

BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

West Berlin, New Jersey 08091

August 28, 2014

Action Meeting Minutes

“Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success”

1. Call Meeting to Order

I, Mary Williams, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:32pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes, that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” the Berlin Township Board of Education on January 2, 2014, caused to be posted at the Business Office of the Board of Education located at 225 Grove Avenue, West Berlin, New Jersey and advertised in the Courier Post on January 10, 2014 and the Central Record the week of January 13, 2014 a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mr. Jeffrey Souza	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Cynthia Mozee	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Jocelyn Lewis	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Melanie Middleman	<u>absent</u>
Mr. Keith Jones	<u>present</u>
Mr. Cecil Rodrigues	<u>present</u>
Mr. Brian Davis	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Deanna Reilly, Vice President	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Mary Williams, President	<u>present</u>
Dr. Edythe B. Austermuhl, Superintendent	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator	<u>present</u>
Charles Rizzi, Esq., Board Solicitor	<u>present</u>

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Keith Jones seconded by Jeffrey Souza
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the action meeting minutes of the July 24, 2014 and the August 21, 2014 meetings as presented in duplicated form and dispense with the reading of the same. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting as follows:

Voting “yes”: Mr. Souza, Mr. Jones, Mr. Rodrigues, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Williams

Abstentions: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Mozee

5. Executive Session – In – N/A

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to go into Executive Session to discuss: personnel, legal, contractual and negotiation issues. Time in: _____.

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Resolution for Executive Session:

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and whereas this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Berlin Township Board of Education, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion and action upon hereafter specified subject matters. They are:
 - a. Any matter which by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential.
 - b. Matters dealing with Federal Funding.
 - c. Discussion of any materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - d. Matters dealing with collective bargaining.
 - e. Matters dealing with the sale or purchase of public land.
 - f. Discussion of any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation.

6. Executive Session – Close

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to come out of Executive Session. Time out: _____.

7. Presentations – this section appearing in bold was presented and voted on at the August 21, 2014 Worksession Meeting.

Certificate presented to Ernest Zimmerman - recognition of retirement

Certificate presented to Robert Sheeks – resident

- a. **Motion by Keith Jones seconded by Deanna Reilly RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to accept and thank Mr. Robert Sheeks for his donation of school supplies to the district. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.**

8. Public Comments – Open – N/A – no public in attendance

Recognition of Citizens – for agenda items only

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff have had a

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reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited to topics to be addressed on the published agenda and limited in length to 5 minutes.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to open the meeting to the public for the discussion of agenda items only. Time in: _____

9. Public Comments - Closed

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to go close the meeting to the public. Time closed: _____.

10. **Superintendent’s Report**

A. Review District Mission Statement

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The slogan of the Berlin Township School District of “Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success” is meant to focus the educational community on the broad goal of giving ALL of our children the necessary skills to be successful in all future endeavors. Student achievement is the major priority; the district prides itself on its creative approach to learning and its emphasis upon helping each student to discover his or her potential. Teachers use a variety of teaching methods to reach students with a wide range of abilities. Student engagement as volunteers in the learning process is our primary focus. It is our responsibility to create structures and systems where students are totally engaged in the instruction, which will then leads to deeper learning and understanding.

The Berlin Township School District commits itself to all children by creating a standards-based school district in which all students receive the very best educational opportunities possible. Each and every student will surpass the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. To achieve this, the members of the district will focus on:

- Establishing high standards of excellence for both staff and students
- Communicating openly and frequently within the district and with the community to foster a trusting relationship
- Ensuring a safe and orderly environment for staff and students
- Recognizing that a school district serves as a role model and has the responsibility to encourage high quality character behavior

B. Review District & Board of Education Goals

DISTRICT & BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

2013-2014

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1. Supervise the revision and implementation of all district curricula, over the next 3 years (2013-2016) as per 2013 QSAC findings in order to improve student growth and achievement.
2. Review and revise all district policies and procedures in order to maintain and improve district programs, curricula, and the teaching and learning process.
3. Supervise the implementation of Achieve NJ requirements in order to improve teacher performance resulting in increased student growth and academic achievement.

BOARD GOALS

1. Complete the Superintendent Evaluation and Board of Education Self-Evaluation by July 1, 2014.
2. Plan a Board of Education retreat.
3. Review and revise, as needed, the Board of By Laws as found in the 9000 Section of the District Policy Manual.

C. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Incident Report

Date Reported to Superintendent	School	Case Number	Result	Action
N/A for August				

D. Board Affirmation of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigation Decisions

Motion by _____ seconded by _____

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to affirm the Superintendent’s decisions associated with the harassment, intimidation and bully (HIB) incidents (Case # _____ to _____) reported on _____.

E. Field Trips:

Grade	Teacher	Place	Date	Cost to Student	Cost to District
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N/A for the month of August

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F. Safety and Security – JFK

Type of Drill Date and Time Location of Drill Route #'s Drill Supervisor

Fire = 7/31/14
 Lockdown=7/23/14
 Bus Evacuation

G. Safety and Security – DDE – N/A for the month of July

Type of Drill Date and Time Location of Drill Route #'s Drill Supervisor

Fire
 Lockdown
 Bus Evacuation

H. Monthly Reports Uploaded to Portal for Review

- a. Coordinator of Special Services
- b. Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
 Approve Use of Facilities

Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Deanna Reilly
 RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the use of facilities as listed below:

Organization	Facility	Date and Time	Event
Girl Scout Troop 30540	DDE APR or classroom	Scheduled during year	Meetings

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- c. Technology Coordinator
- d. Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction
- e. JFK Principal
- f. DDE Principal

I. Discussion Items:

Policy	Name	Bylaws	Name
5111	Admission		

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- a. Motion by Cecil Rodrigues seconded by Deanna Reilly
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the second reading of Policy 5111, Admission. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

Policy	Name	Regulations	Name
4119.26/4219.26	Electronic Communication by School Staff		
		5113	Attendance; Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

- b. Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Cynthia Mozee
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the first reading of Policy 4119.26/4219.26 – Electronic Communication by School Staff and Regulations 5113 – Attendance and Late Arrival and Early Dismissal. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

11. Personnel - this section appearing in bold was presented and voted on at the August 21, 2014 Worksession Meeting.

- a. **Motion by Deanna Reilly second by Brian Davis and adopted by all members present voting “yes” in a roll call to approve certification hiring of staff in accordance with criminal history requirements as noted below:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Jessica German	LTS – JFK grade 3	Approx Oct. 1, 2014-Feb. 1, 2015 Pro-rated BA, Step 1, \$48,957	
Judith Sant’Ambrogio Elias	Reading Specialist-DDE	On or about September 1, 2014 MA, Step 7, \$58,657 Pro-rated based on start date	
Evelyn Harris	LTS Nurse – JFK	September 1, 2014 \$125 per day	

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- b. Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Cynthia Mozee and adopted by all members present voting “yes: in a roll call to approved certification hiring of staff in accordance with criminal history requirements as noted below:

Name	Position	Salary	Start Date
Jacquelyn Waterman	P/T Ed Asst – JFK	Step 1, \$12,752	09/01/14
Shane Doyle	P/T Ed Asst – DDE	Step 1, \$12,752	09/01/14
Bonnie Cox	P/T Ed Asst – JFK	Step 2, \$12,952	09/01/14
Amy Frymire	P/T Ed Asst – JFK	Step 5, \$13,843	On or about 09/02/14

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- c. Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Brian Davis
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the 2014-2015 master list of substitutes from Source 4 Teachers. *Master list is on file with the Business Administrator and was uploaded to the portal for board review.*
Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- d. Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Cecil Rodrigues
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the requested leave of absence for four days without pay for employee number 00191. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- e. **This section appearing in bold was presented and voted on at the August 21, 2014 Worksession Meeting.**
Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Cecil Rodrigues
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the letter of resignation from staff member Nicole Eder, effective August 11, 2014. Ms. Eder has been employed as an Educational Assistant since March 14, 2013. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- f. Motion by Keith Jones seconded by Deanna Reilly
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the job description for Athletic Coordinator, Athletic Coach, Assistant Athletic Coach, Extracurricular Activity Advisor . Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- g. Motion by Keith Jones seconded by Cynthia Mozee
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the job description for School Psychologist, School Nurse, Homebound Instructor. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- h. **This section appearing in bold was presented and voted on at the August 21, 2014 Worksession Meeting.**
Motion by Cecil Rodrigues seconded by Brian Davis
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the letter of resignation from staff member Lisa Connelly, effective August 21, 2014. Ms. Connelly has been employed as an Educational Assistant since November 19, 2012. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- i. Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Deanna Reilly
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to accept the letter of resignation from staff member Pamela Malatino, effective August 21, 2014. Mrs. Malatino has been employed in the district as a teacher since September 1, 2011. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

