BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
MEETING INDEX
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M.
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:01 P.M.
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

I. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.**

II. **Salute to the Flag**

III. **Roll Call**

IV. **Executive Session – 6:01 p.m.**

V. **Reconvene Regular Session – Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.**

VI. **Statement of Public Notice**

VII. **Student Representative –** Hasini Anumolu

VIII. **Board President Comments**

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

1) Affirm Receipt of **HIB Report** Dated September 28, 2026

X. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

XI. **Approval of Minutes**

XII. **Finance Committee Report**

1) Approve **List of Disbursements** Dated September 28, 2026
2) Acknowledge Receipt **July 2026 Financial Reports**
3) Approve **Professional Development Expenses** 2026-27 School Year
4) Approve **Behavior Analysis and Support Services** 2026-27 School Year
5) Approve **1:1 Aide and Individual OT & PT Services** 2026-27 School Year
6) Approve **Out of District Placement** 2026-27 School Year
7) Approve **Evaluation Services** 2026-27 School Year
8) Approve **Regular Vocational School Tuition Somerset County Vo-Tech Academy of Health & Medical Services** 2026-27 School Year

9) Approve **Alternative Vocational School Tuition Somerset County Vo-Tech TOPS** 2026-27 School Year
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12) Approve **Contract Invo Healthcare Associate** 2026-27 School Year

XIII. **Personnel Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 23, 2026

1) Approve Unpaid New Jersey Family Leave **Thomas Liska** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year
2) Approve Unpaid Federal Family Medical Leave **Jennifer Richardson** Special Education Teacher Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year
3) Rescind **Various Assignment** 2026-27 School Year
4) Approve **Paid Medical Leaves** 2026-27 School Year
5) Approve **Change In Assignments** 2026-27 School Year
6) Approve **Matthew Chevalaz** School Aide Cedar Hill School 2026-27 School Year
7) Approve **April Ludwig** Instructional Aide Vocational Skills Program Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year
8) Approve **Adriana Miscia** Instructional Aide Resource Room/General Education Cedar Hill School 2026-27 School Year
9) Approve **Various Assignments** 2026-27 School Year
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11) Approve **Mentors** 2026-27 School Year
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13) Approve **Fall Mini Unit Instructors** 2026-27 School Year
14) Approve **Summer Curriculum Writing** 2026-27 School Year
15) Approve **District Volunteers** 2026-27 School Year
16) Approve **Alexandria Solano** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year

XIV. **Policy Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 10, 2026

1) Approve Policies and Regulation on **Second Reading** & Adopt

XV. **Curriculum Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 11, 2026

XVI. **Wellness Committee Report**

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XVII. **Facilities & Operations Committee Report**

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XIX. **Public Comment**

XX. **Board Forum**

XXI. **BT Connect: Financing Our Long-Term Infrastructure Needs***

XXII. **Adjournment**

**No action items are being voted on during this portion of the meeting.*

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I. **Regular Session – Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.**

II. **Salute to the Flag**

III. **Roll Call**

Present: Ms. White, Dr. McKeon, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz, Ms. Fox, Mr, Lazovick, Mr. Siet, Mr. Rollo, Board Counsel Matt Giacabbe

Absent: Mr. Molinari,

IV. **Executive Session – 6:03 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 – 7:03 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 XIX. 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. **Student Representative –** Hasini Anumolu

Ms. Anumolo gave the board an update on the recent success of Ridge High School athletic teams, gave an update on the clubs and extra curricular activities, most notably the support the National Honors Society members gave towards Back to School Night and commented on the success of the student government initiatives which had a positive voter turnout ahead of the upcoming pep rally.

VIII. **Board President Comments**

Ms White invite Mr Lazovick to speak regarding the Talk Kind t-shirts that the board were wearing. Mr Lazovick spoke about the initiative which was implemented to encourage students, staff and families to think about their use of language especially surrounding social media.

IX. **Superintendent's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated September 28, 2026.

On motion by Ms. Mohan seconded Mr Shaw by item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

X. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

XI. **Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

September 14, 2026 – Executive Session Minutes
September 14, 2026 – Regular Session Minutes

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

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

XII. **Finance Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a list of disbursements dated September 28, 2026 consisting of warrants in the amount of $7,469,689.59

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the July 2026 Financial Reports from the Board Secretary, the monthly Investment Report for July 2026, the weekly reports of Electronic Fund Transfers and Bank Wires for July 2026, and the Treasurer of the School Monies Report for July 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c), the Bernards Township Board of Education, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, and to the best of their knowledge, certifies that as of the date of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report, no major account or fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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:**	**Location:**
Julie Koch	NECTFL Annual Conference	*$240.00	2/26/27	New York, NY
Karen Martin	PMT Instructor Recertification	$479.42	10/22/26	Middletown, CT

