BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
November 11, 2020

Note regarding Board of Education meetings for the month of November. *Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 and recommendations from federal, state, and local authorities regarding limiting gatherings of more than 10 people, the Board of Education Work Session will be presented in person and a* ***Virtual Meeting.***

I. CALL TO ORDER

The November 11, 2020 Work Session Meeting of the Burlington Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Maryann McMahon-Nester, President, at 6:03PM in the Board Conference Room, Hopkins Building at 710 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ. The meeting was also available to the public as a virtual meeting.

II. STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE

Notice is hereby given that this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and that adequate notice has been provided as follows:

On January 10, 2020 the Secretary gave notice of this Work Session meeting to be held at 6:00PM. in the Board Conference Room, Hopkins Building. **However, notice of format change was advertised on November 10, 2020** in the following manner:

(a) Posted notice on the entranceway; Door #18 of the BTHS Hopkins Building;
(b) Notices were sent to the Township Clerk, the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. ROLL CALL *(Virtual)

	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Mrs. Lisa Bungarden	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Donna Custard	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Marilyn Dunham*	6:11 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Susan Eichmann	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Lisa Hodnett*	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mr. Christopher Holmes*	6:16 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Antoinette Minors-Ferguson*	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Velina Marie Riggi	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Maryann McMahon-Nester*	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mrs. Mary Ann Bell,Superintendent	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mr. Nicholas Bice, BA/Board Secretary	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Ms. Ann Britt, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Inst.*	6:03 PM	7:35 PM
Mr. Christopher Giannotti, Asst. Supt. for Sp. Ed.*	6:08 PM	7:35 PM
Mr. David Serlin, Solicitor	Absent	---

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V. PRESENTATION

Mr. Inverso, district auditor, of Inverso and Stewart presented to the Board the 2020-2021 audit review.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Mrs. Bell updated the Board on the following items:

- Co-hort changes
- Contact tracing - three cases today (one at MS and two at HS)
- No in-person students at the high school tomorrow so contact tracing can be completed and planning for staff quarantine can be considered.
- Case logs and attendance were reviewed.
- Athletics - football had to be canceled due to positive COVID cases. Planning to proceed with winter sports based on the NJSIAA Guidelines
- Fundraising - Work from Home Wednesdays for donations to support our students.
- Young School - Ms. Britt will be covering Young School this week. Tonight was Picture Night and it was very busy.

Mrs. Bell also gave the latest update from the county which included the appointment of the new county superintendent, Ms. Yasmin Hernandez-Manno. County Superintendent will let the districts decide how to handle inclement weather days. They will be handled at the local level remotely. If power outages and internet outages are expected we will use our emergency closure days.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Burlington Township Foundation Liaison - see report

No other reports were given at this time.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES

Mr. Giannotti reported that the Pre-K virtual Family Night took place yesterday. Another one will take place next week.

Mr. Bice reviewed a letter received from the Burlington Food Pantry regarding the donation that was made in memory of Domenic Zulla.

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IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Agenda Items Only)

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Bell told the Board that Jessie Adams from NJSBA will be presenting information on the role and responsibilities of the Board President.

Mrs. Riggi asked the Board to review a resolution that will be presented at the NJSBA Assembly on November 21, 2020. Mr. Bice sent an email to all members regarding this.

2020-2021 Calendar changes were discussed.

XI. BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board members shared and discussed the information for the various sessions that they attended at the NJSBA Workshop.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Mrs. Riggi, seconded by Mrs. Eichmann, to recommend to adopt a resolution to move into Executive Session at 7:20PM.
9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting involving the discussion of:

1. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
   a. Outsourced employee matter
   b. Staffing accommodations - coverage is becoming challenging due quarantines.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that discussion of such subjects in Executive Session will be disclosed to public at some later time. **Appendix W1**

On the motion of Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, to approve the return to regular session at 7:31PM.

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XIII. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Minors-Ferguson asked about the tutoring program. Ms. Britt gave an update.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Riggi, approval was made to adjourn at 7:35PM. Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Bice
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Opened To the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Township of Burlington is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an executive session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

Whereas, it is necessary for the said Board of Education of the Township of Burlington to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

(1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

(3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family, circumstances and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

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(4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions, which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: 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.

(7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: 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.

(8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of 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 the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

(9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations 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 or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

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Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Burlington assembled in executive/public session on **November 11, 2020** that at 7:20PM to 7:31PM an **executive session** was closed to the public on **November 11, 2020** designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Board of Education that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Township of Burlington at an executive/public meeting held on **November 11, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Bice
Business Administrator/Board Secretary