

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

Monday August 24, 2020

7:00 PM

District Conference Room

1. Meeting Called to Order by the President

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Amara	Bergenfield Board of Education	President	Present	
Eileen Ryder	Bergenfield Board of Education	Vice-President	Present	
Nelson Reynoso	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Deborah Podwin	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	

Also present: C. Tully, D. Markman, J. Olobardi

Flag Salute: Waived until the 8:00 PM Meeting

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, 2020; also notice of this virtual meeting has been mailed to the members of the Board, Borough Clerk, Roy W. Brown Middle School, the High School and the District Website on August 12, 2020."

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.

Julia Guittilla - BEA President

Are questions for this meeting or the 8:00 meeting?

4. Discussion of Evening Agenda

5. Discussion of Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

B. Policy Committee

6. Verbal Comments

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Julia Guttilla - BEA President

Made a statement regarding the safety of school reopening on September 8, 2020.

7. Motion to go to Private Session

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

8. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

2. INFORMATIONAL:

1. Informational Item (ID # 5809)

Posting for 8/24/2020 Meeting.

2. Informational Item (ID # 5836)

Custodial/Maintenance OT - July 2020.

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday August 24, 2020

8:00 PM

Front Cafeteria of the High School

1. Meeting called to order by the President

2. Roll Call

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3. Presentation:

Re-opening Plan Presentation

4. Minutes

1. Motion to accept and approve the Minutes for July 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
SECONDER:	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

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. You will have an opportunity to make any other comments during the 2nd public comment session later in the meeting.

Sandy Borrero - Will student loose spot in classroom if they start virtually.

Yesenia Gonzalez - How will you evaluate if a student is learning through the virtual lessons.

Andress Astudillo - What is the breakdown of percentage for the survey of students staying home or going to school? Governor Murphy's statement that all students must wear masks in school. What is the exemption for a student not to wear a mask?

Edgar Hernandez - Concerned about how many hours per day a young student will be on the computer, how do you balance that out?

Lisa Morin - What are the guidelines for Para's?

Brittney Rivera - IEP requirements and what are the exemptions for students wearing masks?

Rebecca Alleman - What are the parents who are working supposed to do with their young children; they need guidance on the computer.

Phares & Salome Caton - There are 5 scheduled periods but 8 in a normal day, how will the extra periods be covered. What will be the gym requirements for distance learning?

Marissa Sazer - Can we do something more than one ½ day? High School should do more virtual than the younger students should.

Jennifer Martinez - Commends the committee's for their work during this pandemic. What is considered an outbreak? What is the school closure procedure if there is an outbreak?

Marisol Fernandez - Breakup virtual learning times, younger students do not always do well. If a student gets sick in the classroom, will other students' parents be made aware of a possible illness. If a student is out sick can they still go on virtually and not miss a day?

Betsy DeSotto - Thank you for your hard work. Maybe Para's can logon to help students. Will the weight of grades be the same?

Rebecca Martin - Safety messages from a nurse, wash hands, wear masks and watch distance. Ventilations in schools also is key. Thank you.

Laurie Shaw - Thank you all for the hard work. Please clarify remote learning - will there be just live lessons or recorded ones? Will fourth graders still have the opportunity to play an instrument?

Fausto Almonte - Has no access for parents' site and virtual learning info. Waiting for fourth grade placement of his child.

Jessenia Paoli - Asked about live instruction, standardized testing and process for teacher accommodations.

Nancy Alberto - Thank you for this meeting. If classrooms are cleaned daily - how do you clean them between classes? Is there a plan to access the students' learning while they are online?

Robin Kovaks - Thank you for your efforts. Delayed start date, will you still have a choice to stay remote after 10/19? Will temperature checks be staggered? How are the Seniors going to do their college applications?

Haleigh Martin - Spoke about the Tri-Valley students.

Matthew Michaelson - Remote learning and can you get a voucher for private schools?

Luis Diaz - Asked about virtual start, remote learning, chromebooks and pre-school.

Danilde Ramirez - Asked about Kindergarten required assignments and do students have to sign-in?

Judy Hayletts - How are chromebooks distributed?

Chelliah Phillips - Asked about students going to the nurse's office and parents not able to pick their children up. Will students be monitored in the bathrooms? Who supplies facemasks?

Pablo DeJesus - IEP never completed and chromebooks not working well.

Belinda Mendez - Questions reopening during cold/flu season and are teachers being tested?

