

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES FOR THE CAUCUS MEETING

Monday September 18, 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, S. Biggins

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, 2023; 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 September 12, 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. Discussion of Evening Agenda

5. Discussion of Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

B. Policy Committee

6. Verbal Comments: None

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

7. 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

8. Motion to Adjourn

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

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Informational Item (ID # 10605)

Posting for 9-18-23 Meeting

Attachments:

Posting for 9-18-23 Meeting (PDF)

BERGENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

Monday September 18, 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, S. Biggins, V. Wood (Student Representative)

B. 2023/2024 Board Goals

1. Continue to raise academic achievement levels of all students all subject areas to maintain ranking as a top tier school district
2. Continue to promote a supportive environment that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusive programming and curriculum for all
3. Continue to provide opportunities to expand critical thinking skills, SEL competencies, civic involvement, environmental awareness, and information literacy skills
4. Review, modify, and expand co-curricular activities, experiential learning, and community service opportunities
5. Continue to broaden public engagement with parents, students, and community while increasing parental engagement in the educational process

Flag Salute

Statement of the President

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3. Minutes

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

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

A. Student Representative Report from Vanessa Wood

The 2023-24 school year has commenced with great enthusiasm! On September 1st, the Class of '24 Congress organized the Senior Sunrise event, boasting the highest attendance in years and achieving remarkable success. Senior hoodies were ready in time for the sunrise and distributed during the event. Currently, Congress is conducting a merchandise sale for those who were unable to acquire their senior hoodies earlier. Additionally, Congress successfully held an ice cream truck fundraiser and operated snack stands at the recent school-wide events - the pep rally and the first home football game of the season. Congress plans to hold snack stands at all upcoming football games to raise funds for prom, which, unfortunately, had to be pushed to a later date due to finals.

Extracurricular activities are also in motion! The dance team is actively organizing multiple fundraisers to support their journey to Nationals. They're hosting an apparel sale and a Boba Truck fundraiser which takes place tomorrow. Furthermore, on October 7th, The Pink Floyd Project will present an immersive performance, featuring a special appearance by the Dance Team. Support for the Dance Team is highly encouraged as they strive towards Nationals. The Drama Club's fall musical, "Clue," has been cast, and they will hold their first read-through this Thursday. Join us in supporting the RISE club's mission to raise Suicide awareness by wearing purple or turquoise this upcoming Wednesday.

Regarding student concerns or complaints, no formal reports have been submitted for me to present at this meeting. However, moving forward, pending approval from Principal Fasano, I aim to implement a Google form to directly collect feedback from students regarding any issues they may wish for me to address at BOE meetings.

B. General Recommendations

Motions 1-23 were block voted.

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

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

2. Motion to accept and approve the September 12, 2023, Special Education Monthly Report as per the attached.

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

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

4. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and bilingual staff on September 27, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

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

5. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL teachers on October 25, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title III Funds.

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

6. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on “Understanding and Applying the WIDA Standards” and “Increase Student’s Oral Production in the Target Language Through StoryTelling” provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and World Language teachers on November 7, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, payable through Title III Immigrant Funds.

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

7. Motion to accept and approve Professional Development Training on Personalized Learning (Coaching) provided by Up the Bar Educational Achievement, for ESL and bilingual staff on December 13, 2023, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, payable through Title IIA Funds.

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

8. Motion to accept and approve the Second Reading of Policy #2415.57 - Washington School Title I School Parent & Family Engagement.

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

9. Motion to accept and approve the 2023/2024 Special Education Consultants as per the attached.

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 proposal from Edmentum for the annual renewal of Study Island Software for the 2023/2024 school year at a cost of \$13,762.20.

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 following revised conference.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
C. Anolik	Art Teacher	Art Educators of NJ 2023, New Brunswick, NJ 10/30 & 10/31/23	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$150	Title II

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 submission of the High-Impact Tutoring Grant Application 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

13. Motion to accept and approve the Articulation Agreement between Fairleigh Dickinson University and Bergenfield High School for the 2024-2028 Academic Years.

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 Bergenfield State Mandated District Nursing Plan 2023-2024 to comply with (NJAC 6A:16-2.1 through 2.5).

