

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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**Consent Agenda Item

MINUTES - October 18, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the Board President presiding.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

The Board Secretary read the following statement:
In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: Schedule of meetings to be held from January 23, 2013 through December 11, 2013 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on January 4, 2013. The date, the time, and the purpose of this special meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on October 16, 2013 and placed on the District's website.
The Secretary will enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION

The Board Secretary led the members of the Board and audience in the salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection.

C. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Gens (conflicted), Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Mr. Potts, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. **ABSENT:** Mr. Creegan (conflicted), Mr. Drew, and Ms. Goff (arrived 6:05 PM).

Also attending: Dr. Constance J. Bauer, Superintendent, Mr. Eloi Richardson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending: Liz Brotherton.

Visitors attending: Mae Hamilton, Mike Dauber, and Steve Heberling.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - None

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Bordentown Regional School District ("Board of Education") has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session, approximately 7:00 pm this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

____ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

____ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of Individual privacy;

____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____);

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_____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

_____ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is entitled: _____)

(If contract negotiation, the nature of the contract and interested party is _____)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Board of Education's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

_____ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is _____);

_____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board of Education Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

I, Mr. Eloi Richardson, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Bordentown Regional School District, Board of Education at its meeting held on 10/18/2013.

E. PUBLIC FORUM - FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining to educational Matters during the public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not entertain comments pertaining to student or personnel matters or matters pertaining to negotiations or litigation and my choose not to respond to any comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting. However, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all complaints to the administration for resolution.

Please be aware that all Board employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. The maximum time per member of the public shall be five minutes. Please state your name and address for the record.

- Mr. Dauber commented/inquired on the following:
 - a. Financial details on the settlement, including increase percentages; retro-pay amounts; and budget impact.
- Mr. Heberling commented that the public did not have information to ask questions.

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NOTE: At the conclusion of section #F, Mr. Richardson provided expanded information to the above inquiries, stressing repeatedly that these represent the best estimates to date and that he believes adequate resources are available, but that actual results will be based on comprehensive calculations presently being undertaken using the actual settlement terms.

F. Motion to Ratify the Labor Contract Negotiated between the Bordentown Regional Education Association and the Bordentown Regional School District Board of Education for the Period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

Ms. Hartmann read details from the Memorandum of Agreement into the record and the expected source of funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Hartmann, seconded by Ms. Wehrman to Ratify the labor contract:

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ms. Goff, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Mr. Potts, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. PRESENT BUT DID NOT VOTE: Ms. Gens (conflicted)

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mr. Creegan (conflicted) and Mr. Drew.

Motion approved by majority.

G. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining to educational matters during the public comment portion of this meeting. Please report to the microphone and state your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board of Education. The board, pursuant to *Open Public Meetings Act*, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all initial complaints to the administration for resolution.

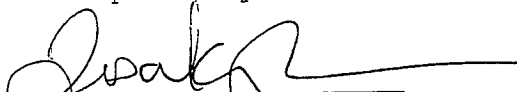
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H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Goff, seconded by Mr. Hartmann to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Kay Hartmann, President


Eloi Richardson, SBA/BS