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**BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC ACTION MEETING
January 29, 2013**

The special public action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by the Board President, Angelia Edwards. Board Members present were Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mr. Albert Morgan, Ms. Barbara Taylor-Holmes, Mr. Kenny Smith-Bey, Mrs. Mary Peterson, Mrs. Marie Bernstein and Mr. James Williamson. Mr. Curtis Edwards and Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla were absent. Also in attendance were, Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, A. Paul Kienzle, Jr. Esq., Board Solicitor and Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent was absent. Prayer was offered by Mr. Morgan.

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 January 24, 2013.

1.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

Executive Session-5:11 pm

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mr. SmithBey approving the following Resolution for Executive Session:

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 PL 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 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 hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The nature of the subject matters to be discussed is:
Discussion of resignation of a non-tenured teacher at Broad St. School, PCN #86.
It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when appropriate.
3. This Resolution will take effect immediately.

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RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Ms. Bernstein, second by Mr. SmithBey, approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Item 1.7 Approval of Resignation of Certificated Staff

Motion by Mrs. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Peterson approving the resignation of employment of Mr. Andrew Sundell, Math Teacher at Broad Street School effective January 29, 2013 and to provide payment and benefits for 60 calendar days (through March 30, 2013) in accordance with his employment contract.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Item 1.8 Approval of Grant

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Peterson approving Bridgeton Public Schools to participate in the Urban Waters Small Grants Program written under the auspices of the US Environmental Protection Program. The grant proposal seeks to improve water quality in lakes, ponds, and streams of Bridgeton and the Cohansey River watershed through engagement of diverse segments of affected stakeholders including youth. The grant period would begin July 2013 until July 2014. Under the direction of William Waterman, students would participate in the following after appropriate training:

In-stream collection of water samples, Laboratory analysis of water samples, Visual assessment of stream channels for ecological health, Analysis and interpretation of water quality data, production of video, website, or other educational materials about their experiences and results and distributing these materials to their peers, local government and other stakeholders.

The benefits for student participation in the grant would include:

Working alongside professional scientists and educators in Rutgers Cooperative Extension, American Littoral Society, and AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador program, Learning about water quality issues affecting their local community, and participating in applied science activities of collecting water samples, analyzing samples, visually assessing stream channels, and interpreting resulting data.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Item 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Bernstein, second by Mrs. Peterson approving adjourning the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
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Executive Session began at 5:11pm

Dr. Jones addressed the board regarding the recommendation of a staff member resignation. The individual is a non-tenured teacher.

The Board discussed the payment of sixty days to the employee. Principal, Becky Guess presented information to the Board regarding the classroom management practices of the employee. She informed the board of meetings that she had with him and his union rep. The prior evaluations of the employee were shared. It was shared the total number of referrals received from the teacher.

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