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

15. Motion to accept and approve the following conferences.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
M. Beaton	School Nurse	Pediatric Advanced Life Support - Recertification, Livingston, NJ 10/6/23	11-000-213-580-04-000	\$266.02	LEA
C. Langschultz	Payroll Manager	Intro to Payroll NJASBO Online Training, 9/7/23-6/30/23	11-000-251-580-10-000	\$325.00	LEA
J. Valente	Maintenance	School IPM Coordinators 2023-2024 Training, Mahwah NJ, 02/09/24	-	\$0	-
N. Dapito	Art Teacher	Herff Jones Yearbook Adviser Workshop, Paramus, NJ, 9/19/23	-	\$0	-
L. Alberto	Director of Assessment, Teaching and Learning; Director of the Alternative School.	2023 NJPSA/FEA/NJ ASCD Fall Conference, Atlantic City, NJ 10/12/23-10/13/23	20-273-200-500-15-270	\$375	Title II
S. Oscanoa	Preschool Teacher	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023,	20-218-200-580-10-000	\$235.00	PEA

		East Rutherford, NJ 10/13/23			
J. Burke	Preschool Teacher	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023, East Rutherford, NJ 10/13/23	20-218-200-580-10-000	\$235.00	PEA

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

16. Motion to accept and approve the following travel reimbursements.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Tolls/ Parking</u>	<u>Account</u>
L. Alberto	2023 NJPSA/FEA/NJ ASCD Fall Conference, Atlantic City, NJ 10/12/23- 10/13/23	-	\$27.00	\$126.43	31.22	20-273-200-500-15-273
S. Oscanoa	NJAECY Annual Conference 2023	-	-	\$4.98	-	20-218-200-580-10-000

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

17. Motion to accept and approve the District's Title IX Grievance Form.

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

18. Motion to accept and approve the District's Affirmative Action Grievance Form for Staff; the District's Affirmative Action Grievance Form for Students.

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

19. Motion to accept and approve Darlene Markman as the District 504 Coordinator for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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 Darlene Markman as the District Affirmative Action Officer for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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 Darlene Markman as the District Title VII Coordinator for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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 Biannual Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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 Policy #5751 and Regulation #R5751 - Sexual Harassment.

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

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business

- A. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts with South Bergen Jointure for the 2023/2024 School Year.

Motions B-T were block voted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Nelson Reynoso, Trustee
SECONDER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Reynoso, Munoz
ABSTAIN:	Podwin

- B. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts with Bergen County Special Services for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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

- C. Motion to accept and approve the attached Tuition Contracts for Sent Students for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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

- D. Motion to accept and approve the attached Specialty Contracts for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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

E. Motion to accept and approve the attached list of Tuition Contracts for Received Students for the 2023/2024 School Year.

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

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

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

G. Motion to accept and approve Riddell for the reconditioning of athletic equipment at an estimated cost of \$10,000 based on Cooperative Bid # ESCNJ 22/23-13.

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

H. Motion to accept and approve the purchases from Ahold Financial Services for supplies at an estimated cost of \$12,750 for the 2023-2024 year.

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

I. Motion to accept and approve the following donation(s):

Moving Wall Sponsors:

Organization/Invidiual	Ad Type	Ad Amount
John Smith	Half Page	\$ 1,000.00
VFW Auxiliary Post 6467	Half Page	\$ 1,000.00
GJEM/Division of Otterstedt Insurance Agency	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Shaw's Lock Service	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Bergenfield Lions Club	Business Card	\$ 250.00

Sanitation Equipment Corp	Inside Cover	\$2,500.00
Borough of Bergenfield	Back Cover	\$2,000.00
The Law Offices of Franklin S. Montero	Half Page	\$1,000.00
Gates Flag & Banner Co.	Business Card	\$ 250.00
Total Sponsorship		\$8,500.00

Moving Wall Donations:

Donation Organization	Donation Amount
Atlantic Coast Recycling LLC	\$100.00
VFW Auxiliary Post	\$500.00
Gillies Autobody	\$ 50.00
Dwight Calibration	\$100.00
Bergenfield Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee	\$100.00
Bergenfield Policemen's Benevolent Association	\$500.00
Lyndhurst American Legion POST 139	\$500.00
Solutions Architecture	\$500.00
Total Donation	\$2,350.00

James Hurley donated the book Glory Denied.

John Smith donated the book The Wall, a decorative plate titled Candlelight Memorial and Military Service Flags.

Saint Anthony Orthodox Church, Women's Guild, in Bergenfield donated 48 backpacks to the Bergenfield School District.

Warrior Watch donated charcoal crayons for Moving Wall visitors.

Scott Graphics donated tracing paper for visitors to use at the Moving wall.

Aramark donated water and snacks to the workers and volunteers of the Moving Wall.

Solutions Architect donated water and snacks for the workers and volunteers of the Moving Wall.

Bergen County Sheriff's Department for the 21 Gun Salute at the Opening Ceremony of the Moving Wall.

The Bergen Irish Bag Pipe Players for playing at the Opening Ceremony of the Moving Wall.

Tommy Foxes for donating the Bag Pipe Players at the Opening Ceremony of the Moving Wall.

Bergenfield Former Soccer Players donated \$200.00 to the Bergenfield High School Athletic Department.

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

J. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Cengage Learning for Gale Library subscriptions in the amount of \$10,964.73.

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

K. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Curriculum Associates for i-Ready instructional licenses at a cost of \$47,172.25.

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

L. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from SchoolMint for Hero incident tracking subscription for the 2023-2024 year in the amount of \$7,488.74.

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

M. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Learn By Doing for the Albert license subscription for the 2023-2024 year in the amount of \$7,950.

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

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

- Bus #31 - 2006 Blue Bird 24 Passenger Gas Bus
- Bus #32 - 2006 Blue Bird 24 Passenger Gas Bus

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

O. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education (the “Board”) readvertised for bids for the Roy W. Brown Middle School Drainage Improvements (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2023, the Board received one (1) bid for the Project;

WHEREAS, D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. (“D&L”) submitted a bid in the amount of \$70,685.19;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by D&L is responsive in all material respects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Project to D&L as the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to D&L for a total contract sum of \$70,685.19.

2. This award is expressly conditioned upon the successful contractor furnishing the requisite insurance certificate and labor and materials/performance bonds as required in the project specifications, together with an AA201-Project Manning Report, an executed A-101-Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and A-201-General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, as prepared by the Board Attorney, within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Attorney is hereby directed to draft the agreement with the successful bidder consistent with this Resolution and with the terms contained in the bid documents approved by the Board for the Project. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

- P. Motion to accept and approve the submission of the late liquidation application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the ESSER II funds related to the HVAC Upgrade Project.

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

- Q. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Fette Ford for the purchase of a Ford Transit Connect Van at a total cost of \$39,517.00.

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

- R. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Combustion Service for boiler repair at Bergenfield High School for a total cost of \$74,525 on cooperative bid Ed Data# 10392.

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

- S. Motion to accept and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bergenfield Board of Education (the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Mechanical Upgrades at the Bergenfield High School Project (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2023, the Board received (4) bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is an ambiguity in the specifications in the required classification categories which a bidder must possess for the Project;

Whereas the Project specifications need to be revised to reflect the proper required classification categories which a bidder must possess; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation is made to reject all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 to enable the Board to revise the specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rejects all bids received for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Architect to revise the specifications to reflect the proper required classification categories for the Project and for the Business Administrator to re-advertise for bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to re-advertise for the Project.

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

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

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

U. After conducting a hearing, motion to accept and approve the acceptance of the determination of the HIB Hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, Trustee
AYES:	Amara, Ruiz-Catala, Podwin
NAYS:	Munoz
ABSTAIN:	Reynoso

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 August 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$19,019,431.80 and The Treasurer's Report of Cash Balances as of August 31, 2023 reflecting a balance of \$19,019,431.80.

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

B. Final Vouchers for payment in the month of August 2023 in the total amount of \$3,542,186.13.

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

C. Partial Vouchers for payment in the month of September 2023 in the total amount of \$6,653,458.10.

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 following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Education Secretary certifies that as of August 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 August 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:	Guadalupe Ruiz-Catala, Vice President
SECONDER:	Deborah Podwin, 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.

Ms. Timmons - Parent
Prom question.

Maylin Adames - Parent
Special Education Services.

Fred Sahlberg - Resident
Thanked everyone, especially Dr. Tully, for putting together the Vietnam Moving Wall.

Jennifer Cerezo - Parent
i-Ready questions.

11. Adjournment

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