

# BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

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**Monday September 18, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**District Conference Room**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order by the President**

**2. Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
President Joseph Amara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vice President Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Nelson Reynoso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Deborah Podwin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Ovelis Munoz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Flag Salute**

**Statement of the President**

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of this Board, except where specifically exempted by law, at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having same advertised in The Record on June 30, 2023; also notice of this meeting has been mailed to the members of the Board, the Borough Clerk, all Elementary Schools, Roy W. Brown Middle School, the High School and District the Website on September 12, 2023."

**3. Verbal Comments**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our first public comment session. Public comments regarding tonight's agenda items only will be heard at this time. You will have an opportunity to make any other comments during the 2nd public comment session later in the meeting.

**4. Discussion of Evening Agenda**

**5. Discussion of Committee Reports**

**A. Finance Committee**

**B. Policy Committee**

## **6. Verbal Comments**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our 2nd public comment for any other comments at this time.

## **7. Motion to go to Private Session**

1. Tonight's personnel.
2. Open Litigation.
3. HIB.

## **8. Motion to Adjourn**

## **2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Informational Item (ID # 10605)

Posting for 9-18-23 Meeting

Attachments:

Posting for 9-18-23 Meeting (PDF)

# BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

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**Monday September 18, 2023**

**8:00 PM**

**Front Cafeteria of the High School**

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**1. Meeting called to order by the President**

**2. Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
President Joseph Amara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vice President Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Nelson Reynoso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Deborah Podwin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Ovelis Munoz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**B. 2023/2024 Board Goals**

1. Continue to raise academic achievement levels of all students all subject areas to maintain ranking as a top tier school district
2. Continue to promote a supportive environment that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusive programming and curriculum for all
3. Continue to provide opportunities to expand critical thinking skills, SEL competencies, civic involvement, environmental awareness, and information literacy skills
4. Review, modify, and expand co-curricular activities, experiential learning, and community service opportunities
5. Continue to broaden public engagement with parents, students, and community while increasing parental engagement in the educational process

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### **3. Minutes**

1. Motion to accept and approve the Minutes for August 2023.

### **4. Written Communication: None**

### **5. Verbal Comments**

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### **6. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools**

#### **A. Student Representative Report**

#### **B. General Recommendations**

1. Motion to accept and approve the September 12, 2023, Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.
2. Motion to accept and approve the continuation of student suspensions for students whose names are annexed in the Superintendent's Office.
3. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and bilingual staff on September 27, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.
4. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL teachers on October 25, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title III Funds.
5. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on "Understanding and Applying the WIDA Standards" and "Increase Student's Oral Production in the Target Language Through StoryTelling" provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and World Language teachers on November 7, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, payable through Title III Immigrant Funds.
6. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and bilingual staff on December 13, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.
7. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #2415.57 - Washington School Title I School Parent & Family Engagement.
8. Motion to accept and approve the 2023/2024 Special Education Consultants as per the attached.
9. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Edmentum for the annual renewal of Study Island Software for the 2023/2024 school year at a cost of \$13,762.20.

10. Motion to accept and approve the following revised conference.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
C. Anolik	Art Teacher	Art Educators of NJ 2023, New Brunswick, NJ 10/30 & 10/31/23	20-273-200-500-15-270	<b>\$150</b>	Title II

11. Motion to accept and approve the submission of the High-Impact Tutoring Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

12. Motion to accept and approve the Articulation Agreement between Fairleigh Dickinson University and Bergenfield High School for the 2024-2028 Academic Years.

13. Motion to accept and approve the Bergenfield State Mandated District Nursing Plan 2023-2024 to comply with (NJAC 6A:16-2.1 through 2.5).

14. Motion to accept and approve the following conferences.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
M. Beaton	School Nurse	Pediatric Advanced Life Support - Recertification, Livingston, NJ 10/6/23	11-000-213-580-04-000	\$266.02	LEA
C. Langschultz	Payroll Manager	Intro to Payroll NJASBO Online Training, 9/7/23-6/30/23	11-000-251-580-10-000	\$325.00	LEA
J. Valente	Maintenance	School IPM Coordinators 2023-2024 Training, Mahwah NJ, 02/09/24	-	\$0	-
N. Dapito	Art Teacher	Herff Jones Yearbook Adviser Workshop, Paramus, NJ, 9/19/23	-	\$0	-

