.00 per day	2 years/0 points/$0
WA	Team Leader 6th (February-June) REVISED	Sarah Saccaro	$2,590.00	none
WA	Team Leader 6th (September-February) REVISED	Jessica Lynch	$2,590.00	none
Elem	K-5 HPE Coordintor	Kathie Immerman	$2,590.00	none
Elem	K-5 HPE Coordintor	Anthony LaGreca	$2,590.00	none
MP	Special Education Grade Level Leader	Christine Szrom	$2,909.00	none
WA	Advisor Unified Basketball	Becky Bollaro	$542.00	6 years/1 point/$198.00
WA	Advisor Unified Soccer	Becky Bollaro	$542.00	6 years/1 point/$198.00
WA	Advisor Unified Track	Becky Bollaro	$542.00	6 years/1 point/$198.00
RH	Assistant Cross Country Girls’	Sean Bienkowski	$6,133.00	1 year/0 points/$0
RH	Assistant Indoor Winter Track Boys' .5	Chris Conroy	$3,066.50	none
RH	Head Cross Country Girls’	Braeden Aldrich	$9,291.00	n/a
CH	Math League	Kristin Smerillo	$880.50	none

31) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff for At Home Visits** at salary of $73.98 per hour effective 2026-27 school year:

Jane Conklin	Nadine Fechter	Tara Cantagallo	Michele Lenzi
Tyler Sicola	Grace O’Leary	Elana Steinberg	Maggie Rossi
Alyssa Inacio	Cara Zotti	Daniel Kulik	Shawn Scriffiano
Katie Keller	Allison Twohig	Alexa McCaffrey	Theresa Brown
Nicole Cataldi	Beth Calabrese	Tara Cascio	Linda Valera
Victoria Corino	Gina Monticello	Chelsea Colonnello	Katie Puopolo
Daniella Dasti	Kristen Ochs	Dawn Gibson	Michelle Mckay

Jennifer Richardson	Rebekah Blackwell	Janel Hooper	Ben Donaghy
Katherine Marino	Lauren Wacha	Emma Lamparello	Kelly Flannigan
Elizabeth Wilson	Andrea Porchiazzo	Jessica McCrea	Karen Martin
Lashanda Parrish	Christine Cayero	Lakiesha Beaubrun	Anthony LaGreca
Jessica DuBois	Nichol Vohden	Nancy Spilletti	Stephanie Zichichi
Maria Santisteban-Armanini			

32) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Twilight Program Staff** at a rate of $73.98 per hour for the 2026-27 school year:

Becky Bollaro	Tricia Coto	Jennifer D'Armiento	Katie Donahue
Natasha Doski	Kathy Forsell	Heidi Fox	Kim Gavin
Julie Harding	Kara Higgins	Sarah Kaufmann	Vivian Longo
John Paul Mahoney	Marisa Marcus	Sarah Maupai	Tim Meyer
Madison Mitchell	Gerianne Nestman	Dawn Piper	Jacob Reichman
Audrey Russell	Jeff Stellitano	Michaela Stoudemayer	Jaime Chebuske
Jennifer Suminski	Christine Flanagan	Olivia Lopes	

33) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Ridge High Mentor Program Staff** at a salary of $73.98 per hour for the 2026-27 school year:

Colleen Bodine	Matt Cahill	Tara Cantagallo	Tara Cascarelli
Rachel Cohen	Tricia Coto	Ben Donaghy	Christina Donahue
Katie Donahue	Mark Dotta	Kathleen Forsell	Laura Gallagher
Kim Gavin	Josh Gebhardt	Julie Harding	Kara Higgins
Sarah John	Vivian Longo	Olivia Lopes	John Paul Mahoney
Marisa Marcus	Madison Mitchell	Christina Onorato	Jacob Reichman
DeAnna Scott	Marie Wurtemberg		

34) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Staff College Instructors** for the 2026-27 school year:

Staff Member:	Course Title:	Salary:
Pat Miller	AHA Heartsaver First aid CPR AED Course (7/16/26 & 7/17/26)	$900.00
Erin Noonan	AHA Heartsaver First aid CPR AED Course (7/16/26 & 7/17/26)	$900.00
Amy Lynn	AHA Heartsaver First aid CPR AED Course (7/16/26 & 7/17/26)	$900.00

35) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Summer Curriculum Writing** for the 2026-27 school year:

