

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

Monday January 30, 2023

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	
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, A. Marin (Student Representative)

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 January 24, 2023."

3. Presentation:

Start Strong Assessment by Dr. Ligia Alberto

4. 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.

Fanny Bonilla - Parent

Asked about parent training to help support their children with homework.

A. Marin - Student Representative

Comment regarding student parking concerns.

Dr. Reynoso - Board Trustee

Comments regarding the horrific killing of Tyre Nichols and the appalling attempt to bomb a synagogue in Bloomfield.

Fanny Bonilla - Parent

Asked for information about ELL parent groups.

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.

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

9. Motion to Adjourn

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

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday January 30, 2023

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	
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, A. Marin (Student Representative)

Flag Salute

Statement of the President

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3. Minutes

1. Motion to accept and approve the Minutes for December 2022.

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

4. Written Communication: None

5. 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.

6. Report and Recommendations of Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Tully read the following statement:

"I am requesting the help of everyone in this meeting room tonight as I am sad and disgusted over the killing of Tyre Nichols. The Board is appalled at this senseless and unspeakable killing. I am asking everyone in this room to join me in a moment of silence in memory of Tyre Nichols. <Moment of Silence> Thank you. May be there be peace on Earth!"

Congratulations to Ana Marin, our student representative, on her acceptance into Northeastern University.

A. Student Representative Report by Ana Marin

Since the previous meeting, BHS students have accomplished much, specifically in student congress. The Class of 2023 held a donation collection for those in need this holiday season, as well as a holiday candy cane gram fundraiser. The Class of 2024 hosted a holiday spirit week for the final week of school before winter break to allow students to express their BHS pride. The drama club hosted its Cabaret Showcase in December in the auditorium with a great turnout. This past Friday, the Class of 2023 held the annual talent show with amazing performances from our talented BHS students. Upcoming events include the annual BHS blood drive hosted by the executive congress, annual course offering assembly for the underclassmen, and a drama club performance of "beauty and the beast".

After discussion with the student government of each class and their Presidents, there are no current issues and no complaints needing notice. During our last monthly student government meetings, we held an open floor to discuss any issues that I plan to bring to these Board of Education meetings; students are also invited to attend.

B. General Recommendations

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

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

2. 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:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

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

4. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of instructional supplies for the Drone Afterschool Program at Roy W. Brown Middle School from Amazon.com LLC, amount not exceeding \$3,127.03, payable through Title IV Funds.

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

5. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of instructional supplies for the Drone Afterschool Program at Roy W. Brown Middle School from Camrise LLC, amount not exceeding \$1,847.35, payable through Title IV Funds.

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

6. Motion to accept and approve the following Out-of-State Field Trip:

Bergenfield High School Spanish 4 Honors & SNS II students to NYC Spanish Repertory on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Total of 50 Students and 4 Chaperones.

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

7. Motion to accept and approve the following new and revised 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>
B. Timmons	2023 NJMEA State Conference Sheraton Convention Center,	\$272.43	\$147.50	\$125.87	\$90.28	20-273-200-500-15-270

	Atlantic City, NJ, February 23-25, 2023.					
X. Bonilla	2023 NJMEA State Conference Sheraton Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, February 23-25, 2023.	\$272.43	\$147.50	\$98.42	\$83.96	20-273-200-500-15-270

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

8. 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 / Public Transp.</u>	<u>Account</u>
S. Machin	Infinite Campus Interchange NYC 2023, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY, March 14-15, 2023.	-	\$30.75	\$28.96	\$81.50	20-273-200-500-15-270
S. Liguori	Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages,	-	\$118.50	\$23.03	\$74.10	20-273-200-500-15-270

	NY Hilton Midtown, New York, NY March 3- 4, 2023					
K. Stevenson	36 th Annual ASAP-NJ Conference, Holiday Inn East Windsor, NJ March 9-10, 2023.	\$165.07	\$46.50	\$49.30	\$26.12	20-273-200-500-15-270
D. Massey	Pace University Camous Counselor Event, Pleasantville NY, March 31, 2023.	-	-	\$14.76	\$6.61	20-273-200-500-15-270