Karen Martin	Ukeru Recertification Training	$617.51	10/15/26	New Providence, NJ
Tom Sharples	NJPSA/FEA Fall Conference	*$745.04	10/14/26-10/16/26	Atlantic City, NJ
Stephanie Spano	AOSA Annual Conference	*$650.14	11/4/26	Richmond, VA
Jason Stewart	AP Training**	*$1,730.00	7/13/26-7/16/26	Fitchburg, MA

**Paid by Title II Grant.*
***Previously Board approved 3-9-26; amount increased due to the last minute cancellation of the original training location and securing an alternate location.*

4) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve Behavior Analysis and Support Services for student #308326 for the 2026-27 school year in the amount not to exceed $10,200.00.

5) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a 1:1 aide and individual OT & PT services with MUJC for student #3001990 for the 2026-27 school year.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the out of district placement for classified student #10000794 for the 2026-27 school year.

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve psychiatric evaluation services for classified student #3102488 with Bartky Health Care Center, LLC. Total not to exceed $1,700.00.

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve regular vocational school tuition for various students (4 full-time) from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at Somerset County Vo-Tech Academy of Health & Medical Services in the amount of $10,336.00.

9) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve alternative vocational school tuition for various students (2 full-time) from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at Somerset County Vo-Tech TOPS in the amount of $63,030.00.

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve school tuition for various students (5 full-time, 20 split-time) from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at Somerset County Vo-Tech Vocational Full & Shared Time in the amount of $38,760.00.

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve alternative vocational school tuition for 1 full-time student from September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 at Morris County Vo-Tech in the amount of $14,175.00.

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the contract for an Invo Healthcare Associate to engage its service providers who will provide speech services for the district at Mount Prospect School for a maternity leave position from September 29, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Not to exceed 35 hrs per week, at an hourly rate of $93.68. 166 school days x 7hrs/day x $93.68/hr. Total not to exceed $108,856.16.

On motion by Ms. Mohan seconded Mr. Omelianuk by items #1-12 were approved by the
following roll call vote:

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

XIII. **Personnel Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 23, 2026

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 approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave for **Thomas Liska** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High effective November 30, 2026 through February 26, 2027, returning March 1, 2027.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid Federal Family Medical Leave for **Jennifer Richardson** Special Education Teacher Ridge High School effective October 22, 2026 through January 4, 2027, returning January 5, 2027.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby rescind the following **Various Assignment** for the 2026-27 school year:

Jennifer D'Armiento Teacher In Charge CH

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

Staff ID #:	**# of Days:**	**Dates:**
#8866	9 personal illness days	9/22/26-10/2/26
#8672	15 personal illness days 3 personal days	9/28/26-10/21/26

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

Staff Member:	**From:**	**To:**
Deanna Farkas	Student Assistance Counselor Ridge High School at a salary of Step 18 MA $87,898 effective on or before November 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date. (PCR #05-01-38/abp)	Student Assistance Counselor Ridge High School at a salary of Step 18 MA $87,987 effective on or before November 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date. (PCR #05-01-38/abp)
Lisa Romano	504/I&RS Summer Meetings per diem rate 1 day summer 2026	504/I&RS Summer Meetings per diem rate 2 days summer 2026
James Ryan	Instructional Aide Bridge Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 $28.40 per hour 7 hours per day effective on or before September 25, 2026 through June 22, 2027.	Instructional Aide Bridge Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 $28.40 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 22, 2026 through June 22, 2027.
DeAnna Scott	School Psychologist Ridge High School 1.0 at a salary of Step 16 MA+30 $89,832.00 2026-27 school year	School Psychologist Ridge High School 1.05 at a salary of Step 16 MA+30 $94,323.60 2026-27 school year

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Matthew Chevalaz** School Aide Cedar Hill School at a salary of $23.87 per hour 3 hours per day effective October 6, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (PCR #39-03-74/aji)

7) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **April Ludwig** Instructional Aide Vocational Skills Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 $28.40 per hour 7 hours per day effective September 29, 2026 through June 22, 2027. (PCR #08-01-75/aix)

8) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Adriana Miscia** Instructional Aide Resources Room/General Education Cedar Hill School at a salary of Step 3-4 $29.40 4 hour per day/4 days per week effective October 1, 2026

through December 31, 2026 then 4 hours per day/5 days per week effective January 1, 2027 through June 22, 2027. (PCR#08-04-49/bbt)

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

Staff Member:	**Assignment:**	**Payment:**
Kristen Chiriaco	District Substitute Teacher	$160.00 per day 2026-27 school year
Lidia D'Armiento	Teacher In Charge CH	$1,750 per year 2026-27 school year
John Fico	District Substitute Teacher	$160.00 per day 2026-27 school year
Aarush Dalal	After Care Program Student Worker MP	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Sydney Deady	After Care Program Student Worker OS	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Cassandra Ehlbeck	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Joe Flynn	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Sarah Kaufman	Social Skills Club	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Kerry Linstra	After Care Program MP	$52.00 per hour 2026-27 school year
Carlos Luciano	After Care Program MP	$33.00 per hour 2026-27 school year
Matt Lyons	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Anna Malcolm	After Care Program Student Worker OS	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Michelle McKay	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Sulanga Misra	Social Skills Club	$33.48 per hour 2026-27 school year

Pat Miller	Nurse for SAT & ACT Testing	$250.00 per diem 2026-27 school year
Madison Mitchell	Social Skills Club	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Byron Osorio Gonzalez	After Care Program Student Worker LC	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Evan Pernaselli	After Care Program Student Worker OS	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Stephanie Ruggiero	New Staff Orientation Genesis Training	$250.00 per diem 8/25/26
Brian Scott	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Danielle Stanzione	After Care Program Student Worker LC	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Michaela Stoudemayer	Mentor Program RHS SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Jeff Stellitano	New Staff Orientation Genesis Training	$250.00 per diem 8/25/26
Lauren Tan	New Staff Orientation Genesis Training	$250.00 per diem 8/25/26

10) 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	Class Advisor-Sophomore (5 months)	Rachel Cohen	$814.50	0 years/0 points/$0
RH	Class Advisor-Sophomore (5 months) REVISED	Sydney McGivney	$814.50	5 years/1 point/$198.00
WA	Student Council	Vincent Randazzo	$3,715.00	2 years/0 points/$0
CH	Math League REVISED	Kristin Smerillo	$880.50	0 years/0 points/$0
OS	A.M. Proctor (9/28/26-6/30/27)	Monica Barclay	$1,038.40	0 years/0 points/$0
WA	Coordinator of WAMS Expo Student Showcase	Nick Beykirch	$630.00	none

11) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the follow **Mentors** for the 2026-27 school year, mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teacher:

Provisional Teacher:	**Position:**	**Mentor:**	**Payment:**
Jaime Molloy	Grade 5 – 12 weeks	Sara Mastroianni	$352.94
Nancy Spilletti	Special Education – 21 weeks	Katie Puopolo	$385.00

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

Staff Member:	**Extra-Section:**	**Payment:**
Becky Bollaro	Special Education RH REVISED	$1,524 per month (MA) 9/8/26-11/8/26
Dawn Piper	Special Education RH REVISED	$1,524 per month (MA) 9/8/26-11/8/26
Brian Scott	Special Education RH REVISED	$1,524 per month (MA) 9/8/26-11/8/26
Matt Lyons	Special Education RH REVISED	$1,524 per month (MA) 9/8/26-11/8/26
Timothy Meyer	Special Education RH REVISED	$1,524 per month (MA) 9/8/26-11/8/26

12) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **Fall Mini Unit Instructors** for the 2026-27 school year:

Instructor:	**Location:**	**Mini Unit:**	**Stipend:**
Emily Barisonek	LC	Lego Club	$1,036.00
Sara Mastroianni	LC	Paperplate Art and Stories	$1,036.00
Stacia Rothrock	LC	Coding Club	$1,036.00
Sabrina Ruban	LC	In My Friendship Bracelet Era	$1,036.00
Emily Barisonek	LC	Mah Jongg	$1,036.00
Eric Rauschenberger	LC	Little Linguists	$1,036.00
Daniella Ventrice	MP	Board Games and Brain Teasers	$1,036.00
Sharon Goettel	MP	Board Games and Brain Teasers AIDE	$518.00
LaKiesha Beaubrun	MP	Glitter Glam	$1,036.00

Karen Pellicone	MP	Chess Club	$1,036.00
Patrick Vreeland	MP	Chess Club	$1,036.00
Kerry Linstra	MP	Math Extravaganza	$1,036.00
Susan Delmonico	MP	Lego Masters	$1.036.00
Daniella Ventrice	MP	Reading Club	$1.036.00
Susan Delmonico	MP	STEM Explorers	$1.036.00
LaKiesha Beaubrun	MP	Arcade Games and Designs	$1.036.00
Megan Moran	CH	Lots of Legos	$1,036.00
Megan Moran	CH	Lots of Legos	$1,036.00
Debbie Bune	CH	Threads Club	$1,036.00
Amanda Teevan	CH	Dive Into Deep	$1,036.00
Kerry Sedorak	CH	STEM Explorers	$1,036.00
Kerry Sedorak	CH	STEM Explorers	$1,036.00
Penny Ianella	CH	Lego Builders	$1,036.00
Joseph Bae	CH	Continental Math League Prep Class	$1,036.00
Caroline Coady	CH	Clay Creations	$1,036.00
Amanda Aveena	CH	Create Your Own Comic	$1,036.00
Amanda Aveena	CH	Magic and Illusions Club	$1,036.00
Pooja Narang	CH	Acrylic Art Class	$1,036.00
Gabriella Cavagnaro	CH	Lego Builders	$1,036.00
Morgan Zissman	CH	Create and Dance with Ms. Zissman	$1,036.00
Theresa Glazier	OS	Super Scientists	$1,036.00
Mallika Singh	OS	Crafty Creations	$1,036.00
Bill Baker	OS	Lego Lovers	$1,036.00
Shannon Baumann	OS	Nail Art	$1,036.00
Glen Denys	OS	Game Lab	$1,036.00
Kim Taccarino	OS	Scrapbook Studio	$1,036.00

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

Last Name:	**First Name:**	**Summer Curriculum Project:**	**# of Days:**	**Salary:**
Lenzi	Michele	CBAP	3.6	$900.00
Thomas	Courtney	CBAP	3.6	$900.00
Inacio	Alyssa	CBAP	2.6	$650.00
Cataldi	Nicole	CBAP	2.6	$650.00
Scriffiano	Shawn	CBAP	2.6	$650.00

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

Paul Antogiovanni	Boys' Soccer RHS
Lakshmi Thirunavukkarasu	Forensics RHS
Saied Theophelous Beckford	Forensics RHS
Judah Jones	Forensics RHS
Pranay Butala	Forensics RHS
Kavita Phillips	Forensics RHS
Suja Retna Natarajan	Forensics RHS
Kyle Watkins	Forensics RHS
Meera Shah	Forensics RHS

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Alexandria Solano** Instructional Aide CBAP Program Ridge High School at a salary of Step 11 $34.15 per hour 5.5 hours effective October 5, 2026 through June 22, 2027.

On motion by Mr. Talbot seconded Mr. Lefkowitz by items #1-16 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Dr. McKeon provided a report from the September 23, 2026 meeting. Topics included noting a change in nursing requirements in Pennsylvania, requiring NJ nurses to hold their certification, which would be required for any field trips to Pennsylvania. The need for additional crossing duty at Oak Street School was also discussed.

XIV. **Policy Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 10, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following policies and regulation on **second reading** and adopts said policies and regulation:

- P 5530.1 – Student Voluntary Random Drug Testing (Revised)
- P 5516 – Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M) (Revised)
- R 5516 – Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M) (Revised)
- P 8660 – Transportation by Private Vehicles – To and From School-Related Activities (M) (Revised)
- P 8662 – Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles – To and From School (M) (New)

On motion by Mr. Omelianuk seconded by item Ms. Corrado #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

“Ayes” - Ms. White, Dr. McKeon, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Omelianuk, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz.
“Noes” - None
“Abstain” - None

Mr. Omelianuk provided a report from the September 10, 2026 Committee meeting. Topics included updates to the AI plan as it pertains to policy 2365, the major areas of focus for the district and the challenges it faces and the three key principles that were incorporated into the AI plan for the 2026/27 school year.

XV. **Curriculum Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 11, 2026

Ms. Corrado gave a report on the September 11, 2026 Curriculum committee meeting. Topics included Summer Curriculum updates including a pilot sign language program at Cedar Hill, AI and digital safety programs at William Annin Middle School and the Talk Kind initiative at Ridge. Other topics discussed included Ridge High School Summer reading, scheduling and the introduction of the Heads Up program that guides elementary students on public safety, cyberbullying and online safety.

XVI. **Wellness Committee Report**

Report on Progress

XVII. **Facilities & Operations Committee Report**

Report: Committee meeting of September 22, 2026

Mr Rollo gave a report on the September 22, 2026 Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting. Topics included current work orders, the success of transportation operations for the start of the school year, ongoing construction work on Lake Road, the need for a second athletic bus and changes to how the Free and Reduced lunch program is administered.

XVIII. **Liaison Committee Reports**

Report on Progress

XIX. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments

XX. **Board Forum**

There were no comments from the Board

XXI. **BT Connect: Financing Our Long-Term Infrastructure Needs***

Superintendent Fox and Mr. Rollo gave a detailed presentation on the District's long-term facility and capital needs for all six schools and district offices. Attending members of the public were invited to ask questions and give input on priorities, ideas for additional investments and perspectives on funding.

XXII. **Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. Mohan and seconded by Ms. Corrado and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 9.26 p.m.

**No action items are being voted on during this portion of the meeting.*