

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

Monday February 27, 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

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 February 22, 2023."

3. 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.

4. Presentation:

Dr. Tully - Student Safety Data System Report

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:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
SECONDER:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

9. Motion to Adjourn

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

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday February 27, 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

Flag Salute

Statement of the President

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of this Board, except where specifically exempted by law, at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having same advertised in The Record on June 30, 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 February 22, 2023."

3. Minutes

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

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

4. Written Communication

- A. Motion to accept and approve the following correspondence:

Thank you from Patti Ruesch.

Thank you from The McGarril & Nolan Families.

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

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

A. Student Representative Report - Anna Marin

It is officially progress report season as the 3rd marking period has rolled around! There are 10 days until the NJGPA exam and 17 days until the SAT School Day for Juniors. This past Friday, the Dance Team held their 7th annual "Dancing with the Staff", in which Mrs. Alvarez came out victorious, with Mr. Rodriguez coming in second and Mrs. Liguori in 3rd. In Student Congress news, support is needed for the Class of 2025 this Wednesday at a dine-to-donate at Chipotle in Hackensack from 4-8 pm; scan a flyer or even order online and use the code on the flyers to make sure part of the proceeds go to the class. Additionally, the 3v3 basketball tournament hosted by the Class of 2025 is this Thursday, March 2nd in the main gym! All are welcome to attend. In other news, on Wednesday, March 1st the BHS Guidance Department is hosting the annual College and Career Fair from 7pm to 9 pm. All students and their families are invited to attend this event.

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:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
SECONDER:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

2. Motion to accept and approve the February 8, 2023, Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.

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

3. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #6620-Petty Cash.

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

4. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #0152-Board Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #5200-Attendance.

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

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

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

11. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #8140-Student Enrollments.

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

12. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #8330-Student Records.

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

13. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #8505.02-Safe Routes to School.

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

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

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

15. Second Reading of Regulation #R2425-Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program.

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

16. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #R5200-Attendance.

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

17. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #R8140-Enrollment Accounting.

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

18. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #R8330 - Student Records.

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

19. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Regulation #R8420.2-Bomb Threat.

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

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

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

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

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

22. Motion to accept and approve the following Out-of-State-Field Trip:
Bergenfield High School AP Biology 11th & 12th grade students to the DNA Learning Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Total Students 21 with 2 chaperones.

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

23. 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: Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
SECONDER: Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
AYES: Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Podwin, Munoz

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

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

25. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for K-12 World Language Teachers, for a total cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, payable through Title IIA.

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

26. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of MyPath 9-12 Reading and Math Reusable License for Bergenfield High School from Imagine Learning, in the amount not exceeding \$2,625.00, payable through Title I Funds.

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

27. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of Professional Development Webinar Training for Bergenfield Borough School District from Imagine Learning, in the amount not exceeding \$1,500.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

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

28. Motion to accept and approve the Football Coaching 2023 Clinic Pass Membership from Glaziers Football Clinics for Robert Violante, for a total cost not to exceed \$450.00.

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

29. Motion to accept and approve the following revised 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>
R. Violante	Football Coach	Glazier Clinics, Harrah’s Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, NJ, February 23-25, 2023.	11-402-100-800-08-028	\$0	LEA

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

30. 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>
J. Scaglione	Director of Buildings and Grounds	2023 NJSBGA 25 th Annual Conference Expo, Harrah’s Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ, March 19-22, 2023.	11-000-262-590-10-098	\$325	LEA
R. Violante	Football Coach	2023 NIKE Coach of the Year Clinics Annual Event, Marriot Hartford, Windsor, CT, March 2-4, 2023.	11-402-100-500-08-028	\$125	LEA

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

31. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursement, payable through LEA Funds.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
J. Scaglione	2023 NJSBGA 25 th Annual Conference Expo, Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ, March 19-22, 2023.	\$ 300.00	\$98.50	\$121.21	\$38.06	11-000-262-590-10-098