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

9. Motion to accept and approve the 2021/2022 Final Expenditure Report and Carry-over ESSA Funds.

<u>2021-2022 ESSA Grant</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Final Expenditures</u>	<u>Carry-Over Amount</u>
Title I, Part A	\$ 494,941	\$ 466,269	\$ 28, 672
Title IIA	\$ 108,736	\$ 91,848	\$ 16,888
Title III	\$ 50,213	\$ 38,710	\$ 11,503
Title III Immigrant	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,623	\$ 86
Title IV	\$ 40,802	\$ 34,161	\$ 6,641

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

10. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #1540 - Administrator's Code of Ethics.

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

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

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

12. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #0152-Board Officers.

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

13. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #0161-Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation.

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

14. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #0162-Notice of Board Meetings.

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

15. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #2423-Bilingual and ESL Education.

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

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

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

17. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #5200-Attendance.

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

18. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #5512-Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying.

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

19. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #8140-Student Enrollments.

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

20. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #8330-Student Records.

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

21. Motion to accept and approve the Abolishment of Policy #1648.11 - The Road Forward COVID 19.

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

22. Motion to accept and approve the Abolishment of Policy 1648.13-School Employee Vaccination Requirements.

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

23. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R2423-Bilingual and ESL Education.

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

24. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading Regulation #R2425-Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction.

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

25. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R5200-Attendance.

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

26. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R8140-Enrollment Accounting.

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

27. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R8330-Student Records.

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

28. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R8420.2-Bomb Threats.

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

29. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R8420.7-Lockdown Procedures.

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

30. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Regulation #R8420.10-Active Shooter.

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

31. Motion to accept and approve the following conference, 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. Weigl	Director of Transportation	STS 53 rd Annual New Jersey Pupil Transportation Conference and Equipment Show, Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ, March 30 th -31 st , 2023.	11-000-240-580-08-000	\$400	LEA
M. Murphy	School Nurse	LEGAL ONE School Nurse/Healthy & Safe Environment, Virtual, March 1, 2023	11-000-213-580-03-000	\$125	LEA

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

32. Motion to accept and approve the following conferences, 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>
S. Liguori	High School Spanish Teacher	Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, NY Hilton Midtown, New York, NY March 3-4, 2023	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$250	Title II
K. Stevenson	School Counselor	36 th Annual ASAP-NJ Conference, Holiday Inn East Windsor, NJ , March 9-10, 2023	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$250	Title II
D. Massey	School Counselor	Pace University Camous Counselor Event, Pleasantville	-	\$0	Title II

		NY, March 31, 2023.			
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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER: Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
AYES: Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
M. Weigl	STS 53 rd Annual New Jersey Pupil Transportation Conference and Equipment Show, Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ, March 30 th -31 st , 2023.	\$192.00	\$125.49	\$41.25	\$61.22	11-000-240-580-08-000

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

34. Motion to accept and approve the January 23, 2023, Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.

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

35. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of MyPath 6-8 Reading and Math Site License for Roy W. Brown Middle School from Imagine Learning, in the amount not exceeding \$11,995, payable through Title I Funds.

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

36. Motion to accept and approve the First Reading of Policy #8505.02 Safe Routes to School.

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

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Transportation Contract(s) as the Host District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from BRG Corporation for window repairs at Bergenfield High School, Franklin, Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools at a cost of \$13,310 on Cooperative Bid # Ed Data 11668.

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

F. Motion to accept and approve the 2022 Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

G. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Service for boiler repairs at Bergenfield High School for a total cost of \$30,200 on Cooperative Bid Ed Data Bid # 10392.

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

H. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Service for boiler repairs at Roy W. Brown Middle School for a total cost of \$34,850 on Cooperative Bid Ed Data Bid # 10392.

