

**BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
August 11, 2021**

Note regarding Board of Education meetings for the month of August 2021. Due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19 and recommendations from federal, state, and local authorities regarding limiting gatherings, the Board of Education Public Meeting will be in person with limited seating and [Virtual Meeting](#).

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting of the Burlington Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Minors-Ferguson, President, at 6:04PM 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 14, 2021, the Secretary gave notice of this Work Session meeting to be held at 6:00PM. in the Board Conference Room, Hopkins Building 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)

	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Mrs. Lisa Bungarden	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Donna Custard	Absent	---
Mrs. Marilyn Dunham	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Susan Eichmann	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Lisa Hodnett*	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mr. Edward Leak	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mr. Prabhdeep Pandher	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Velina Marie Riggi*	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Antoinette Minors-Ferguson*	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, Superintendent	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mr. Nicholas Bice, BA/Board Secretary	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Ms. Ann Britt, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Inst.*	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mr. Christopher Giannotti, Asst. Supt. for Sp. Ed*	6:04 PM	10:34 PM
Mr. David Serlin, Solicitor	Absent	---

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V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Leak, seconded by Mrs. Dunham, to recommend to adopt a resolution to move into Executive Session at 6:05PM.

8 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. Interviews for Fountain Woods Principal

Board took a recess at 6:59 PM and returned at 7:09PM

Board took a recess at 8:56 PM and returned at 9:01PM

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

On the motion of Mrs. Dunham, seconded by Mr. Leak, to approve the return to regular session at 9:53PM.

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8 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATORS' UPDATE

Mrs. Bell updated the Board on the following items:

- Soaring Beyond COVID-19 Reopening Plan
- Ineligibility List at the High School
- Update on the bussing situation

Mrs. Dunham left the meeting at 10:09 PM and returned at 10:12 PM.

Ms. Britt gave an update on parent requests for copies of the curriculum.

VII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Agenda Items Only)

None

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VIII. BOARD ACTION

A. PERSONNEL

1. On the motion by Mrs. Bungarden, seconded by Mrs. Dunham, to recommend approval of the following positions:
 - a. **Emily Ruhl** as Social Studies Teacher at the Burlington Township High School, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at the BA + 30 level, step "C," salary as negotiated, pending meeting employment requirements.
Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. On the motion by Mrs. Bungarden, seconded by Mrs. Dunham, to recommend the approval of the *Soaring Beyond COVID-19* 2021-2022 Plan.
Roll Vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

XIX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs. Dunham, seconded by Mr. Leak, approval was made to adjourn at 10:34 PM.
Roll Call Vote: 8 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 or 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 session on **August 11, 2021** and that at 8:09PM to 8:18PM an **executive session** was closed to the public on August 11, 2021 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 **August 11, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Bice
Business Administrator/Board Secretary