L. Alberto	Director of Assessment, Teaching and Learning; Director of the Alternative School.	2023 NJPSA/FEA/NJ ASCD Fall Conference, Atlantic City, NJ 10/12/23-10/13/23	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$375	Title II
S. Oscanoa	Preschool Teacher	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023, East Rutherford, NJ 10/13/23	20-218-200-580-10-000	\$235.00	PEA
J. Burke	Preschool Teacher	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023, East Rutherford, NJ 10/13/23	20-218-200-580-10-000	\$235.00	PEA

15. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursements.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
L. Alberto	2023 NJPSA/FEA/NJ ASCD Fall Conference, Atlantic City, NJ 10/12/23-10/13/23	-	\$27.00	\$126.43	31.22	20-273-200-500-15-273
S. Oscanoa	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023	-	-	\$4.98	-	20-218-200-580-10-000

**7. Old Business: None**

**8. New Business**

- A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts with South Bergen Jointure for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts with Bergen County Special Services for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- C. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts for Sent Students for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- D. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contracts for the 2023/2024 School Year.

- E. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Tuition Contracts for Received Students for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- F. Motion to accept and approve the attached Use of Facilities list.
- G. Motion to accept and approve Riddell for the reconditioning of athletic equipment at an estimated cost of \$10,000 based on Cooperative Bid # ESCNJ 22/23-13.
- H. Motion to accept and approve the purchases from Ahold Financial Services for supplies at an estimated cost of \$12,750 for the 2023-2024 year.
- I. Motion to accept and approve the following donation(s):

Moving Wall Sponsors:

<b>Organization/Invidiual</b>	<b>Ad Type</b>	<b>Ad Amount</b>
John Smith	Half Page	\$ 1,000.00
VFW Auxiliary Post 6467	Half Page	\$ 1,000.00
GJEM/Division of Otterstedt Insurance Agency	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Shaw's Lock Service	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Bergenfield Lions Club	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Sanitation Equipment Corp	Inside Cover	\$2,500.00
Borough of Bergenfield	Back Cover	\$2,000.00
The Law Offices of Franklin S. Montero	Half Page	\$1,000.00
Gates Flag & Banner Co.	Business Card	\$ 250.00
<b>Total Sponsorship</b>		<b>\$8,500.00</b>

Moving Wall Donations:

<b>Donation Organization</b>	<b>Donation Amount</b>
Atlantic Coast Recycling LLC	\$100.00
VFW Auxiliary Post	\$500.00
Gillies Autobody	\$ 50.00
Dwight Calibration	\$100.00
Bergenfield Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee	\$100.00
Bergenfield Policemen's Benevolent Association	\$500.00

Lyndhurst American Legion POST 139	\$500.00
Solutions Architecture	\$500.00
Total Donation	\$2,350.00

Bergenfield Former Soccer Players donated \$200.00 to the Bergenfield High School Athletic Department.

James Hurley donated the book Glory Denied.

John Smith donated the book The Wall, a decorative plate titled Candlelight Memorial and Military Service Flags.

Saint Anthony Orthodox Church, Women's Guild, in Bergenfield donated 48 backpacks to the Bergenfield School District.

Warrior Watch donated charcoal crayons for Moving Wall visitors.

Scott Graphics donated tracing paper for visitors to use at the Moving wall.

Aramark donated water and snacks to the workers and volunteers of the Moving Wall.

Solutions Architect donated water and snacks for the workers and volunteers of the Moving Wall.

- J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Cengage Learning for Gale Library subscriptions in the amount of \$10,964.73.
- K. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Curriculum Associates for i-Ready instructional licenses at a cost of \$47,172.25.
- L. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from SchoolMint for Hero incident tracking subscription for the 2023-2024 year in the amount of \$7,488.74.
- M. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Learn By Doing for the Albert license subscription for the 2023-2024 year in the amount of \$7,950.
- N. Motion to accept and approve the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com and authorize the School Business Administrator to discard any items not sold on this public auction.
  - Bus #31 - 2006 Blue Bird 24 Passenger Gas Bus
  - Bus #32 - 2006 Blue Bird 24 Passenger Gas Bus
- O. Motion to accept and approve the General Fund and Fund 20 Inter-Account Transfers as per the attached list.



## **9. Report and Recommendations of Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

Motion to accept and approve the following as presented:

- A. The Secretary's Report of Cash Balances as of August 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$ and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of August 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$
- B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of August 2023 in the total amount of \$
- C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of September 2023 in the total amount of \$
- D. Motion to accept and approve the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of August 31, 2023 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of August 31, 2023, after review of the District's monthly financial reports, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

## **10. Verbal Comments**

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our 2nd public comment for any other comments at this time.

## **11. Adjournment**