Last Name:	First Name:	Course Title:	# of Days:	Salary:
Horvath	Krista	Italian 2 H Revision	1	$250.00
Kowalczyk	Michael	Italian 2 H Revision	1	$250.00
Mahoney	John	BRIDGES 6-8 and 9-12	2	$500.00
Dechert	Tim	BRIDGES 6-8 and 9-12	2	$500.00
Scott	Deanna	BRIDGES 6-8 and 9-12	2	$500.00
Romano	Lisa	BRIDGES 6-8 and 9-12	2	$500.00
Sweeny	Lisa	Mathematics Grades 1-5	2	$500.00
Carbonaro	Adria	Mathematics Grades 1-5	2	$500.00
O'Neill	Jennifer	Mathematics Grades 1-5	2	$500.00
Williams	Nicole	Mathematics Grades 1-5	2	$500.00
Gorski	Tara	Writing Grades 1-7	3	$750.00
Zinckgraf	Kathryn	Writing Grades 1-7	3	$750.00
Kane	Sherrie	LLD K-5	1	$250.00
Jernegan	Pamela	LLD K-5	1	$250.00
Toombs	Sarah	LLD K-5	1	$250.00
Bonica	Jennifer	LLD K-5	1	$250.00
Lang	Stephanie	6-8 Study Skills	3	$750.00
Slack	Courtney	6-8 Study Skills	3	$750.00
Blumenthal	Jill	6-8 Study Skills	3	$750.00
Kopecki	Mary Anne	Elementary ELA: Instructional Support & Universal Screener Updates	5	$1,250.00

Cavagnaro	Gabriella	Elementary ELA: Instructional Support & Universal Screener Updates	5	$1,250.00
Rothrock	Stacia	QUEST Identification Project	4	$1,000.00
Persily	David	QUEST Identification Project	4	$1,000.00
Moran	Megan	Grade 1 Health Revisions	1	$250.00
O'Leary	Mary	Grade 1 Health Revisions	1	$250.00
Hale	Melissa	SPARK	2	$500.00

36) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Sarah Farrell** Assistant to the Business Administrator at a salary of $68,000 effective August 24,2026 through June 30, 2027. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.

37) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Emily Quintero** Accountant a salary of $68,000 effective August 24,2026 through June 30, 2027. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.

On motion by Ms. Mohan seconded by Ms. Corrado items #1-37 were approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" -Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

XIII. **Policy Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of June 11, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies and regulations on **first reading:**

- P 0162 – Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
- P 0162.01 – Legal Notices (M) (New)
- P 1230 – Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)
- P 1643 – Family Leave (M) (Revised)
- P 2200 – Curriculum (M) (Revised)
- P 2260 – Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)
- P 2411 – Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)
- P 5460 – High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
- P 5461 – High School Diplomas (M) (New)
- P 5561 – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)

- P 6112 – Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)
- R 6115.01 – Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (Revised)
- P 6115.02 – Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Revised)
- P 6311 – Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the enrollment of the following **staff member's child** for the 2026-27 school year:

Employee Name:	**Grade(s):**
Sean Beavers	10

On motion by Mr. Omelianuk seconded by Ms. Mohan items #1-29 were approved by the following roll call vote:

"Ayes" -Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

Mr. Talbot provided a report from the June 11, 2026 Policy Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included discussion on the assignment of students policy, second reading on material/service fees, fines and charges policy, funding for current and new teams clubs, guidelines for use of sound system and lighting policy, policy alert 237 summary, standards and assessments policies and general policy and regulation guide updates.

XIV. Curriculum Committee Report

Report: Committee meeting of July 13, 2026

Ms. Corrado provided a report from the July 13, 2026 Curriculum Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included middle school scheduling, district scheduling update, grading system review for Ridge, AP world language exam changes and addressed technology related topics.

XV. Wellness Committee Report

Report: Committee meeting of June 10, 2026

Mr. Omelianuk provided a report from the June 10, 2026 Wellness Committee meeting. Topics at the meeting included student lens day at William Annin middle school, panorama survey results and Ridge pathways year end presentation.

XVI. Facilities & Operations Committee Report

Report on Progress

XVII. **Liaison Committee Reports**

Report on Progress

XVIII. **Public Comment**

Comments from the public included proposed education freedom tax credit and special education staff reductions.

Superintendent Markarian responded to the special education staff reduction comment.

XIX. **Board Forum**

Mr. Shaw talked about the meeting with the New Jersey Assemblyman to follow up on the resolution that was previously passed on the adoption of the health benefits and underfunded extraordinary aid.

XX. **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Molinari and seconded by Mr. Shaw and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Rollo
Board Secretary