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**BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC ACTION MEETING
January 24, 2011**

The public action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by the Board President, Angelia Edwards. Board Members present were Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla, Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mrs. Marie Bernstein, Mr. Willie Tukes, Mrs. Mary Peterson, Mr. Kenny Smith Bey Jr and Mr. Albert Morgan. Mr. Curtis Edwards was absent. Also in attendance was Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Prayer was offered by Ms. Edwards.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure 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 interests is discussed or acted upon. Bridgeton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Bank Street Administration Building and mailed to the City Clerk of Bridgeton, The Evening News, Bridgeton, Radio Station WSNJ, Bridgeton on January 18, 2011.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Stultz Taylor addressed the Board regarding the termination of the shared services agreement. Mr. Taylor stated that the agreement has been wonderful for the students, Food service has doubled and business services are excellent. Mr. Taylor indicated that they would like to continue the relationship. He stated that the reason given by Dr. Gilson's letter was that there was no limit on the number of students Downe allows to go to the choice district. According to Mr. Taylor, this year would have been the only year that they exceeded the number. Further, he stated that no articulation has occurred between Bridgeton and Downe Township. Finally, he believes that the regulations state that you can not limit the number from their final grade level, so, this would be a mute point. Mr. Taylor would like to see Bridgeton go back to doing more promotion in the school. If the Board will consider rescinding the previous motion to terminate services, they have offered to allow Bridgeton to promote the schools in their news letter. Mr. Taylor asked them to reconsider and that Downe will be adversely affected.

Executive Session- 6:15pm

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Dellaquilla approving the following executive session resolution:

WHEREAS, section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 341 PL1975, 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 Bridgeton Board of Education of the City of Bridgeton, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

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2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is personal matters.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when appropriate.
4. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 8-0.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Dellaquilla, approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 8-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mr. Morgan approving Dr. Thomasina Jones as Superintendent of schools effective January 25, 2011 pending contract negotiations and approval of the executive county superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mr. Morgan approving to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
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Executive Session began 6:15pm

The Board conducted a second round of interviews for the Superintendent of Schools. The first candidate (C.G.) was interviewed at 6:30. The Board asked a series of ten questions in a round robin format; each member was provided the questions in a form from NJSBA. At 7:00, the Board interviewed the second candidate (T.J), the same format was followed.

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