

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES
SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN**

MINUTES

**Public Work Session Meeting
June 20, 2023**

The Board of Education of the Special Services School District in the County of Bergen held its Public Work Session meeting on Tuesday June 20, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, N.J. Mr. Gary Lentini, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present at roll call:

Mr. William Barnaskas
Mr. Louis DeLisio, *Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools*
Ms. Kelly Epstein
Mr. Gary Lentini, *President of the Board*
Ms. Ana Marti

Absent at roll call:

Dr. Beth Lancellotti, *Vice President of the Board*
Mr. Michael McCarthy

Also present:

Dr. Howard Lerner, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*
John Susino, *Business Administrator/Board Secretary*
Mitchell Badiner, *Director of Instruction*
Tara Bohan, *Director of Instruction*
Gary Hall, *Director Human Resources*
William Soukas, Esq., *Board Attorney*

Absent:

Matthew Knapik, *Student Representative to the Board of Education*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the United States of America.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

John Susino, Board Secretary, read the following statement as required by the Open Public Meeting Law:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with provision of this law, the Bergen County Special Services School District has caused the notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on a bulletin board prominently displayed in lobby of the Board offices, and by The Record and Herald News.

PRESENTATION

- Bergen County Teacher/Educator Support Professional Award Recipients presented by Director of Instruction Tara Bohan

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

Administration	23-A-113S	Through	23-A-123S
Personnel	23-P-186S	Through	23-P-215S
Finance	23-F-125S	Through	23-F-159S

BOARD COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

There were no comments from the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

There were no public comments on the agenda resolutions.

BOARD COMMENT ON ANY ISSUE

There were no additional comments from the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUE

Nabila Itani, a New Milford resident and teacher assistant at the Norman A. Bleshman Regional Day School, made remarks regarding adding the Muslim holidays to the school calendar. She also thanked Principal Gail Coe for running programs at Bleshman in recognition of the holidays.

EXECUTIVE/PRIVATE BOARD SESSION

At 5:17 p.m., a motion to recess the Work Session and move the meeting into Private Executive Session, per the Resolution below, was introduced by Ms. Epstein and seconded by Mr. Barnaskas. All members present voted in the affirmative; none opposed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Board; and

WHEREAS the Board intends to convene in private session from which the public shall be excluded to dismiss matters which permit the exclusion of the public, during which minutes shall be taken; and

WHEREAS the matters to be discussed fall under the exclusion of confidentiality required by Federal or State Law; impair a right to receive Federal government funds; unwarranted invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement negotiations; purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds; tactics and techniques to protect safety of property of public, or investigations of violations or potential violations of law; pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege; personnel/employment matters unless individual requests that matter be discussed in public; deliberations after public hearing that may result in imposition of penalty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public portion of the meeting shall now be recessed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of the closed session minutes shall be made available to the public by the next public meeting of the Board of Education, or upon approval of the minutes, and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was introduced by Ms. Epstein, seconded by Mr. Barnaskas, to resume the Work Session meeting. All members present voted in the affirmative. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was introduced by Ms. Epstein, seconded by Ms. Marti, to adjourn the Work Session meeting. All members present voted in the affirmative. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



John Susino

Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 8/29/23