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

32. Motion to accept and approve the following conference, 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>
B. Roth	Elementary Instructional Coach	Instructional Coach Institute: Maximizing Your Effectiveness as an Instructional Coach, Live Online Event, March 27-28, 2023.	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$595	Title IIA
B. Roth	Elementary Instructional Coach	FIRST Education Math Summit - Making Math Equitable, Virtual	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$299	Title IIA

		Session April 20, 2023.			
--	--	----------------------------	--	--	--

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

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

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

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business

A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts 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

B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contracts 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 Contracts for a received 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 rescinding Resolution #9944 that was approved at the January 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting for the purchase of one (1) school bus from Van-Con in the amount of \$90,248.79.

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 proposal from C&C Masonry for brick work at Roy W. Brown Middle School at a cost of \$9,850 on the District's Time and Materials Bid.

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 submission of the waiver application for Preschool Education Aid space requirements according to N.J.A.C. 6A: 13A-7 to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools per N.J.A.C. 6A:5.

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 attached list of additional Toilet Room Facilities to the Department of Education 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

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

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 creation of a total of three scholarships to be awarded to high school baseball and softball players being provided by the Bergenfield Men's Softball and Co-Ed Kickball League.

- Bergenfield Men's Softball and Co-Ed Kickball League Softball Scholarship for \$1,000
- Bergenfield Men's Softball and Co-Ed Kickball League Baseball Scholarship for \$1,000
- Bergenfield Men's Softball and Co-Ed Kickball League Softball or Baseball Scholarship for \$500

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 GL Group for painting services at Roy W. Brown Middle School at a cost of \$19,500 on Cooperative Bid# HCESC-SER20E.

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 Nickerson for the removal and reinstallation of the bleachers at Roy W. Brown Middle School at a cost of \$11,027.80 on Cooperative Bid# ESCNJ 20/21-59.

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 the invoice from ServPro of Hackensack/Little Ferry for emergency hazardous waste removal resulting from the sewer backup at Roy W. Brown Middle School on January 4, 2023 at a cost of \$46,236.15.

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 the proposal from Seon Systems for the installation of security cameras on six (6) district school buses at a cost of \$11,861 on cooperative bid #ESCNJ 20/21-12.

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 Sports Time for baseball uniforms at a cost of \$7,952.50.

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 following donation:

Laura and Danny Kibala donated a picture of the Liberty Bell to the District.

New York Life Foundation has donated \$500.00 to each of the following school as a Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative Grant; Bergenfield High School, Roy W. Brown Middle School, Hoover Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Washington Elementary School

Nicholas & Jeanne Smith have donated \$1,000.00 to the Thomas B. Reinig 9/11 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey has made a \$1,000.00 donation through their Champion Schools Program stipend to welcome us to the 2022/2023 U Got Brains Champion School Program to help keep teens safe as they become new drivers.

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

- 23 Midi Keyboards

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 submission of the 23-24 Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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 2023/2024 school calendar.

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

T. Motion to give back the following unused emergency days of March 31, 2023 and April 10, 2023. All schools will be closed on these dated with the exception of Roy Brown Middle School (RWB). RWB will have a half day schedule on March 31, 2023 and a delayed opening schedule on April 10, 2023 to make up the two days lost to flooding earlier this school year.

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 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

V. Motion to accept and approve to continue the disenrollment process of a student whose name shall be annexed in the Superintendent's office.

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

9. Report and Recommendations of Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion to accept and approve the following:

A. The Secretary's Report of Cash Balances as of January 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$18,639,474.30 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of January 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$18,639,474.30.

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 January 2023 in the total amount of \$9,580,743.39.

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 February 2023 in the total amount of \$7,328,819.41.

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 January 31, 2023 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of January 31, 2023, after review of the District's monthly financial reports, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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.

Tracy Jerue - Teacher

Thanked the Board for working with the BEA on scheduling.

Marisol Fernandez - Parent

Commented about student furniture, training of special needs students and Mom's Facebook page.

Jennifer Cerezo - Parent

Commented about academic support and consistency.

11. Adjournment

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