Madeline Rodriguez - Will student lose spot in school if they go remotely? Is there any after care programs?

Morris - Will RWB have synchronized and unsynchronized classes? Do the classrooms have air vents to exchange air and hepa filters?

Ellen Porter - Freshmen Orientation at High School.

Corinne Kohlman - Are nurses trained to know the signs of Covid verses other illnesses and allergies? Face covering requirements. Will windows on buses be opened or closed and what happens during inclement weather?

7. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools

A. General Recommendations

1. Motion to accept and approve the attached Personnel Recommendations.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

2. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development on Preparing for a Return to Remote Learning for Gr. 6-12 math teachers to be provided Dr. Eric Milou, July and August, 2020, in the amount not exceeding \$612.00, payable through Title IIA funds.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

3. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy # 1648 - Restart and Recovery Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

4. Motion to accept and approve the first reading of policy # 1648.03 Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

5. Motion to accept and approve the continuation of student suspensions for students whose names are annexed in the Superintendent's Office.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

6. Motion to accept and approve the establishment of a new Tri Valley Class at Lincoln School in Dumont.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

7. Motion to accept and approve for Title I purposes – Parental Involvement (M) District Policy #2415.04.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

8. Motion to accept and approve for ESEA purposes Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/No Child Left Behind Programs (M) District Policy #2415.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

9. Motion to accept and approve the submission of the Restart and Recovery Plan to the Interim Executive County Superintendent of the New Jersey Department of Education for review.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

10. Motion to accept and approve the Hoover Elementary School Title I School Parental Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

11. Motion to accept and approve the Washington Elementary School Title I School Parental Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

12. Motion to accept and approve the Roy W. Brown Middle School Title I School Parental Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

13. Motion to accept and approve the Bergenfield High School Title I School Parental Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

14. Motion to accept and approve payment for staff members to attend the district provided Equity in Education Training offered by NJEA for staff, on August 18 and 19, 2020, not to exceed \$180.00/teacher and \$113/paraprofessional, payable through Title IIA Funds.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

15. Motion to accept and approve the following Conference over \$150 payable through ESEA Funds:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M. Beori	Social Studies - BHS	Online Advanced Economics Summer Workshop, ACDC Leadership & Consulting, Poway, CA	\$23,150	20-273-200-500- 08-270	\$490.00

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

16. Motion to accept and approve the staff development webinar on Social Emotional Learning to be provided by Staff Development Workshops for Paraprofessionals on September 2, 2020, one (1) a.m. session, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

17. Motion to accept and approve all district curricula on Atlas for the 2020/2021 School Year as per attached list.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

18. Motion to accept and approve revised FY 2020 – reimbursement of salary and benefits applied from Title I to LEA as follows:

FY 2020 - Revised reimbursement of salary and benefits applied from Title I to LEA				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Approximate % of salary and benefits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S. Samuel	BHS	20-232-100-100-08-270	25%	\$18,903

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

19. Motion to accept and approve the creation of an Isolation Room/Space, Hall, and Bathroom Monitor Position and job description.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts with Bergen County Special Services for the 2020/2021 School Year.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts for Sent Students for the summer of 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

C. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contract(s) for the 2020/2021 School Year.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

D. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contract(s) for Received Student(s) for the 2020/2021 School Year.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

E. Motion to accept and approve the attached Use of Facilities list.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

F. Motion to accept and approve the quote from TCI in the amount of \$11,835.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

G. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Dell for 305 Latitude 5400 Chromebooks on State Contract # 19-TELE-00656 at a total cost of \$137,097.50.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

H. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Dell for one PowerEdge Storage Server on State Contract # 19-TELE-00656 at a total cost of \$16,285.16.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

I. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from NorthStar for two Fortinet Firewall for the Bear Den at a cost of \$7,570.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from NorthStar for the replacement of two district firewalls at a cost of \$23,980.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

K. 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.

2004 - 24 Passenger Bluebird School Bus

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

L. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Staples for 300 Chromebooks at a cost of \$72,963 on Ed-Data cooperative bid #9837.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

M. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Educational Technology Integrators for network firewall integration services at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

N. Motion to accept and approve the following:

Donations made for the Dr. Arthur Freiman Memorial Bench (Yacht Club 60in Bench, CB) to be purchased from Polywood.