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

- I. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Service Corp for boiler repairs at Washington Elementary School at a total cost of \$7,320 on Cooperative Bid # Ed-Data #10392.

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

- J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Van-Con, Inc. for one (1) 30 passenger school bus at total cost of \$90,248.79 on Cooperative Bid # ESCNJ 22/23-24.

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

- K. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Van-Con, Inc. for three (3) 30 passenger school buses at a total cost of \$270,746.37 on Cooperative Bid # ESCNJ 22/23-24.

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

- L. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Lincoln Landscaping for the removal of leaves throughout the district at a cost of \$7,622 on Cooperative Bid Ed Data #8546.

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

- M. Motion to accept and approve Change Order #3 from Premier Building & Construction Management for the Franklin Elementary School Art Room Conversion, the project amount will be decreased by \$13,644.87. The new total contract price is \$349,355.13.

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

- N. Motion to accept and approve Change Order #4 from Premier Building & Construction Management for the Franklin Elementary School Art Room Conversion, the project amount will be decreased by \$1,000. The new total contract price is \$348,355.13.

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

- O. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Service for boiler repairs at Bergenfield High School for a total cost of \$17,050 on cooperative bid Ed Data Bid # 10392.

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

- P. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Mathusek for gym floor replacement at Roy W. Brown Middle School a total cost of \$93,428 on Cooperative Bid# HCESC Commercial Floor Covering & Related Services #208.

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

- Q. Motion to accept and approve the appropriation of the assigned fund balance designated for insurance recovery expenditures to the 2022 - 2023 budget to line account number 12-000-400-450-10-000 in the amount of \$61,500.

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

- R. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Robert H. Hoover & Sons for one (1) 29 Passenger Micro Bird School Bus at total cost of \$108,326.60 on Cooperative Bid # ESCNJ 22/23-24.

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

S. Motion to accept and approve the invoice from Rapid Recovery Services for emergency services at Roy W. Brown Middle School in the amount of \$13,954.70.

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

T. Motion to accept and approve the invoice from Westchester Environmental for emergency services at Roy W. Brown Middle School in the amount of \$9,923.

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

U. Motion to accept and approve the contract with PlayVS for the ESports Program at a cost of \$960.

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

V. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Northeast Roof Maintenance to repair the roof at Jefferson School at a cost of \$6,780 on cooperative bid# BC 22-40.

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

W. Motion to accept and approve the appropriation of unassigned fund balance for the purchase of four (4) school buses to the 2022-2023 budget to line account number 12-000-270-734-10-000 in the amount of \$379,072.97.

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

X. 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, Vice President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

Y. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Bergenfield School District in the County of Bergen, hereby approves the submission of these School Facilities Capital Renovation Projects to the Department of Education for review and approval and for amendment to the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

Be it further resolved that the District will be seeking funding for the Projects as per the *Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act*, N.J.S.A. 1SA:7G-1 *et seq.*, effective July 18, 2000 (“EFCFA”) for Regular Operating Districts. The projects will be submitted in separate applications for each school for Capital Projects Review and Approval.

BERGENFIELD - HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT ELEMENTS APPLICATION
BOILER REPLACEMENT

BERGENFIELD - ROY W BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT ELEMENTS APPLICATION
BOILER REPLACEMENT

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

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 December 31, 2022 reflecting a balance of \$19,981,838.32 and The Treasurer’s Report of Cash Balances as of December 31, 2022 reflecting a balance of \$19,981,838.32.

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

B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of December 2022 in the total amount of \$10,622,800.22.

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

C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of January 2023 in the total amount of \$9,543,611.25.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
SECONDER:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
AYES:	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 December 31, 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 December 31, 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.

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

10. Verbal Comments

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

Marisol Fernandez - Parent

Made a comment about ZOOM meetings and crossing guards.

11. Adjournment

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