

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES EXECUTIVE SESSION
February 26, 2024**

Present: Ms. Light, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White, Ms. Csipak, Mr. Molinari, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Amin, Ms. Corrado, Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox, Mr. Rollo, Board Counsel Matthew Giacobbe

Absent: None

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, e, f, g and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney – client privilege
- h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

On motion by Ms. White seconded by Mr. Molinari and approved by all present, the Board recessed into executive session at 5:38 p.m.

The Board met with Darrell DeTample and discussed the circumstances of an ongoing litigation and how Mr. DeTample might be able to assist through professional development for staff.

The Board discussed negotiations with the BTAA.

Mr. Siet explained a personnel matter for an employee that had received a Rice notice.

The Board received guidance from counsel with regard to not discussing specific personnel reductions when in public session and providing information on the 2024-2025 school budget.

On motion by Ms. White seconded by Ms. McKeon and approved by all present, the Board closed executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Rollo, Board Secretary/ Business Administrator