Lynnelle Secor	JoAnn Ruiz-Vazquez	Marybeth Iorio
Linda DePinto	John Mahoney	Lauren LaPorta
Melissa Yoskowitz	Estefania Valera	Laura Eliscu
Kathy Goelz	Mike Merlo	Jacqueline Gagliardo

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- O. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Almstead Tree Service to remove dangerous trees and branches at Lincoln School at a total cost of \$13,300.00 on Bergen County Coop bid 19-14.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- P. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Almstead Tree Service to remove dangerous trees and branches at Bergenfield High School at a cost of \$6,285.00 on Bergen County Coop Bid 19-14.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- Q. Motion to accept and approve from Apple Incorporated two (2) ten packs of Apple iPads for district use at a cost of \$9,734.50 on cooperative bid # CCN1062153 ESCNJ.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- R. Motion to accept and approve the renewal of Adobe Creative Suite software licensing at a cost of \$8,332.50 from the White Rock Security Group.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- S. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Dual Use Classrooms to the Department of Education for the 2020/2021 school year.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

T. Motion to accept and approve the awarding of the Digital Divide Application in the amount of \$149,847 related to: Executive Order No. 103, the swift transition from in-person public school instruction to remote/virtual learning exposed the existing gaps in student access to remote learning devices and the necessary broadband service to connect with school educational materials.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

U. Motion to accept and approve the proposal between the Bergenfield Board of Education and Greater Bergen Community Action Bergenfield Head Start for the 2020/2021 school year.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

V. Motion to accept and approve the revised 2020/2021 School Calendar. The first day of school for students will now be Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

W. Motion to accept and approve the attached evidence of annual inspection and maintenance of district wide AED Devices.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

X. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from APEX for annual renewal of Credit Recovery software at a cost of \$7,500.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

Y. Motion to accept and approve the following Conferences Over \$150 payable through LEA Funds.

Name	Department	Conference Name	Cost	Date/Time	Account #	Source of Funds
Melissa Weigl	Transportation	School Transportation Supervisors Program-Rutgers Eco Complex	\$683	9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24	11-000-251-580-10-000	FY 2020/2021 LEA Funds

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

Z. Motion to accept and approve the following Reimbursements:

Name	Conference	Lodging	Meals	Transportation	Tolls/Parking	Total
M. Weigl	School Transportation Supervisors Program-Rutgers Eco Complex	0	0	\$265.65	\$97.00	\$362.65

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

AA. Motion to accept and approve the subscription for SmartMusic for Roy W. Brown Middle School and Bergenfield High School for the 2020/2021 School Year in the amount of \$7,770.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

AB. Motion to accept and approve the quote from TentandTable.com for three (3) outdoor tents at a total cost of \$7,699.96 for instrumental classes at Bergenfield High School and Roy W. Brown Middle School.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

AC. Motion to accept and approve the General Fund and Fund 20 Inter-Account Transfers as per the attached list.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

AD. Motion to accept and approve:

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District actively and diligently following the guidance from the Federal and State levels, including the CDC, NJ Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Education, and the New Jersey Governor's office. This guidance changed numerous times, sometimes in a single day, but we prepared for the 2020-2021 school year to the maximum extent possible given this guidance. In order to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we developed a Re-opening plan pursuant to the State requirements. We also ordered all the PPE required to safely reopen schools - some of these items were ordered months ago; and,

WHEREAS, on August 13th, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 175, which requires all districts meet specific health and safety requirements prior to reopening. These new guidelines require the District to be in possession of certain PPE before schools reopen. These items include, but are not limited to, specific disinfectant wipes, hallway hand sanitizer stations, HVAC filtration, personnel, and related equipment; and,

WHEREAS, all of these items were ordered but many will not be received in time for a September 8, 2020 reopening as they are on back order due to an overwhelming increase in orders and as a result the District cannot meet all of the new reopening requirements; and,

NOW THEREFORE, in light of the above referenced, the 2020-2021 school year for students will begin on September 8, 2020 via a complete remote platform until October 16, 2020. The Board will discuss progress towards reopening at the September board meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

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 July 31, 2020 reflecting a balance of \$9,933,389.47 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of July 31, 2020 reflecting a balance of \$9,933,389.47.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of July 2020 in the total amount of \$4,188,048.19.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of August 2020 in the total amount of \$1,804,064.18.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

- 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 July 31, 2020 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 July 31, 2020, 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

11. Verbal Comments: None

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

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Ryder, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin