

# BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

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Monday October 17, 2022

7:00 PM

District Conference Room

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#### 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	
Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	Bergenfield Board of Education	Vice President	Present	
Nelson Reynoso	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Deborah Podwin	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Ovelis Munoz	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	

Also present: C. Tully, D. Markman, J. Khoury-Frias

#### Flag Salute: Waived

#### Statement of the President: Waived

"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, 2022; 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 October 13, 2022."

#### 3. Presentation:

Dr. Alberto, 2021-2022 Testing Data Presentation

#### 4. Verbal Comments: None

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.

#### 5. Discussion of Evening Agenda

#### 6. Discussion of Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

B. Policy Committee

## 7. Verbal Comments: None

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

## 8. Motion to go to Private Session

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

## 9. Motion to Adjourn

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

## 2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Informational Item (ID # 9723)

Posting for 10/17/22 Regular Meeting.

Attachments:

10-17-22 Regular Meeting Posting (PDF)

# BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

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Monday October 17, 2022

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	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Amara	Bergenfield Board of Education	President	Present	
Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala	Bergenfield Board of Education	Vice President	Present	
Nelson Reynoso	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Deborah Podwin	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	
Ovelis Munoz	Bergenfield Board of Education	Trustee	Present	

Also present: C. Tully, D. Markman, J. Khoury-Frias

#### Flag Salute

#### Statement of the President

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#### 3. Presentation:

The following students are being recognized for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2022 Partnership for a Drug-Free NJ Folder Art Contest:

Sean Arrieta and Kristen Williams

The following students are being recognized for receiving a Perfect Score on the Spring 2022 NJSLA Assessments:

Raha Coronel, Kiana Sarcauga, Melanie Flores, Erik Vega, Shadia Elmazouni,  
Aise Eveil, Ivan Suba, Andre Nicholas Duquette, Natalie Hernandez, Mayelyn Garcia,  
Ashley Ocampo and Saachi Malhorta

#### 4. Minutes

1. Motion to accept and approve the minutes for September 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

#### 5. Written Communication: None

#### 6. Verbal Comments: None

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.

#### 7. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools

##### A. General Recommendations

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

2. Motion to accept and approve the October 6, 2022, Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

4. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy # 6620 - Petty Cash.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

5. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy # 2425 - Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

6. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #5722 - Student Journalism.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

7. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #5517 - School District Issued Student Identification Cards.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

8. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #5513 - Care of School Property.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

9. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #4216 - Dress and Grooming (Support Staff Members).

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

10. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #3270 - Professional Responsibilities.

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

11. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #3216 - Dress and Grooming (Teaching Staff Members).

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

12. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy # 2415 - Every Student Succeeds Act.

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

13. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy # 1511 - Board of Education Website Accessibility.

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

14. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #0163 - Quorum.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

15. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #0143.2 - High School Student Representative to the Board of Education.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

16. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #R2425 - Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

17. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #5513 - Care of School Property.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

18. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #3270 - Lesson Plans and Plan Books.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

19. Motion to accept and approve the following Conferences Over \$150, payable through ESSA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
C. Taveras	Library Media Specialist	NJASL 2022 Annual Conference, Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ, Dec. 4, 5, 6, 2022.	20-273-200-500-08-270	\$292.00	Title IIA
C. Taveras	Library Media Specialist	Building Success in and Beyond the Library, Virtual, November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 2022.	20-284-200-300-15-270	\$198.00	Title IV
X. Bonilla	RWB Band Director	2023 NJMEA State Conference, Sheraton Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, February 23-25, 2023.	20-273-200-500-07-270	\$180.00	Title IIA
B. Roth	Elementary Instructional Coach	SIOP Institute 2022, Virtual, October 20-21, 2022.	20-273-200-500-03-270	\$395.00	Title IIA
J. Orlando	Social Studies Teacher	National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center, December 2-3, 2022	20-273-200-500-07-270	\$385.00	Title IIA

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



20. Motion to accept and approve the Conference Under \$150, payable through LEA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
M. Murphy	Nurse	31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Health Conference, The Palace, Somerset NJ, October 19, 2022	11-000-213-580-03-000	\$125.00	LEA

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

21. Motion to accept and approve the following Conferences Under \$150, payable through ESSA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
D. Alonso	School Psychologist	Care Plus-Informed Consent Working with Gender Transitioning Clients, February 9, 2023.	20-273-200-500-08-270	\$40.00	Title IIA

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

22. Motion to accept and approve the following Conference Over \$150, payable through PEA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
M. Saunders	Supervisor of Early Childhood, Gifted & Talented, and Fine Arts.	Veteran PIRS Seminar, Virtual, October 25, 2022 - May 16, 2023.	\$250.00	PEA Funds

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

23. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursements, payable thru ESSA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
C. Taveras	NJASL 2022 Annual Conference, Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ, Dec. 4, 5, 6, 2022.	\$239.52	\$92.00	\$121.87	\$60.46	20-273-200-500-08-270
X. Bonilla	2023 NJMEA State Conference, Sheraton Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, February 23-25, 2023.	\$272.43	-	\$98.42	\$43.96	20-273-200-500-08-270
J. Orlando	National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center, December 2-3, 2022	\$313.04	\$118.50	\$87.93	\$94.33	20-273-200-500-07-270

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

24. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursement, payable thru LEA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
M. Murphy	31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Health Conference , The Palace, Somerset NJ, NJ, October 19, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.50	\$4.00	11-000-213-580-03-000

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

25. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursement, payable thru PEA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
L. Morrell	New Preschool Instructional Coach Seminar, North Plainfield NJ & Virtual, October 25 <sup>th</sup> - May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$143.63	\$40.40	PEA Funds

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

26. Motion to accept and approve the Annual Meeting between the Bergenfield Board of Education and Bergenfield Law Enforcement Officials - Uniform Memorandum of Agreement 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

27. Motion to accept and approve the Annual Meeting between the Bergenfield Board of Education and Teaneck Law Enforcement Officials - Uniform Memorandum of Agreement 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

28. Motion to accept and approve the attached HIB Report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

29. Motion to accept and approve the quote from Character Strong LLC for the annual license renewal of PurposeFull People, for District Elementary Schools, amount not exceeding \$3,495.00, payable through Title IV.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

30. Motion to accept and approve Darlene Markman as the Interim Anti-Bullying Coordinator effective October 17, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

31. Motion to accept and approve JoAnn Khoury-Frias as Interim Homeless Liaison effective October 17, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business**

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contract(s) for the 2022/2023 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts for Sent Students for the 2022/2023 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

C. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contract(s) for Received Students for the 2022/2023 School Year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

D. Motion to accept and approve the agreement between the Bergenfield Board of Education and the parents of a student whose name is annexed in the Superintendent's Office.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

F. Motion to accept and approve the sale of the following item on Govdeals.com and authorize the School Business Administrator to discard any items not sold on this public auction.

- Pianos (2)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

G. Motion to accept and approve the following donations:

Bergenfield VFW Post 6467 donated a banner to be installed at Bergenfield High School to honor Bergenfield's Hometown Hero Floyd J. Thompson. Floyd J. Thompson was the longest-ever held prisoner of war in the history of the United States.

A Franklin School 4<sup>th</sup> grader had a fundraiser by selling their own water bottles and making some rubber band bracelets. The student raised \$58.00 and is donating this money to Franklin School to be used for school purposes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- H. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Electronic Systems Solutions for the purchase and installation of mobile two-way radios on district school buses at a cost of \$11,390.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- I. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Dellicker Strategies for the KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training at a cost of \$12,414.60 on cooperative bid ESCNJ Contract #65MCESCCPS BID# ESCNJ 18/19-18.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Eastern Datacomm for the phone system maintenance at a cost of \$39,750 on Cooperative Bid ESCNJ Contract #65MCESCCPS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS BID# escnj 22/23-09.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- K. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Eastern Datacomm for the LENS System support at a cost of \$15,200 on Cooperative Bid ESCNJ Contract #65MCESCCPS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS BID# escnj 22/23-09.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- L. Motion to accept and approve the revised proposal from Coskey Electronic Systems for the installation of 12 (twelve) HALO Vape Detectors at a cost of \$21,958.20 on ESCNJ contract #19/20-37.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- M. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Puresan for custodial supplies at a cost of \$7,441.42 on Cooperative Bid #HCESC-CAT-19-02 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- N. Motion to accept and approve the agreement between Bergen County Special Services and the Bergenfield Board of Education for the Suspension Alternative Program (SAP) for the 2022-2023 school year. The membership fee is \$750, which entitles the district to 5 weeks of SAP services per school year, services beyond the 5 weeks will be billed at \$150 per week.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- O. Motion to accept and approve the revised agreement between William Paterson University and The Bergenfield Public Schools to designate Hoover, Franklin, Lincoln, and GBCA Headstart as Professional Development Schools ("PDS") and members of the WPU College of Education Professional Development School Network, payable through PEA Funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

