BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
MEETING INDEX
NOVEMBER 9, 2026
BT CONNECT MEETING 7:00 P.M.
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

I. **Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.**

II. **Salute to the Flag**

III. **Roll Call**

IV. **Statement of Public Notice**

V. **Board President Comments**

VI. **Superintendent's Report**

1) Affirm Receipt of **HIB Report** Dated November 9, 2026

VII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

VIII. **Finance Committee Report**

1) Approve **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** 2026-27 School Year
2) Approve **Home Instruction** 2026-27 School Year
3) Approve **Home Instruction** 2026-27 School Year

IX. **Personnel Committee Report**

1) Approve Resignation **Sandy Lazo** Instructional Aide Oak Street School 2026-27 School Year
2) Accept **Extra-Curricular Resignations** 2026-27 School Year
3) Approve Paternity Leave **Brandon White** Science Teacher William Annin Middle School 2026-27 School Year
4) Approve **Paid Medical Leaves** 2026-27 School Year
5) Approve **Changes In Assignments** 2026-27 School Year
6) Approve **Alison Schnaudt** Math Teacher Ridge High School 2026-27 School Year
7) Approve **Various Assignments** 2026-27 School Year
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11) Approve **Extra-Sections** 2026-27 School Year
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XIX. **Adjournment**

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

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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.

V. **Board President Comments**

There were no comments from the Board President.

VI. **Superi**ntendent's Report

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby affirm receipt of the **HIB Report** dated November 9, 2026.

On motion by Mr. Molinari seconded by Mr. Shaw, item #1 was approved by the following roll call vote:
"Ayes" - Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Omelianuk,, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz.
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

VII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments

VIII. **Finance Committee Report**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the 2026-27 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and accompanying Form M-1, Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet, on file in the Board of Education Office.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction services for student #3200180 from October 27, 2026 to December 23, 2026 through Stepping Forward Counseling Center in the amount not to exceed $7,715.70.

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve home instruction services for student #2802903 from November 11, 2026 to December 23, 2026 through New Chapter Faith Based Recovery in the amount not to exceed $3,600.00.

On motion by Mr. Omelianuk seconded by Ms. Mohan, items #1-3 were approved by the following roll call vote:
"Ayes" - Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Omelianuk,, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz.
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

IX. **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 approve the resignation of **Sandy Lazo** Instructional Aide Oak Street School effective December 31, 2026, for the purpose of deferred retirement.

2) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby accept the following **Extra-Curricular** resignations for the 2026-27 school year:

Mark Evangelista	Assistant Ski Team Girls' .5 RHS
Nesi Calderone	Head Fencing Boys' RHS
Andrew West	Assistant Baseball RHS
Raymond Horman	Assistant Ski Team Girls' .5

3) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave for **Brandon White** Science Teacher William Annin Middle School effective April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027, returning September 1, 2027.

4) The Bernard Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following

Paid Medical Leaves for the 2026-27 school year:

Staff ID#:	**# of Days:**	**Dates:**
#8232	5 personal illness days	10/28/26-11/3/26

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

Staff Member:	**From:**	**To:**
Student Workers (List on file)	After Care Program at an hourly rate of $15.92 per hour effective 2026-27 school year	After Care Program at an hourly rate of $15.92 per hour effective September 9, 2026 through December 23, 2026 then an hourly rate of $16.48 per hour effective January 4, 2027 through June 22, 2027.
Joseph Flynn	Staff College Course: Soft-Skills in the Classroom (Teaching and Implementing) $450.00 2026-27 school year	Staff College Course: Soft-Skills in the Classroom (Teaching and Implementing) $600.00 2026-27 school year
Kathleen Kirby	Instructional Aide Media Center William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 $28.40 5 hours per day effective October 30, 2026 through end of assignment.	Instructional Aide Media Center William Annin Middle School at a salary of Step 1 $28.40 5 hours per day effective October 30, 2026 and then 8 hours per day effective November 2, 2026 through November 16, 2026 as a medical leave replacement.
Stacey Moinhos	Secretary .5 Special Services at a salary of Step 8 $35,459.00 effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.	Secretary .5 Special Services at a salary of Step 8 $35,459.00 effective November 15, 2026 through June 30, 2027 then a Secretary 1.0 Special Services at a salary of Step 8 $70,918.00 effective November 16, 2026 through

		June 30, 2027.

6) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **Alison Schnaudt** Math Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 7 MA $76,171 effective November 13, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as a leave replacement for J. Rice. Salary to be prorated to reflect start date.

