

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
December 15, 2022
7:00 p.m**

A. Call to Order

B. Open Public Meeting Notice

In compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey” adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On June 2, 2022, adequate written notice of this meeting was posted at the bulletin board in the Township Clerk’s Office at the Bedminster Township Municipal Building and the Main Office of the Bedminster Township School, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

	Roll Call		Mr. Calulo		Mr. Reaves
			Ms. Creelman		Mr. Wickizer
	Ms. Biedron		Ms. Nathans		Ms. Stevinson

E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedminster Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) 1 below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney-client privilege
- h. Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Open Public Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

**F. Testing Presentation 2.0
Annual Audit Presentation- Valerie Dolan Nisivoccia
Superintendent’s Report
Board Member Recognition**

G. Public Questions/Comments

Please note that this segment will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. At this point in the meeting, comments from the public will be open to agenda items only. Each person is kindly requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. As per Board Policy, all participants must preface comments by first stating his/her name, place of residence, and group

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affiliation, if appropriate. Any written statements are to be provided to the Board Secretary, in advance of the Board Meeting, prior to the statement being read at a Board Meeting.

H. Approval of Minutes

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- November 17, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

	Roll Call		Mr. Calulo		Mr. Reaves
			Ms. Creelman		Mr. Wickizer
	Ms. Biedron		Ms. Nathans		Ms. Stevinson

I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Suzie Stevinson
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
- Technology Committee - Stephen Calulo
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Suzie Stevinson
- Child Care - Gabriel Wickizer

Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Christy Biedron
- PTO – Suzie Stevinson

J. BUSINESS

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

2023 Contract – Special Education Attorney of Record

J.1 Nathanya G. Simon of the law firm Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC 1100 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey as the special education attorney of record from January 1, 2023 through the January 2024 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$175 for special education legal matters. Work performed by Associates shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$165. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated November 22, 2022.

2023 Contract – Lead Attorney of Record

J.2 Nicholas Celso III, Esq. of the Busch Law Group, LLC, 450 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, as attorney of record from January 1, 2023 through the January 2024 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$172 for general legal services, special education and construction matters. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated November 11, 2022.

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J.3

**A RESOLUTION BINDING THE BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS**

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 Bedminster Board of Education 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 December 15, 2022 through May 31, 2028 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;

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

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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 31, 2028 (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.

Facilities Use Request

J.4 the following facility requests:

Organization	Event	Room(s) Requested	Usage date(s) and time(s)
8th Grade Fundraising	8th Grade Trip meeting	Room 315	12/8/2022 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm
Bedminster Recreation	Whiz Kidz Lego Engineering Club	Room 241	1/5/2023, 1/12/2023, 1/19/2023, 1/26/2023, 2/2/2023, 2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 @ 3:35pm - 5:00pm
	Master Artist Cartoons	Room 241	1/18/2023, 1/25/2023, 2/1/2023, 2/8/2023, 2/15/2023 and 2/22/2023 @ 3:35pm - 4:35pm

Fundraising

J.5 the Student Council fundraising event(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

Candy Cane Gram	December 2022
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2022-2023 Music and Drama Service Providers

J.6 the following:

Provider	Activity	Estimated Cost
Edward Redinger	Piano tuning and repair	\$465.00

Donation

J.7 the donation of 10 Promethean ActivBoards from Prime Interactive Solutions valued at approximately \$30,000.00.

Student Services Contracts

J.8 the revised contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Student #221146	The Career Center of SCESC - Pathways Academy	\$65,312.20	Effective November 30, 2022
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J. agenda items J.1 through J.8

Roll Call	Mr. Calulo	Mr. Reaves
Ms. Biedron	Ms. Creelman	Mr. Wickizer
Ms. Nathans	Ms. Stevinson	

K. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Stephen Calulo

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

2022-2023 Financial Reports

K.1 the Report of the Secretary for November 2022 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that no line item account has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations this fiscal year.

the recommendation that the Secretary's Report for November 2022 be accepted and filed, and the Board of Education hereby certifies that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for November 2022 be accepted and filed.

2022-2023 Invoices-General Agency Account

K.2 invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,622,703.12 from the General Agency Account from November 17, 2022 through December 14, 2022.

Fund	Amount

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(10) General Fund	\$1,583,302.38
(12) Capital Outlay	\$0
(20) Special Revenue	\$41,400.74
(30) Capital Projects	\$0
(40) Debt Services	\$0
Total	\$1,622,703.12

2022-2023 Invoices-Student Activities Account

K.3 invoices presented for payment totaling \$515.60 from the Student Activities Account from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022.

2022-2023 Invoices-Food Service Account

K.4 invoices presented for payment totaling \$14,940.77 from the Food Service Account from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022.

2022-2023 Transfers

K.5 transfers for the 2022-2023 school year totaling \$0.00 from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022 as per the monthly transfer report.

Acceptance of FY2022 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

K.6 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Township School Board of Education engaged the firm Nisivoccia, LLP to conduct a yearly audit of the District's financial reports; and

WHEREAS, the firm audited these records for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the auditor has submitted a full report of the audit to the Board; and

WHEREAS, no recommendations were reported;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster, does hereby accept and place on file the 2021-2022 Annual Audit Report of the records and report of examination of the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, as submitted by the firm Nisivoccia and Company, LLP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary be directed to file the necessary reports with the State Department of Education and that a copy of the summary audit be appended to and become part of these minutes.

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NJSDA Grant

K.7 FY23 allocation of \$10,990.00 in NJSDA grant funds for Emergent, and Capital Maintenance needs. This funding is available to SDA Districts and Regular Operating Districts to address emergent and capital maintenance projects.

K. agenda items K.1 through K.7

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L. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report– Christy Biedron

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

HIB Report

L.1 the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Bedminster BOE accept the determination and consequences recommended by the Superintendent for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying case #2022-3.

Home Instruction

L.2 the following staff members to provide home instruction and/or related services for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$42.00 per hour as per the negotiated contract between the Bedminster BoE and the Bedminster BEA in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

Rebecca Befumo	Andrea Legiadre
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L.3 the extension of Silvergate Prep to provide instruction for student #279598 through November 23, 2022, at the rate of \$36.66 per hour for 10 hours per week.

Workshops

L.4 the following staff for the workshop listed:

Name	Date	Title	Cost
Meghan Gottshalk	12/1/2022	Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ	\$0
Ryan McCoy	12/1/2022	Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ	\$17.86 mileage
Kyle Johnson	12/1/2022	Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ	\$0
Elizabeth Omegna	12/1/2022	Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ	\$15.13 mileage
Ryan McCoy	3/2/2023	Increasing Student Learning and Engagement in Your US History Classes; virtual	\$279.00 Registration

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2022-2023 Stipends

L.5 the following stipends being offered for the 2022-2023 school year are part of the negotiated contract between the Bedminster BoE and the Bedminster BEA in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

BEDMINSTER SCHOOL 2022-2023 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
Activity Title	Name of Staff Member	Stipend Amount
Chess Club - Beginners	Moreira	\$802.00
Board Newsletter Editor	Mancini	\$1,257.00

L.6 rescind the following:

Activity Title	Name of Staff Member	Stipend Amount
Robotics Club	Puglia	66 hours split -\$53.88 per hour
Robotics Club	Biletski	66 hours split -\$53.88 per hour

L.7 the following:

Activity Title	Name of Staff Member	Stipend Amount
Robotics Club	Puglia	Up to 33 hours at \$53.88 per hour
Robotics Club	Biletski	Up to 33 hours at \$53.88 per hour

School Nursing Department

L.8 Debbie Nazzaro to join the Somerset County School Nurses' Association for the 2022-2023 school at the cost of \$55.00.

Biodiversity Project

L.9 the detention basin biodiversity project with the Green Team members, staff and community volunteers including Heather Gracie-Perry on December 8 and December 12, 2022.

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

L10 Eulalia Gillis as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the rate of \$650.00 per diem effective on or about January 15, 2023 through on or about June 30, 2023.

L.11 go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm at the scheduled meeting of the Board on January 19, 2023.

L. agenda item L.1 through L.11

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N. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**January 3, 2023
OPEN PUBLIC RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6:00 PM
Immediately followed by
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 19, 2023
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**