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May 28, 2013

**BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC ACTION MEETING
May 28, 2013**

The Special Public Action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Board President, Angelia Edwards. Board Members present were Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mr. Kenny Smith-Bey, Mrs. Mary Peterson, Mrs. Marie Bernstein, Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla and Mr. Albert Morgan and Mr. James Williamson. Ms. Barbara Taylor Holmes and Mr. Curtis Edwards were absent. Also in attendance was Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator. Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent and Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent were absent. Prayer was offered by Ms. Edwards.

1.0 OPENING ACTIVITIES

1.1 CALL TO ORDER of meeting by the President

1.2 PRAYER

1.3 FLAG SALUTE

1.4 ROLL CALL by the School Business Administrator

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 on May 22, 2013.

1.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

Ms. Edwards thanked the Board for coming out to the Special Action meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:03pm

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Peterson 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:
Board Solicitor Interviews
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 7-0.

1.8 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD
OF BOARD SOLICITOR RFP'S

Motion by Mrs. Peterson, second by Mr. Williamson approving the acceptance of the RFP's for Board Solicitor.

Blaney & Donahue
Capehart & Scatehard
Chance & McCann
Comegno Law Group
DeCoitis, Fitzpatrick & Cole
ASG&L
Parker McCay

The Board selected the following candidates to give presentations:

Comengo Law Group
Parker McCay
Chance & McCann

And to award to: Chance & McCann

Motion carried, roll call vote was 6-1, with Mr. Morgan voting no.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Morgan, second by Mrs. Peterson, approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

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1.11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Peterson, second by Mr. Williamson approving adjourning the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
School Business Administrator

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Executive Session began at 6:03 pm.

The Board conducted interviews of potential Board Solicitors.

Mr. Taylor Ruilova from Comegno Law Group, P.C.-work with dozens of schools through out the State. Focus in Education and School law

The Board asked a series of five questions to the candidate. Explained a comprehensive approach and being proactive. Over 24 schools.

Mrs. Dellaquilla asked if the same person would be provided. Response was what ever the preference of the Board.

Mr. Richard Golden from Parker McKay –work with several dozen districts in central and South.

25 years experience – Camden & Trenton. Dedicated to school law-collective bargaining special ed law. Mr. Golden would be primary point of contact.

Chance & McCann-Mr. McCann and his 5 associates history with league of municipalities, legal services.

Board preferred the closeness of Mr. McCann’s firm. Mr. Morgan expressed concern of no school experience and preferred knowledge of Comegno Law Group.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

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Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener
School Business Administrator