

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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AGENDA FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

Monday December 14, 2020

7:00 PM

District Conference Room

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 Eileen Ryder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Nelson Reynoso	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trustee Deborah Podwin	<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 both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting to be published by having same advertised in The Record on June 30, 2020; 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 the District Website on December 9, 2020."

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3. Verbal Comments

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4. Discussion of Evening Agenda

5. Discussion of Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

B. Policy Committee

6. Verbal Comments

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7. Motion to go to Private Session

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

8. Motion to Adjourn

2. INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS:

1. Informational Item (ID # 6080)

Posting for 12/14/2020 Regular Meeting.

Attachments:

12-14-2020 Regular Meeting Posting(PDF)

2. Informational Item (ID # 6099)

Custodial/Maintenance OT - November 2020.

Attachments:

Custodial/Maintenance OT - November 2020 (PDF)

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday December 14, 2020

8:00 PM

Front Cafeteria of the High School

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	Remote	
Nelson Reynoso	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Remote	
Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Deborah Podwin	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	

Also present: C. Tully, D. Markman

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3. Presentation to Vice President Ryder

Joe Amara read the following:

Eileen and I have known one another since our children were in Franklin School together. We were Parent Advocates before joining the Board when the Board talked about closing Roy W. Brown Middle School and fought for a smoother transition for 6th graders moving to the Middle School.

My wife and Eileen were on the swim club board together for several years and my son apprenticed in ceramic tiling under Eileen's husband Frank.

Eileen served for several years as President of this Board and serviced on virtually every committee of it. She has proven on every vote her dedication to our children.

Anyone who has served the community for over 21 years deserves respect; but Eileen has proven in countless votes her loyalty to the children's needs and respect for the taxpayer's dollars.

Thank you Eileen for being such a dedicated role model for future board members and for all your selfless dedication to our community. We wish you well in all your endeavors.

Superintendent Tully read the following:

Thank you Doctor Amara for your touching remarks about Mrs. Ryder. I also have a few words that I would like to share. Mrs. Ryder was elected to the Board starting on April 1, 1999. Mrs. Ryder has served on the Board for over 21 years. She is currently Vice President of the Board and has previously served as Board President. Mrs. Ryder has always been active in our schools and the community. While her children attended Franklin School, she served as the treasurer of the Franklin School Parents Association. While her children attended Bergenfield High School, she served as Vice President of the Bergenfield High School Parents Association. Mrs. Ryder originally ran for the Board seeking to improve the athletic facilities for our students. The District was able to renovate the track at Bergenfield High School and the soccer/softball field at Roy W. Brown Middle School and construct tennis courts at Bergenfield High School during her time on the Board. I would say that her mission was accomplished. Mrs. Ryder also served as president of the Bergenfield Swim Club for seven years. I would like to thank Mrs. Ryder for her service to the community and to the children during her time on the Board.

Vice President Ryder thanked President Amara, Superintendent Tully and The Board for the kind words and the plaque with a clock that was presented to her early in the day.

4. Minutes

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

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

5. Written Communication: None

6. Verbal Comments: None

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7. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools

CoVid update from Superintendent Tully.

A. General Recommendations

1. Motion to accept and approve the official counts for the November 3, 2020 School Election for Candidates.

The total votes for: Ovelis Munoz 5,834
Amanda Compton-Dover 5,166

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

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

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

3. Motion to accept and approve the Special Education Monthly Report for December 9, 2020 as per the attached.

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

4. Motion to accept and approve the submission of the New Jersey Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act School Security, Water Infrastructure, Grant in the amount of \$56,054. The district assures that the Bergenfield Board of Education has local funds available to cover any costs that exceed the grant allowance and that the district has a sustainability plan addressing future filtration and flushing solution needs.

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

6. Motion to accept and approve Virtual Staff development training for high school math teachers to be provided by Staff Development Workshops, one full day for a fee of \$1,700.00 and one half day for a fee of \$850.00 of coaching visits over the following dates, Dec. 21, 2020 and January 7, 8, 11, 12, 2021, total not to exceed \$2,550.00, payable through Title IA Funds.

