

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 29, 2024

8:00 PM

Front Cafeteria of the High School

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 Fanny Cruz-Betesh	<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

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 January 23, 2024."

3. Presentation:

Lerch, Vinci & Bliss - Jeff Bliss - 2023 Audit

4. Minutes

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

5. Written Communication: None

6. 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. Participants shall be limited to a three minutes time limit and shall identify themselves before speaking. There will be a limit of 30 minutes for this public comment period. You will have an opportunity to make any other comments during the 2nd public comment session later in the meeting.

7. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools

A. Student Representative Report

B. General Recommendations

1. Motion to accept and approve the Personnel Recommendations.
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 the Annual Meeting between the Bergenfield Board of Education and Bergenfield Law Enforcement Officials - Uniform Memorandum of Agreement 2023/2024.
4. Motion to accept and approve the Annual Meeting between the Bergenfield Board of Education and Teaneck Law Enforcement Officials - Uniform Memorandum of Agreement 2023/2024.
5. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of SEL instructional supplies from Really Good Stuff LLC for Roy W. Brown Middle school students, in the amount not exceeding \$1,591.97, payable through Title I Funds.
6. Motion to accept and approve the following Out-of-State Field Trips:

Bergenfield High School honors wind ensemble students to Carnegie Hall, New York City on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 & 19, 2024. Total 50 students with 4 chaperones.

Bergenfield High School NAHS students to Museum of Modern Art, New York on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Total 20 Students with 2 Chaperones.

Bergenfield High School AP Biology students to DNA Learning Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Total 33 Students with 3 Chaperones.

Bergenfield High School French IV Honors AP Class to "Lycee Fransais de New York" on Friday, February 2, 2024. Total 9 Students with 2 Chaperones.

7. Motion to accept and approve the following In-State-Field Trip

Roy W. Brown Middle School Grade 8 trip to Six Flags Great Adventure on June 12, 2024. Number of students is approximately 250 and approximately 27 chaperones.

8. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of instructional supplies for the STEM Program at Roy W. Brown Middle School, from Dynamic Learning Experiences LLC, amount not exceeding \$5,847.00, payable through Title IV Funds.

9. Motion to accept and approve the in-District Professional Development for Elementary Math teachers, provided by Staff Development Workshops, one day in each building for five days in the Spring of 2024, amount not to exceed \$9,000.00, payable out of ESSER III Funds.

10. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development on Tiered Interventions for elementary level teachers, provided by Staff Development Workshops, three virtual sessions in the Spring of 2024, amount not to exceed \$3,600.00, payable out of Title II.

11. Motion to accept and approve the Latino Family Literacy Project facilitator training for Roy W. Brown Middle School and Bergenfield High School, provided by Lectura, Inc., payable through Title III Immigrant Funds in the amount of \$200.00.

12. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development on Tiered Interventions for secondary level teachers, provided by Staff Development Workshops, three virtual sessions in the Spring of 2024, amount not to exceed \$3,600.00, payable out of Title II.

13. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of the following Revised Policies and Regulations:

Policy 2270	Religion in Schools
Policy 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams
Policy 3161	Examination for Cause
Policy 4161	
Policy 3212	Attendance - Teaching Staff Attendance -
Policy 4212	Support Staff
Policy 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
Regulation 5111	
Policy 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths
Regulation 5116	
Policy 8500	Food Services

14. Second Reading of Regulation #R2419 - School Threat Assessment Teams

Regulation 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams
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15. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of the following Policy:

Policy # 2560.50 - Therapy Dog

16. Motion to accept and approve the Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2023/2024 School Year.

17. Motion to accept and approve the following new and revised courses to be offered at Bergenfield High School during the 2024-2025 school year.

1. AP African American Studies (New) (full year)
2. Introduction to Engineering (New) (half year)
3. Marine Biology (Revised) (half year)

18. Motion to accept and approve the January HIB Monthly Report.

19. Motion to accept and approve the following conference payable out of Title II Funds.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
D. Massey	Guidance Counselor	PACE University Counselor Event, Pleasantville, NY 04/12/24	-	\$0.00	-

20. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursement payable through Title II Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking /Other</u>	<u>Account</u>
D. Massey	PACE University Counselor Event, Pleasantville, NY 04/12/2024	-	-	\$14.24	\$6.25 (Tolls)	20-273-200-500-15-270

21. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of supplies for the SEL classrooms at Washington Elementary School, from Amazon.com LLC, amount not exceeding \$184.16, payable through Title IV Funds.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

- A. Motion to accept and approve the Tuition Contract(s) with Bergen County Special Services for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- B. Motion to accept and approve the Tuition Contract(s) for Received Student(s) for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- C. Motion to accept and approve the Transportation Contract as Host District for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- D. Motion to accept and approve the Specialty Contracts for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- E. Motion to accept and approve the Tuition Contract for out of District Placement for the 2023/2024 School Year.
- F. Motion to accept and approve the Use of Facilities.

- G. Motion to accept and approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance 2023-2024.
- H. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Services for the boiler repair at Roy W. Brown Middle School at a cost of \$10,750 on Cooperative Bid Ed Data# 12191.
- I. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Services for the boiler repair at Roy W. Brown Middle School at a cost of \$20,623 on Cooperative Bid Ed Data # 12191.
- J. Motion to accept and approve the following donations:
 - Little Explorers Learning Center, Inc. has donated \$500.00 to the Bergenfield High School Dance Team.
- K. Motion to accept and approve the June 30, 2023 Audit Report from Lerch, Vinci & Bliss.
- L. Motion to accept and approve the General Fund and Fund 20 Inter-Account Transfers for December 2023.

10. 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 December 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$19,932,397.61 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of December 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$19,932,397.61.
- B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of December 2023 in the total amount of \$10,096,750.72.
- C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of January 2024 in the total amount of \$8,690,002.55
- 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 December 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 December 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.

11. Verbal Comments

The Bergenfield Board of Education now opens the floor for our 2nd public comment for any other comments at this time. Participants shall be limited to a three minutes time limit and shall identify themselves before speaking. There will be a limit of 30 minutes for this public comment period.

12. Adjournment

13. Private Session:

Motion to go to Private Session in the Superintendent's Office. The Board will not reconvene.