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**BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL ACTION MEETING
March 27, 2012**

The public action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 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, Mr. Albert Morgan, Mr. Kenny Smith-Bey (arrived at 6:05pm) and Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla. Mr. Curtis Edwards and Mrs. Mary Peterson were absent. Also in attendance were, Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, A. Paul Kienzle, Jr. Esq., Board Solicitor, Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Prayer was offered by Ms. Edwards.

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 Evening News, Bridgeton, The Press of Atlantic City, and Radio Station WSNJ, Bridgeton on March 23, 2012.

1.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

1.7 PRESENTATION OF THE 2012-2013 BUDGET

A. Welcome-by the Superintendent

B. Thank you to the members of the Board of Education for their support and development of the Budget

C. Budget Highlights

1. Budget submission of \$106,977,262

2. No Tax Increase

3. No staff reductions- additional staff proposed for 2012/2013.

4. Expansion of programs

5. Expand and improve technology available in the classroom

6. Continue Implementation of instructional priorities including updating curriculum so that it is aligned with the revised core curriculum content standards.

7. Improvement to District-Equipment and Capital Projects

8. Continue work with the School Development Authority on the High School HVAC project and additions to QML and Buckshutem to address over crowding issues.

D. Revenue & Expense Analysis

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The Superintendent introduced Nicole Schoener, Business Administrator and thanked the Board for their support.

Nicole Schoener thanked the board and Superintendent for continued support and also, recognized the work of Mr. Vargas and Mr. Johnson as well as all of the staff.

Business Administrator presented the budget and the power point is attached.

Ms. Schoener explained that the advertised budget was modified to reflect an undated tuition rate, an increase in electric costs associated with the new stadium use and finally the increase in pre-school carryover for computer replacement.

The Business Administrator asked if there were any further questions; there were none.

Dr. Jones explained to the board the high school students would like to have their picture taken with a banner showing support of Traivon Williams case. Mrs. Dellaquilla explained if we permit this we would need to provide some consideration with future requests. Dr. Jones went on to explain various pros and cons related to allowing the protest. Mr. SmithBey expressed concern over Safety and Security due to the possibility of the passionate protest that could occur. Would prefer they found an alternate location. Mr. Morgan asked if the High School history class was doing anything to address the situation such as letter writing or reviewing protests. Dr. Jones stated she will find out.

1.8 APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 BUDGET

Motion by Mrs. Dellaquilla, second by Mr. SmithBey approving the 2012-2013 School District Budget in the amount of \$106,977,262, Code 0169.

With the following breakdown:

General Fund	\$ 91,965,501
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 14,351,101
Debt Service Fund	\$ <u>660,660</u>
TOTAL	\$106,977,262

With a Tax Levy as follows:

Current Expense	\$ 3,637,144
Debt Service	\$ <u>229,208</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 3,866,352

Professional Development has been budgeted not to exceed \$1,256,648

Travel expenses not to exceed \$783,085.

Maximum dollar amounts for public relations, professional services and incentives and awards have been established and are detailed in the appropriations.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

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Item 9.2 EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

Item 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Dellaquilla, second by Mrs. Bernstein adjourning meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
School Business Administrator