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

Staff Member:	**Assignment:**	**Payment:**
Ava Bune	After Care Student Worker CH	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Laila Bune	After Care Student Worker CH	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Cory Commer	District Substitute	$160.00 per diem 2026-27 school year
Jane Conklin	Chorus & Band Concerts Assistance-SE	$73.98 per hour 2026-27 school year
Natasha Doski	Bedside Instructor RH	$85.73 per hour 2026-27 school year
Chad Griffiths	Bedside Instructor RH	$85.73 per hour 2026-27 school year
Sarah Kaufman	Bedside Instructor RH	$85.73 per hour 2026-27 school year
Ryan Moyer	Bedside Instructor RH	$85.73 per hour 2026-27 school year
Mary Russoniello	PAC Ticket Seller	$37.00 per hour 2026-27 school year
Audrey Tang	After Care Student Worker MP	$15.92 per hour 2026-27 school year
Lauren Vail	Bedside Instructor RH	$85.73 per hour 2026-27 school year
Franco Van Garsse	After Care Student Worker MP	$15.92 per hour

		2026-27 school year

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

Provisional Teacher:	**Position**	**Mentor:**	**Payment:**
Gabriella Senatore	Special Education – 10 Weeks	Tara Gorski	$183.34

9) 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:**
MP	Fall Intramurals 2 x week	Daniel Rousseau	$1,476.00	0 years/0 points/$0
MP	Winter Intramurals 2 x week	Daniel Rousseau	$1,476.00	0 years/0 points/$0
MP	Spring Intramurals 2 x week	Daniel Rousseau	$1,476.00	0 years/0 points/$0
RH	Head Ski Team Girls'	John Brum	$9,291.00	n/a
RH	Assistant Fencing Boys’	Nesi Calderon	$6,133.00	9 years/10 point/$198
RH	Assistant Musical Choreographer	Jay Jenkins	$4,463.00	n/a
RH	Head Fencing Boys’	Sabina Orsi	$9,291.00	n/a

10) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the following **PSAT Proctoring Staff** at a rate of $175.00 per diem for Standard Time Proctor, $100.00 per diem for Standard Time Monitor and $250.00 per diem for Extended Time Proctor for the 2026-27 school year:

Glen Teryek	Charles Arentowicz	Roma Martin
Divya Karthik	Kadambari Shah Jain	Anamika Bhargava
Annet Batra	Madurai Mahalakshmi	

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

Lauren Baker	Math RHS REVISED	$15,234.00 MA Effective 9/1/26-11/19/26
Travis Boop	Math RHS REVISED	$13,602.00 BA Effective 9/1/26-11/19/26
Tara Cascarelli	Math RHS REVISED	$15,234.00 MA Effective 9/1/26-11/19/26
Michele Kilpatrick	Math RHS REVISED	$15,234.00 MA Effective 9/1/26-11/19/26
Nicole Gilhuley	Math RHS REVISED	$15,234.00 MA Effective 9/1/26-11/19/26

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

Dong Liu	Forensics RHS
Enchan Lee	Fornensics RHS
Raymond Horman	Ski Team RHS

13) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Marissa Klapow** School Counselor/SAC William Annin Middle School effective March 12, 2027 through May 7, 2027 utilizing 35 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective May 10, 2027 through September 28, 2027, then an unpaid Child Care Leave effective September 29, 2027 through January 31, 2028, returning February, 2028.

14) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve **John Lawlor** Social Studies Teacher Ridge High School at a salary of Step 1 BA $65,010 effective November 30, 2026 through March 1, 2027 as a leave replacement for T. Liska. Salary to be prorated to reflect dates worked.

15) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve the follow District Aides to be paid at the the hourly rate listed below for full day training not to exceed 6 hours:

Name:	**Hourly Rate:**
Priscila Camilo Tessutti	$29.90
Lisa Corbin	$29.90

Shamanveer Kaur	$28.90
Tara Esposito	$29.40
Kim Kenney	$30.40
Margarita Reynoso	$30.03
Brianna Nemes	$30.03
Nazira Shaik	$30.03
Cheryl Kelesoglu	$33.37
Allison Porro	$31.47

16) The Bernards Township Board of Education does hereby approve a paid Child Care Leave for **Kaitlyn Mann** Grade 2 Teacher Cedar Hill School effective March 19, 2027 through May 21, 2027 utilizing 40 personal illness days then an unpaid New Jersey Family Leave running concurrently with an unpaid Federal Family Leave effective May 24, 2027 through October 18, 2027, returning October 19, 2027.

On motion by Mr. Molinari seconded by Mr. Shaw, items #1-16 were approved by the following roll call vote:
"Ayes" - Ms. White, Mr. Molinari, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Omelianuk,, Ms. Mohan, Mr. Lefkowitz.
"Noes" - None
"Abstain" - None

X. **Policy Committee Report**

There were no reports available.

XI. **Curriculum Committee Report**

There were no reports available.

XII. **Wellness/Technology Committee Report**

There were no reports available.

XIII. **Facilities & Operations Committee Report**

There were no reports available.

XIV. **Liaison Committee Reports**

There were no reports available.

XV. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

XVI. **Board Forum**

There were no Board comments.

XVII. **BT Connect:** Help Shape the Future of Our Schools*

XVIII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on Agenda Items.

XIX. **Adjournment**

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

On motion by Mr. Omelianuk and seconded by Mr. Shaw and approved by all present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Rollo
Board Secretary