- P. Motion to accept and approve the shared services agreement with the Borough of Bergenfield for Special Law Enforcement Officer III School Resource Officers.



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

Q. Motion to accept and approve the quote from Harvey's Appliance for air conditioning eight (8) units at a cost of \$7,240.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

S. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Public Sewer for the catch basin repair at Bergenfield High School at a cost of \$8,039.58 on ED Data Cooperative Bid # 9738.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

T. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for Concrete and Masonry Services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2022, the Board received two bids for the Services; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder C&C Masonry, Inc. ("C&C") submitted a bid that is materially defective insofar as the bidder failed to provide a \$5,000 bid bond, cashier's check or certified check, failed to provide a certificate of surety and failed to provide a New Jersey Department of the Treasury Division of Property Management and Construction ("DPMC") "Total Amount of Uncompleted Contracts" form, all of which are non-waivable material defects; and

WHEREAS, the second lowest bidder, Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC. ("Crossroads"), submitted a bid in the amounts of Journeyman-\$335.00 per hour; Foreman-\$385.00 per hour; Deputy Foreman-\$355.00 per hour; and Laborer/Apprentice-\$295.00 per hour, which is in excess of the Board's cost estimates for the Services and, as such, is not reasonable as to price; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reject C&C's bid for being materially defective, to reject Crossroad's bid for exceeding its cost estimates for the Services, and to authorize the Business Administrator to re-advertise for bids for the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The bid submitted by the lowest bidder, C&C Masonry, Inc. had non-waivable defects and is hereby rejected.
2. The bid submitted by Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC. exceeded the Board's cost estimates and, as such, is not reasonable as to price and is hereby rejected.
3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to re-advertise, seeking bids for concrete and masonry services.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

U. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from GL Group for the environmental cleanup of the nurse's office at Washington Elementary School at a cost of \$23,400 on Cooperative Bid # HCESC-Ser-22-15.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

V. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Public Sewer for the cleaning of storm sewer lines at Jefferson Elementary School at a cost of \$11,190 on Cooperative Bid Ed-Data Contract # 9738.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

W. Motion to accept and approve the creation of the Coordinator of Health Services position and the attached job description.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

X. Motion to accept and approve the following Three Year Maintenance Plan:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Bergenfield are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Bergenfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the school business administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Bergenfield in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

Y. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Fette Ford for the purchase of a Ford Transit Connect van at a total cost of \$37,325.50.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

Z. Motion to accept and approve the following bid:

WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Bergenfield High School Lower Field Shed Replacement Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2022, the Board received two (2) bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the bids substantially exceeded the cost estimates prepared by the Architect for this Project and, as such, are unreasonable as to price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rejects the bids received for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(a), as the bids substantially exceed cost estimates prepared for the Board, and, as such, are unreasonable as to price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is hereby authorized to re-advertise the Project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), in the best interests of the School District.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

#### 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 September 30, 2022 reflecting a balance of \$19,689,312.57 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of September 30, 2022 reflecting a balance of \$19,689,312.57.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of September 2022 in the total amount of \$9,332,901.92.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of October 2022 in the total amount of \$5,017,638.12.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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 September 30, 2022 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 September 30, 2022, 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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

## 11. Verbal Comments

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

Delvis from Heavenly Waters gave the Board information about a free wireless iPad Program.

President Amara thanked and congratulated principals, teachers, parents & students.

Dr. Tully recognized the music festival and the Bergenfield attendees.

## 12. Adjournment

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz