BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL ACTION MEETING January 9, 2014

The special action meeting of the Bridgeton Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Nicole Schoener. Board Members present were Ms. Angelia Edwards, Mr. Curtis Edwards, Mrs. Mary Peterson, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Kenny SmithBey, Mr. Ricardo Perez. Mrs. Brenda Dellaquilla and Mr. Albert Morgan were absent, Ms. Barbara Taylor Holmes arrived at 5:23pm. Also in attendance were, Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, Mrs. Nicole M. Schoener, School Business Administrator and Mr. Kevin McCann, Solicitor. Mr. Nedd Johnson, Assistant Superintendent was absent. Prayer was offered by Ms. Edwards.

1.0 OPENING ACTIVITIES/MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Bridgeton Public School District is to provide multiple pathways for all students to attain the Common Core State Standards and meet the needs of our diverse student population. All students will be provided with the opportunity and resources to succeed through the creation of state-of-the-art safe learning environments which will ultimately enable all students to graduate from high school and become productive members of a global community.

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, South Jersey News, Bridgeton, The Press of Atlantic City, Pleasantville and Radio Station WSNJ, Bridgeton on January 7, 2014.

1.6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-None

1.7 <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION-</u>5:20pm

Motion to approve 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:

Personnel 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 6-0.

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. Peterson, second by Mr. SmithBey, approving the return to the public portion of the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

<u>Item 2.1</u> <u>Approval to Rescind Employment Contract</u>

Motion by Mr. Williamson, second by Mr. SmithBey approving to rescind the employment contract for (R.H.) approved on the December 10, 2013 Board agenda.

Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.

Item 4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. SmithBey, second by Mrs. Petrson approving adjourning the meeting at 5:34 p.m. **Motion carried, roll call vote was 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole M. Schoener School Business Administrator

Executive Session Minutes January 9, 2014

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Executive Session began at 5:20 p.m.

The Superintendent explained the circumstances around the recommendation to rescind an employment contract.

- Recommendations from the persons former employer were not favorable
- HR Director was directed to review the provided references; it was noticed that none were current supervisors.
- Another current supervisor was contacted and also gave reference of no response. The Board responded that based on this information and the dedicated desire to improve our technology department they concurred.

The Solicitor stated his contract did not have him starting until February. Further the contract states we may terminate with 14 days notice.

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