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

7. Motion to accept and approve virtual Professional Development on “Representing All Students in the Curriculum: Approaching Race and Equity in the Classroom” and “An Introduction to Culturally Responsive Teaching” provided by Inspired Instruction for P-12 teachers on January 18, 2021, a.m. and p.m. session for each PD, at a cost not to exceed \$4,400.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

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

8. Motion to accept and approve virtual Professional Development on “Recognizing and Addressing Implicit Bias” provided by Staff Development Workshops on January 18, 2021, two, 2-hour webinars a.m./p.m. session, at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

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

9. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of English Grammar 101 subscription from Cingletree Learning, for Bergenfield High School and Alternative High School ELLs, amount not exceeding \$300.00, payable through Title IA Funds.

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

10. Motion to accept and approve the following Conferences 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>
K. Manning	Washington - ESL	Distance Learning: Successful, Practical Strategies for Your ELL Students, Live Online and Recorded, Jan. 5, 6, 22 & 27, 2021	\$21,060	20-273-200-500-06-270	\$279

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

11. Motion to accept and approve the following job descriptions and positions:

- Gifted and Talented Teacher
- Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, Gifted and Talented, and Arts
- Supervisor of Science and Mathematics

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

12. Motion to accept and approve the Revised 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Report and Notification of Intent to Carry-over ESEA Funds.

<u>2019-2020 ESEA Grant</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Final Expenditures</u>	<u>Carry-Over Amount</u>
Title I, Part A	\$501,165	\$420,208	\$80,957
Title IIA	\$99,032	\$76,664	\$22,368
Title III	\$49,398	\$39,043	\$10,355
Title III Immigrant	\$14,036	\$ 2,690	-0-
Title IV	\$29,975	\$26,558	\$ 3,417

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

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contract for Received Students for the 2020/2021 School Year.

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

B. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Tuition Contract(s) for Sent Students for the 2020/2021 School Year.

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

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

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

D. Motion to accept and approve the attached Transportation Agreement, Bergenfield is the Joiner District for the 2020/2021 School Year.

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

E. Motion to accept and approve the attached Transportation Agreement, Bergenfield is the Host District for the 2020/2021 School Year.

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

F. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from C&C Masonry to continue excavation and drain pipe replacement work at Franklin School at a cost of \$12,935 on Bergenfield T&M Bid.

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

G. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from C&C Masonry for the excavation and drain pipe replacement work at Franklin School for the week of 11/30/2020 thru 12/4/2020 at a cost of \$13,698.10 on Bergenfield T&M Bid.

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

H. Motion to accept and approve the attached voided check report.

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

I. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Renaissance Learning for the annual renewal of Star Math and Reading Software at a cost of \$100,984.27, this software is proprietary and exempt from public bidding.

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

J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from NorthStar Technology Services, LLC for the purchase of 350 Fortinet Wireless Access Points at a total cost of \$67,200 on PEPPM Contract #528897.

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

K. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Dellicker Strategies to perform a network security assessment in the amount of \$13,860 on ESCNJ Cooperative Bid # 65MCECCPS 18/19-18.

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

L. Motion to accept and approve the proposal for repairs to Cleaver-Brooks boiler # 1 at Bergenfield High School in the amount of \$9,270 on Bergenfield T&M Bid.

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

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nelson Reynoso, 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 November 30, 2020 reflecting a balance of \$14,767,690.95 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of November 30, 2020 reflecting a balance of \$14,767,690.95.

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

B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of November 2020 in the total amount of \$9,152,516.74.

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

C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of December 2020 in the total amount of \$2,654,096.64.

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 following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of November 30, 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 November 30, 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:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Trustee
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ryder, Reynoso, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin

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Mary Hernandez - Parent

1. Update on staff members being tested.
2. Apartment Building letter by Franklin School.

Jose Gonzalez - Parent

1. Thank you to the Superintendent and The Board for supporting the community.

Laurie Shaw - Parent

1. Thanked Washington School Staff.
2. Consideration for more than 1 ½ day a week of school for students who currently attend school.
3. Notification of snow days.

President Amara thanked the staff for their efforts on behalf of The Board.

12. Private Session

1. Motion to go to Private Session.

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

13. Adjournment

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