

BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL ACTION MEETING
September 20, 2011

The public action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by the Board President, Ms. Angelia Edwards. Board Members present were Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mrs. Marie Bernstein, Ms. Barbara Taylor-Holmes, Mr. James Williamson, Mrs. Mary Peterson and Mr. Albert Morgan. Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla, and Mr. Kenny Smith Bey Jr. were absent. Also in attendance were, Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, A. Paul Kienzle, Jr. Esq., Board Solicitor (left at 6:04 pm), Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Prayer was offered by Mr. Williamson.

1.5 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 News of Cumberland County, Bridgeton, The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville, and Radio Station WSNJ, Bridgeton. This Special Public Action Meeting was advertised as such and notice was provided to the above on September 17, 2011.

1.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

The Superintendent informed the Board as to the status of the concession stand during football games. Dr. Jones informed the Board that in 2009 there was an agreement between the Athletic Director and Bridgeton Midget Football league that the Bridgeton Midget Football league would get the concession. The City is stating that the football league owns the stand and they do not wish to change. The Board advised that it does not want the stand open if we are not in control of it due to liability issues. We do not want the stand used/operated during BHS football. Suggested the BA look into a mobile stand (hot dogs/soda). Mr. Kienzle advised to block it off during the BHS football games.

9.2 Executive Session-5:55pm

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Peterson 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.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed matters of personnel.
 - a.) Proposed tenure charges of a certificated staff member (T.G.)
 - b.) The personnel involved with the September 15 payroll incident.
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 6-0.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Peterson approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 6:20 pm

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

Item 4.4.2 Approval of Substitute

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mr. Williamson approving Mrs. Paula Magee as a substitute Payroll Manager, effective September 21, 2011 until such time as a permanent Payroll Manager is hired, at the rate of \$190.00 per diem. The account to be charged is 11-000-251-105-00-80.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

Item 4.4.3 Ratification of Suspension of Non-Certificated Staff

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Bernstein ratifying suspension without pay of a non-certificated staff member, whose name has been filed with the Director of Human Resources, effective September 19,2011 and ending September 23, 2011.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

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Item 4.4.4 Approval of Transfer

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Peterson approving the transfer of a Mrs. Terri Ott to a 12-month secretarial position at Bridgeton High School, step 17 \$42,684, prorated, effective September 26, 2011.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

Item 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Peterson adjourning meeting at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
School Business Administrator

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The public action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by the Business Administrator, Nicole M. Schoener. Board Members present were Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mrs. Marie Bernstein, Ms. Barbara Taylor-Holmes, Mr. James Williamson, Mrs. Mary Peterson and Mr. Albert Morgan. Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla, and Mr. Kenny Smith Bey Jr. were absent. Also in attendance were, Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, A. Paul Kienzle, Jr. Esq., Board Solicitor (left at 6:04 pm), Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Prayer was offered by Mr. Williamson.

Executive Session began 5:55 pm

The board discussed tenure charges against a teacher. The attorney reviewed the allegations against the teacher and conduct unbecoming. Mr. Kienzle explained the Board certifies the charges and submits to the commissioner. The staff member (T.G.) will also be suspended without pay for 120 days if case is not settled pay resumes until settled.

The Board discussed the payroll manager and the situation that surrounded the September 15th pay error. The superintendent explained that the manager transmitted the incorrect direct deposit file. This error effected over 600 staff members. The manager was suspended without pay pending further action. Dr. Jones proposed that she be suspended for a week without pay and demoted to a secretarial position at Bridgeton High School.

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Bernstein approving Resolution 1 (certification) of tenure charges.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mr. Williamson approving Resolution 2 (suspension without pay) of tenure charges.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Peterson approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 6:20 pm

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
School Business Administrator