12. Curriculum and Instruction

- a. Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Jeffrey Souza
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the PreK to Grade 8 Technology, Art K to Grade 1 and Music Grades 4 to 8, Units 1 – 3 curriculums. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

13. Business and Finance

Financial Report – Period Ending July 2014

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Board Secretary Financial, Revenue and Treasurer’s Reports

- A. Board Secretary’s Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the months of June & July 2014. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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- B. Treasurer’s Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the months of June & July 2014. The Treasurer’s and Secretary’s report are in agreement for the month of June & July 2014.
- C. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A -16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
- D. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4, we certify that after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or funds have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

_____ Date
 Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

- E. Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the travel/professional development for the following staff members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Travel</u>	<u>Expense Amount</u>
N/A				

- F. Motion by Jeffrey Souza second by Brian Davis
 RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve payment of bills:

Batch number 51	Amount \$523,980.00
Batch number 52	Amount \$60,809.28

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- G. Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Keith Jones
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the out of district tuition contract for a grade 9 special education student to attend the Archway Programs at a yearly rate of \$40,149.10. This placement is continued because no in-district program was found to meet the student’s individual educational needs. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- H. Motion by Brian Davis seconded by Cynthia Mozee
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the out of district tuition contract for a grade 10 special education student to attend the Archway Programs at a yearly rate of \$40,149.10. This placement is continued because no in-district program was found to meet the student’s individual educational needs. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- I. Motion by Cynthia Mozee seconded by Jeffrey Souza
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the extended school year contract for an out of district student attending Bankbridge Elementary School at a rate of \$3,900 and the one to one assistant contract for the extended school year program at a rate of \$3,180. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- J. Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Jeffrey Souza
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the contract for an 8th grade student attending Gibbsboro Elementary School at a rate of \$5,300 for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.
- K. Motion by Deanna Reilly second by Keith Jones
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, approve the following resolution for competitive energy solutions.

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE Berlin Township School District
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014ACES

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Berlin Township School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2018 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

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WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2018 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- L. Motion by Keith Jones second by Deanna Reilly
RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Administrator, approve the following resolution per recent secondary bond market continuing disclosure requirements.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
(the "Issuer")**

RESOLUTION 2014SEC

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REVIEW OF
COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ANNUAL
CONTINUING DISLCOSURE OBLIGATIONS AND
PARTICIPATION IN THE SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S MUNICIPALITIES
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COOPERATION
INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the above-defined Issuer has previously issued one or more series of bonds, including bond issues in the past five (5) years pursuant to one or more preliminary and final official statements (collectively, the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of such Bonds, the Issuer covenanted with Bondholders to provide certain secondary market disclosure information on an annual basis to the Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repositories (pre-2009) and to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access Data Port (2009 to present) ("EMMA"), which secondary market disclosure information may consist of one or more of the following: audited financial statements, budgets, other financial and operating data and ratings changes; and

WHEREAS, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has recently focused attention on what it alleges is widespread failure of local government issuers across the nation to meet their continuing disclosure obligations and misrepresentation through material misstatements in an official statement (innocently, inadvertently or otherwise) of past compliance with continuing disclosure obligations; and

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WHEREAS, in an effort to remedy these perceived issues, the SEC has implemented the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (the "SEC Initiative"), a limited-time program ending at 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2014, that encourages issuers of municipal bonds, including the Issuer, to self-report possible material misstatements or omissions, made in the past five (5) years in an official statement regarding compliance with prior continuing disclosure obligations; and

WHEREAS, should the SEC determine that an issuer has made material misstatements in an official statement regarding compliance with prior continuing disclosure obligations, issuers participating in the SEC Initiative agree to accept certain non-monetary penalties, in lieu of unknown, and, by all accounts, hefty monetary and non-monetary penalties the SEC has threatened on issuers that do not participate in the SEC Initiative; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the SEC Initiative, issuers agree to accept the following penalties, if imposed by the SEC (i) compliance with a cease and desist order in which the issuer neither admits nor denies the findings of the SEC, (ii) implementation of policies, procedures and training regarding continuing disclosure obligations, (iii) compliance with all existing continuing disclosure undertakings, (iv) cooperation with any further SEC investigation, (v) disclosure of settlement terms in any final official statement issued within five years of the date of institution of the proceedings, and (vi) production to the SEC of a compliance certificate regarding the applicable undertakings on the one year anniversary of the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2014, the Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice 2014-9 (i) alerting local governments to the SEC Initiative, (ii) strongly recommending that local governments examine their continuing disclosure contractual obligations and past official statements in order to determine if it is advisable for an issuer to participate in the SEC Initiative, and (iii) cautioning, among other things, that local governments that fail to complete a disclosure assessment in connection with the SEC Initiative will likely have difficulty accessing capital markets; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to conduct a disclosure audit that will (i) summarize the results of the Issuer's prior compliance with its secondary market disclosure obligations, and (ii) compare those results to the statements made by the Issuer in its official statements regarding past compliance (the "Disclosure Audit"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer further desires to retain the services of a disclosure specialist to conduct the Disclosure Audit; and

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WHEREAS, based on the results of the Disclosure Audit, and weighing heavily the known non-monetary penalties that may come through the Issuer's participation in the SEC Initiative versus the unknown, and, by all accounts, hefty monetary and non-monetary penalties the SEC has threatened on issuers that do not self-report, the Issuer further desires to delegate to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Issuer's general counsel, bond counsel, auditor and other finance professionals, the power to prepare and submit all documentation required to enter the Issuer's Bond issues into the SEC Initiative, as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ISSUER, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Issuer hereby authorizes completion of the Disclosure Audit.

Section 2. The Issuer hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to engage the services of a disclosure specialist to complete the Disclosure Audit; provided that the award of any contract in connection therewith meets the requirements of the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*).

Section 3. In the event the Disclosure Audit reveals that the Issuer **may** have made a material misstatement regarding the Issuer's compliance with prior continuing disclosure undertakings, the Issuer hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to prepare and submit all documentation necessary to enter the Issuer's applicable Bond issues into the SEC Initiative.

Section 4. Any action taken by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other officer of the Issuer, with respect to the Disclosure Audit, the engagement of a disclosure specialist and participation in the SEC Initiative, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting as follows:

Voting “yes”: Mr. Rodrigues, Mr. Jones, Mr. Davis, Mr. Souza, Mrs. Mozee, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Reilly

Voting “no”: Mrs. Williams

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14. Communications

- a. Request for student to continue at DDE for 8th grade

Motion by Deanna Reilly seconded by Keith Jones and adopted by all members present in a roll call to approve an exception to the Board’s Policy 5111 (Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students) to permit a student, whose family will be moving out of the School District during the school year, to remain in the school system, free of tuition, until the end of the school year for the reasons that the student will be residing with the student’s grandparents within the School District during the days that school is in session, the grandparents are taxpayers in the Township, the student is completing their grade 8 year in the school system, the student is a special education student who will benefit from remaining with familiar surroundings and with friends, and the student is performing well academically and is not a discipline issue of any kind; subject, however, to such reasonable conditions as shall be imposed by the Superintendent.

Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

15. Old Business

Committee Updates

Negotiations

NJSBA

CCESC

Pine Hill Bd of Ed

CCSBA

Curriculum Revision Update

16. New Business

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17. Public Comments – Open – N/A no public in attendance

Recognition of Citizens – for subjects not appearing on agenda

The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the Board of Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff have had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited to topics to be addressed on the published agenda and limited in length to 5 minutes.

Motion by _____seconded by _____to open the meeting to the public for the discussion of agenda items only. Time in: _____

18. Public Comments – Closed

Motion by _____seconded by _____to go close the meeting to the public. Time closed:_____

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19. Executive Session – In

Motion by Brian Davis seconded by Jeffrey Souza to go into Executive Session to discuss: personnel, legal, contractual and negotiation issues. Time in: 8:03pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

Resolution for Executive Session:

Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and whereas this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Berlin Township Board of Education, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion and action upon hereafter specified subject matters. They are:
 - a. Any matter which by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential.
 - b. Matters dealing with Federal Funding.
 - c. Discussion of any materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - d. Matters dealing with collective bargaining.
 - e. Matters dealing with the sale or purchase of public land.
 - f. Discussion of any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation.

20. Executive Session – Close

Motion by Keith Jones seconded by Brian Davis to come out of Executive Session. Time out: 9:18pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

DRAFT VERSION, Edythe and Megan, please review and revise if necessary:

Discussion was held on the following Board Goals:

1. Policy Review – 6000 series
2. Community Plans and Implement Outreach Program
 - Website Update
 - Social Media
 - Parent Engagement with Board Level
 - Municipal Participation
3. Increase Interdistrict Participation with NJSBA
 - Host an inservice session with Pine Hill and Clementon

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21. Adjournment

Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Keith Jones to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned: 9:38pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting
“yes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator